



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 7th January 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



**Friday 16th
January**

Whole School Mass

**Friday 13th
February**

End of Half Term

**Wednesday 18th
February**

**Ash Wednesday –
Lent begins**

**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,

Happy New Year! I hope that you were all able to have a relaxing and merry Christmas.

Despite the very cold weather we are having, the children have made a fantastic start to the new year and term! It has been lovely hearing all about their Christmas celebrations and seeing them returning to school so enthusiastic and ready to learn!

This week we have had an Anglo -Saxon visitor and received Christmas Cards from Poland – further details are in this week's newsletter!

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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Cold Weather

As we are currently experiencing a period of cold weather, please do make sure that children come to school with a warm, name-labelled coat. Thank you for your support with this.



Attendance Matters!

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



Weekly Attendance

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

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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 Kemeni | RK Phoebe | 1CC Isabel | 1LG Connie | 2NH Harry | 2LM Harrison | 3JH Ada |
| 3LH Joey | 4HB Hannah | 4VN Ava | 5EY Harmony | 5SM Robbie | 6BF Rosa | 6AC Freya |

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

| Pride in Presentation | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| RC Matthew | RK Roman | 1CC Theodore | 1LG Brady | 2LM Laycie | 2NH Archie | 3JH Lana |
| 3LH Darci- Blue | 4HB Maks | 4VN Isla-Bleu | 5EY Autumn- Rose | 5SM James | 6BF Harry | 6AC Albie |

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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.'

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|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RC Ayla Rose | RK Niamh | 1CC Eva-May | 1LG Ilyas | 2LM Amara | 2NH Freya | 3JH Elijah |
| 3LH Khloe | 4HB Rosee | 4VN Tommy | 5EY Noah | 5SM Bella | 6BF Eloise | 6AC Lewis |



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Anglo – Saxon Visitors!

In Year 4, on Wednesday the children had an amazing introduction to their new history topic of the Anglo-Saxons. A special guest called Leila taught us all about her life during Anglo-Saxon times.

The children were taken back in time to learn about the harsh ordeals of criminals, play exciting games of the period such as Nine Men's Morris.

They were shown some fantastic artefacts including a replica of the Sutton Hoo helmet, shields, a long bow with arrows and slingshots. It ended with a spellbinding story about the goddess Freya and the dangers of seeking an adventurous life.

Thanks to Lisa from Get the Specialist for inspiring us to learn more!





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Christmas Card Project

Our Year Three children have been involved in an exciting project to help them find out more about the experiences of school children around the world.

Following a link established by Mrs Hogg, Year Three children created and shared Christmas cards with a class of Year Three children at a primary – age school in Poland.





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Parish News

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

This weekend our parish (Parish of St John the Baptist and Sacred Heart) is hosting a special event called a Parish Visitation.

The visitation will involve Bishop Timothy Menezes visiting the parish for the weekend, celebrating Masses and meeting with parishioners.

The parish is keen for Bishop Timothy to meet as many of our families as possible.

If you are able to please do so, please go along to one of the Parish Masses this weekend and say hello to Bishop Timothy - he would love to speak to you!

| Sunday Masses | |
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| 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

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Matthew 3:13-17

'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

This Sunday, we are celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – when Jesus was baptised at the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

After Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit descended on him and a voice from Heaven said:

'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

You are also a beloved child of God, and God is well pleased with you. Each one of us is loved by God – no matter what. God speaks these beautiful words 'You are my beloved' to each and every one of us – we are his children and He loves us.

As we start a new year, let's ask God to send us His Holy Spirit so that we can journey through this year knowing that we are loved by God our Father and He is pleased with us.





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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.

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

Dates

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| Friday 16 th January 2026 | Mass in School – Whole School – Year 5 |
| 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) |

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| Thursday 5 th March 2026 | World Book Day |
| 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 |

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| Friday 17th July 2026 | Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6) Last day of school year for children |
| Monday 20st July 2026 | INSET Day 5 |

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