



## St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> + 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,

We have had another very busy week in school!

Premier Education have been in school to run another exciting round of fitness sessions, the School Council has launched an anti-litter campaign, Year Two have visited the Fire Station and our Chaplains have shared with us news about how the money school raised has helped them purchase a number of CAFOD World Gifts!

Well Done to 5SM who are our current Attendance Superstars! Every day in school truly matters. Regular attendance supports learning, helps children build strong friendships, and ensures they make the most of every opportunity available to them. Thank you for continuing to support great attendance.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



### Disco Date for Diaries!

Our next Friends of St Gabriel's School Disco is going to be on  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**





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### Attendance Matters!

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



### Weekly Attendance

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

#### TRACK MY READ!

We now have 34 active pupils on Track My Read who have logged an impressive 12,300 minutes read so far - a huge Well Done to all those readers!

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.



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

<b>Learners of the Week</b>						
<b>RC Maria</b>	<b>RK Heshara</b>	<b>1CC Mayson</b>	<b>1LG Patrick</b>	<b>2NH Akharan</b>	<b>2LM Anthony</b>	<b>3JH Emilia</b>
<b>3LH Cesc</b>	<b>4HB Zach</b>	<b>4VN Scarlett</b>	<b>5EY Marcel</b>	<b>5SM Maisie</b>	<b>6BF Harrison</b>	<b>6AC Alanna</b>

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

<b>Pride in Presentation</b>						
<b>RC Ava</b>	<b>RK Natalie</b>	<b>1CC Teddy</b>	<b>1LG Bryn</b>	<b>2LM Eli</b>	<b>2NH Carter</b>	<b>3JH Ellie</b>
<b>3LH Evelyn</b>	<b>4HB Bobby</b>	<b>4VN Bethany</b>	<b>5EY Primrose</b>	<b>5SM RubyLea</b>	<b>6BF Cerys</b>	<b>6AC Romeo</b>



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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.'**

<b>RC</b> <b>Avelynn</b>	<b>RK</b> <b>Meile</b>	<b>1CC</b> <b>Michael H</b>	<b>1LG</b> <b>Marty</b>	<b>2LM</b> <b>Archie</b>	<b>2NH</b> <b>Winnie</b>	<b>3JH</b> <b>Alexis</b>
<b>3LH</b> <b>Louis</b>	<b>4HB</b> <b>Thomas</b>	<b>4VN</b> <b>Michalina</b>	<b>5EY</b> <b>Leo</b>	<b>5SM</b> <b>Jacob</b>	<b>6BF</b> <b>Blossom</b>	<b>6AC</b> <b>Willow</b>



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### **School Council takes action on litter!**

Our School Council has been discussing ways how we can keep our playground and local area clean, safe and welcoming for everyone. One issue that the children felt strongly about was litter.

The School Council noticed that litter on the playground and in nearby areas can make our school environment less pleasant, it can be harmful to wildlife and it does not reflect the pride that we have in our school. The School Council decided that they wanted to take action and be part of the solution.

The School Council are now helping to remind everyone to put their rubbish in the bins and helping others understand why looking after our environment matters.

We are very proud of the School Council for showing responsibility, teamwork and care for our school community. By working together, we can all make a real difference and keep our school and surrounding areas clean and tidy.



Thank you for supporting us!



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#### Chaplaincy Fundraising News

Thanks to the generosity of our parents and the work of the Chaplaincy teams (Mini Vinnies and Pupil Chaplains) as a school we have purchased lots of World Gifts through CAFOD (see below). The gifts bought will have a massive impact on the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. The children have focused on gifts that help support our Catholic Social Teaching principles.

Many thanks again with your support of the Cornflake Cake sale and the Christmas pop up shop.





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### Wow Active Fitness Tests

Children across the school have been taking part in their second round of fitness tests which will finish next week. They are tested by members of Premier Education on five exercises that tests them on their speed and endurance. Members of the Premier Education team commented on the children's fantastic behaviour and their enthusiasm for all the different exercises!

We will be sending out logins for you next week so you can access your child's results and also look at what exercises they are recommended to do to improve their fitness.





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### **Year Two visit to Tamworth Fire Station**

On Tuesday morning, our Year 2 children visited Tamworth Fire Station where they learned about Fire Safety and what to do in an emergency situation.

The children behaved brilliantly, asking and answering lots of questions, and were rewarded with a seat in the fire engine cab and a turn on the fireman's hose!

The firefighters explained that it is really important that the children know their address (particularly their postcode and house number) as this is vital information should the children ever need to make a call in an emergency so please help your children to learn their home address.



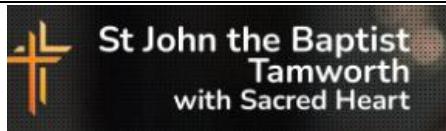
### **Cold Weather**

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.



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## Parish News

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

### Mum's Ministry

Friday 30th Jan in the Modwen room at Sacred Heart. Aimed at mums of children/young people aged 0-25, where we hope to share our joys and challenges, learn from each other's wisdom and grow in faith and friendship. Contact Rebecca if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group.

### New Parishioners' Social

Are you new to the area or new to the Parish? If so we would like to invite you to a New Parishioners' Social on Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day! This will take place on Tuesday 17th February at 6.30pm. Bring your family and share some pancakes and meet with us. Pick up an invite and return with your details completed or contact Alex by 15th February.

### 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**

#### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 4:12-23**

*Immediately they followed Him*

In this Gospel this Sunday, Jesus calls some of his first disciples.

In Matthew's account, Jesus is 'walking by the Sea of Galilee' when he sees two brothers – Simon and Peter. Jesus simply says to them 'Follow me.'

In response, the disciples 'immediately left their nets and followed' Jesus. In the case of the disciples, many of them did truly leave everything to follow Jesus. We are not likely to be called to such a level of sacrifice, but we do all have things in our lives which get in the way of us following Jesus and that we need to leave behind.

This week, take a moment to pause and reflect – what do I need to leave so that I, like those fishermen on the side of the Sea of Galilee, can fully and completely follow Jesus?





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



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

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	<b>Last day of school year for children</b>
Monday 20 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	INSET Day 5