



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 29th 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 we begin to get nearer to the half way point in the academic year, we are delighted to be able to share that we have over **200 children** in school who have an **attendance rate of 95% or above!** Well done to **Class 3JH** who are this week's attendance champions with a **fantastic 99%!**

In a couple of weeks, our Celebration Assemblies will be having an attendance theme – we look forward to sharing with you all our Attendance Superstars!

Thank you to all our families for working so closely with us to help support and promote good attendance for all our children.



God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



Disco Date for Diaries!

Our next Friends of St Gabriel's School Disco is going to be on

Wednesday 25th February 2026



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Attendance Matters!

**Congratulations to class 3JH
who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!**



Weekly Attendance

RC 94%	RK 94%	1CC 93%	1LG 90%	2LM 93%	2NH 98%	3JH 99%
3LH 91%	4HB 97%	4VN 95%	5EY 95%	5SM 96%	6BF 95%	6AC 97%

TRACK MY READ!

A huge well done to the 47 Saint Gabriel's readers who have logged an impressive 27, 270 minutes read so far during Spring term.

We are over halfway to reaching our Spring Term target of 50, 000 minutes, so please keep tracking those reads!

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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ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent





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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 Ariyah	RK Niamh	1CC Geovanni	1LG Lewis	2NH Akharan	2LM Dinura	3JH Finley
3LH Imani	4HB Tom	4VN Harley	5EY Lucy	5SM Macie	6BF George	6AC Leon

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Miller	RK Frankie	1CC Robyn	1LG Amaya	2LM Archie	2NH Kirsty	3JH Ada
3LH Louis	4HB Bruno	4VN Sofia	5EY Spenser	5SM Gaby	6BF Dominik	6AC Elsie



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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 Matthew	RK Delilah	1CC Charlotte	1LG Leo	2LM Darren	2NH Leo	3JH Janice
3LH Rhythm	4HB Georgia	4VN Zach D	5EY Freya Ba	5SM Mason	6BF Martha	6AC Eva



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Parish News

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

Faith on Tap

Faith on Tap is a group for men, that meet at the Tamworth Tap who want to explore the Christian faith. We discuss God in the light of the world in which we live. They meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting 20th January.

Maranatha Prayer Chain

Maranatha Prayer Chain: If you would like to ask others to help you to pray for someone, please contact terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia 01827 65264.

Faith Questions Box

A Faith Questions Box has been placed in each Church. Pop a question in there and we will try to provide answers (adult or children)

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

In the Gospel this Sunday, we encounter the beautiful words of the Beatitudes:

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’





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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- Whole School Mass – Chaplaincy
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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