



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 12th February 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

**Thursday 12th
February**

Academy
Consultation
meeting (4pm)

**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,

Attendance Champions!



As we reach the half way point in our school year, we will celebrating our Attendance Champions in our Celebration Assemblies on Friday.

Congratulations to our EY / KS1 Champions 2NH who have achieved 96% attendance so far this year and to our **KS2 Champions 5SM** who have achieved 97% - a fantastic achievement by both classes – very well done!

Very well done to our 65 children who currently have 100% attendance - this is an incredible achievement – well done to you all!

We hope all our families have a very happy, restful and healthy half term break - Don't forget to enjoy your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

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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Consultation on Proposal for St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School to Join St John Paul II Multi Academy

Consultation Meeting – 12th February 2026 – 4pm

As parents and carers will be aware, the Governing Body of St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School is consulting on a proposal for the school to join St John Paul II Multi Academy, a Catholic Multi Academy within the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

This proposal reflects the Diocese's vision for Catholic schools to work together in strong partnerships, ensuring children receive the very best Catholic education now and in the future.

Joining the MAC would protect and strengthen the school's Catholic ethos, enable schools to support one another and share expertise, strengthen leadership and governance, and ensure long-term sustainability.

There would be no change to your child's school, teachers, daily routines or Catholic character.

This is a consultation, not a decision, and we are keen to hear your views.

Parents and carers are invited to attend a consultation meeting on Thursday 12th February 2026 (4pm) and/or share views in writing by

Friday 6th March 2026 via email to consultation@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk



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Attendance Matters!

EARLY YEARS AND KS1 ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 2NH	KS2 ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 5SM
5SM are also our WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!	

Year so far Attendance

RC 94%	RK 94%	1CC 92%	1LG 90%	2LM 93%	2NH 96%	3JH 95%
3LH 94%	4HB 95%	4VN 94%	5EY 96%	5SM 97%	6BF 95%	6AC 96%

TRACK MY READ!

Well done to the 63 readers who are taking part in our St Gabriel's Spring Term Track My Read challenge- you have reached a fantastic 42,920 reading minutes so far. Please keep reading so that we can reach our 50,000 minutes target by the end of term.

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!**

Learners of the Week						
RC Rosanna	RK Nevaeh	1CC Louie	1LG River	2NH Kirsty	2LM Amara	3JH Noah
3LH Harry D	4HB Mia	4VN Zofia	5EY George	5SM Evan	6BF Sebastian	6AC Harley

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Maria	RK Alex	1CC Maia	1LG Bonnie	2LM Anthony	2NH Leo	3JH Daisy
3LH Rhythm	4HB Georgia	4VN George	5EY Ella	5SM JJ	6BF Cian T	6AC Kasey



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Mission Disciples

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

RC Ava	RK Gerald	1CC George	1LG Brady	2LM Ali-Rose	2NH Alex	3JH Oliver
3LH Kaion	4HB Olivia	4VN Issac	5EY Evie	5SM Macie	6BF Jenson	6AC Kyriacos

House Points

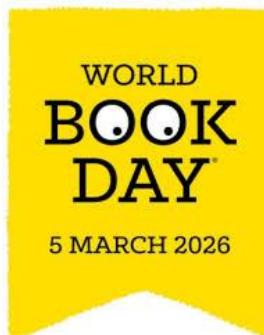
Well done to St Francis house who
earned over 720 house points!





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World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. Our theme this year is Traditional Tales and each year group will be sharing their own particular tale during the week commencing 02.03.26. We would be delighted to see our children coming to school dressed as a traditional story character. This could be a character from the story their year group is reading, or indeed, their favourite character from any traditional tale.

We appreciate that dressing up is not for everyone and, in light of this, children are more than welcome to come to school wearing their pyjamas/ loungewear if they prefer so that we can all relax with a book.

As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents to come into school to share a story with their children on World Book Day. Please see the timetable below for your child's year group story time.

Year Group	Traditional Tale	Parent's Reading Time
Reception	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	In classrooms 9:20-10:00
Y1	The Three Little Pigs	10:05-10:30
Y2	Little Red Riding Hood	10:35-11:00
Y3	Jack and the Beanstalk	11:05-11:30
Y4	The Elves and the Shoemaker	1:30-1:55
Y5	Rumpelstiltskin	2:00-2:25
Y6	Hansel and Gretel	2:30-3:00



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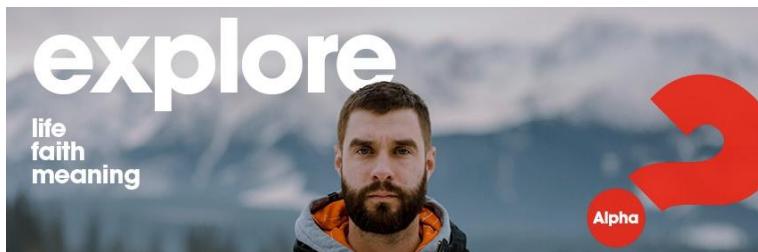
St John the Baptist
Tamworth
with Sacred Heart

Parish News

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

A new Alpha course

A new Alpha course starts on Feb 12th for 7 weeks on Thursdays, 7.30-9.00 pm. Soup and a roll will be served. If you are interested in exploring some of life's big questions, such as 's there more to life than this? How can I have faith?' This latest course has come about because of the number of new people coming forward interested in the Catholic Faith and wanting to become Catholic. If you know of others who would like to explore their own faith, ask them to get in touch with Alex. Pass on an invite to the course or bring them along. We need numbers for food.



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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When children return to school on Tuesday 24th February 2026, we will have started the liturgical season of Lent. Throughout Lent, we are journeying with Jesus by praying, fasting and giving. Prayer helps us draw ever closer to Jesus, fasting helps put aside distractions to our relationship with Jesus and giving helps us to join His mission of caring for all – especially the most needy and vulnerable.

Below are some tips to help you live liturgically during this very special Season:

5 tips
to help you live liturgically
this season

THINGS TO DO DURING LENT

- 01 DO AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN ELIMINATE SIN IN YOUR LIFE
- 02 READ OR LISTEN TO THE DAILY READINGS. TAKE THESE WORDS TO HEART
- 03 ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY & EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
- 04 STAY CLOSE TO THE SACRAMENTS! ATTEND WEEKDAY MASS & GO TO CONFESION
- 05 ADD SOMETHING NEW TO YOUR PRAYER ROUTINE LIKE PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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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 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