



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 15th January 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



**Friday 13th
February**

End of Half Term

**Wednesday 18th
February**

**Ash Wednesday –
Lent begins**

**Thursday 5th
March**

World Book Day

**Tuesday 10th +
Thursday 12th
March**

Spring Term
Parents' Evenings

Our Virtues this half term are **CURIOUS** and **ACTIVE**!

Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As parents and carers will recall, before Christmas school held a fundraising event to raise money for Against Breast Cancer in memory of Mrs Cox.

We are able to share this week that £382.50 has been raised by the school community for the charity – We would like to thank all our children, families and staff for their incredible generosity in supporting this important cause.

Thank you to everyone for their support during the challenging weather we had last week. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated and valued by us all.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

Emergency Closures

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

[Staffordshire School Closures](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/school-closures)

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Attendance Matters!

**Congratulations to class 5SM
who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!**



Weekly Attendance

RC 95%	RK 94%	1CC 93%	1LG 90%	2LM 94%	2NH 95%	3JH 95%
3LH 95%	4HB 95%	4VN 94%	5EY 96%	5SM 97%	6BF 95%	6AC 96%

House Points

Well done to St Theresa house who earned over
870 house points!





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Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
RC Teo	RK Leon	1CC Myles	1LG Ruby	2NH Owen	2LM Ronnie	3JH Harrison Ch
3LH Frank	4HB Freya	4VN Jacob	5EY Alicja	5SM Spencer	6BF Liam	6AC Kasey

Our Pride in Presentation Award goes to someone who has put great effort and taken great pride in their presentation!

Pride in Presentation						
RC Verity	RK Alex	1CC George	1LG Amari	2LM James	2NH Remzi	3JH Harrison J
3LH Jax	4HB Lottie	4VN Elizabeth	5EY Ronnie K	5SM James	6BF Louie	6AC Kobie

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Mission Disciples



This half term, as part of our Celebration Assemblies, each class will be celebrating a 'Mission Disciple.' The Mission Disciples will be children who have demonstrated how they are 'living out our mission to put Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do at St Gabriel's.'

Mission Disciple

'For living out our mission to put Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do at St Gabriel's.'

RC Grace	RK Nevaeh	1CC Mario	1LG Kyriakos	2LM Grace	2NH Elsie A	3JH Stephanie
3LH Harry D	4HB Roza	4VN Kuba	5EY Ella	5SM Gaby	6BF Niamh	6AC George



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Track My Read



Our Track My Read challenge for the Spring Term is now live! We have a target of 50, 000 minutes to be reached by 25th March 2026, the end of Spring term.

A huge well done to Kyriakos, Maya, Grace, Ethan, Freya, Marcel and Lewis, who have already logged on, recording a super 655 reading minutes already - keep it up!

As reading is such a vital part of our children's home learning, it would be great to see more of you tracking your minutes on Track My Read so please log on and join us.

If you are having any problems with your log in details, please let your child's class teacher know and we can rectify this for you. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Tamworth Fire Station Visit



On Tuesday morning, Year One paid a visit to Tamworth Fire Station.

The children learned about winter hazards and the different ways to stay safe in the colder months. The firefighters were so impressed with their brilliant questions and fantastic behaviour that they invited the children to have a turn on the hose and climb aboard the fire engines!

The children had a wonderful time and are hoping for another visit to our neighbours!

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Parish News

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/>

Sacred Heart Art Club

Art Club at the Sacred Heart will be starting this Saturday at 10:00 am. Each session lasts one hour. There are three spaces available for anyone interested in joining. The fee is £5 per session. For more information, please contact justyna@tamworthrc.church

Sacred Heart Toddlers

Sacred Heart Toddlers are back after the Christmas break. We meet 10.30am – 12pm every Thursday in the upstairs Kenelm room. Please continue to 'like and share' our posts on social media, to spread the word of this lovely FREE group.

Sunday Masses	
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm - St John's Church	Sunday 9:00am - Sacred Heart 10:30am - St John's Church 12:00pm - Sacred Heart

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – John 1:29-34

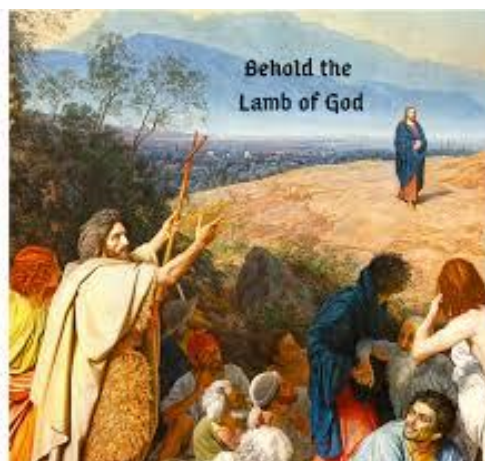
‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world’

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist bears witness to Jesus.

John the Baptist tells his followers that he has ‘seen and borne witness that (Jesus) is the Son of God.’

Like John the Baptist, we too are called to be witnesses to Jesus. John the Baptist was called to prepare the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance at the news of the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

We may feel that we have not been given such an ‘important’ role, but each of us is called to witness to Jesus in our daily lives – through our words, deeds and actions. Like John the Baptist we are called to make our very lives a witness to ‘the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.’





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PE Days

Please see below for your child's 'PE Day.' Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day.

Reception	Wednesday
Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Tuesday
Year Three	Friday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Dates

Friday 30 th January 2026	Mass in School – Year Two (Year Group Mass)
Friday 13 th February 2026	Mass in School Whole School – Y3
Friday 13th February 2026	End of Half Term
Wednesday 18 th February 2026	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Children return to school
Friday 27 th February 2026	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sunday 1 st March 2026	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3) (Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day

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Friday 6 th March 2026	Mass in School – Year Four and Year Five (Year Group Mass) (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March 2026	Mass in School- Y2 (Year Group Mass)
Friday 27th March 2026	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4) End of Spring Term
Friday 3 rd April 2026	Good Friday
Sunday 5 th April 2026	Easter Sunday (Easter Season until Sunday 24 th May)
Monday 13th April 2026	Start of Summer Term Children return
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy
Friday 1 st May 2026	Mass in School – Year One (Year Group Mass)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2026	Key Stage Two SATS
Saturday 16 th May 2026	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 22nd May 2026	End of Half Term
Sunday 24 th May 2026	Pentecost
Monday 1st June 2026	Children return to school Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 12 th June 2026
Friday 5 th June 2026	Mass in School – Whole School – Chaplaincy
Sunday 7 th June	Corpus Christi
Monday 8 th June 2026	Year One Phonic Screening Check (until Friday 12 th June)
Friday 19 th June 2026	Mass in School – Early Years (Year Group Mass)
Monday 22 nd June 2026	INSET Day 4
Sunday 28 th June 2026	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Mass in School – Y3 and Y6 – Thanksgiving for Sacraments
Thursday 9 th July	Meet the New Teacher Day
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reports sent home
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Parent – Meet the New Teacher session
Friday 17th July 2026	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6)

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	Last day of school year for children
Monday 20 st July 2026	INSET Day 5

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