



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 27th November 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

Tues 2nd Dec

**SCHOOL
CLOSING AT
1PM**

Fri 5th December

Christmas Fayre

Tues 9th December

Key Stage Two Carol Service

Weds 11th Dec

Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day

Mon 15th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity

Tues 17th December

Key Stage One Carol Service

This half term's Gospel Virtues are Learned and Wise

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday marks the start of the Season of Advent. A time of preparation and prayer as we journey towards the Birth of Our Saviour at Bethlehem.

In school, our Mini-Vinnies are helping to organise a Reversible Advent Calendar to help support Father Hudson Caritas. This year, Father Hudson Caritas are asking for donations of non-perishable food which will be distributed via their food banks. Further details are shared in this newsletter.

Parents and carers are also invited to join us on Wednesday mornings before school for our Advent Dawn Devotions. During Dawn Devotions, we will be praying the Angelus. Praying the Angelus together, during Advent, deepens our focus on Jesus' birth, honours Mary's faith and fosters a prayerful anticipation of Christ's arrival, strengthening family devotion and trust in God's plan for us.

We wish all our parents, carers and families a very blessed, peace-filled and prayerful Advent.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



**Friday 28th November – Non-School Uniform
Chocolate Donations for our Christmas Fayre**



Thank 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 Henry	RK Meile	1CC Eva- May	1LG Ronnie	2NH Carter	2LM Miles	3JH Logan
3LH Rosie	4HB Olivia	4VN Olaf	5EY Ayimah	5SM Robbie	6BF George	6AC Harper

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Oliver	RK Eloise	1CC Edison	1LG Ivy	2LM Dinura	2NH Kornelia	3JH Daisy
3LH Cesc	4HB Bobby	4VN Nina	5EY Penny- Rose	5SM Emi B	6BF Milania	6AC Alanya



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Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December 2025

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6907218/christmas-dinner-2025>

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 Ayla-Rose	RK Jos	1CC Mayson	1LG Amaya	2LM Eli	2NH Havannah	3JH Noah
3LH Noah	4HB Georgia	4VN Sofia	5EY George	5SM Eliza	6BF Rosa	6AC Edward J



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Attendance Matters!

**Congratulations to class 6AC
 who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!**



Weekly Attendance

RC 96.2%	RK 94.1%	1CC 95.3%	1LG 91%	2LM 95%	2NH 96.5%	3JH 95.2%
3LH 95.1%	4HB 95.4%	4VN 95.1%	5EY 96.2%	5SM 96.7%	6BF 95%	6AC 96.8%

House Points

Well done to **St Theresa** House who earned an amazing 827 house points last week!



Track My Read

Well done to the 145 readers who are taking part in our St Gabriel's Autumn Term Track My Read challenge- you have reached a fantastic 58,200 reading minutes so far. Please keep reading so that we can reach our 90,000 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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**Dawn
Devotions**



**Pray the Angelus
with us in Advent**

Inviting families to join us from
8:30-8:45 am on following dates

(come to the School office):

Wednesday 3rd December

Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday 17th December

^hInterested?

Don't worry if you haven't
prayed the Angelus before,
we will pray together with
guidance to help us.





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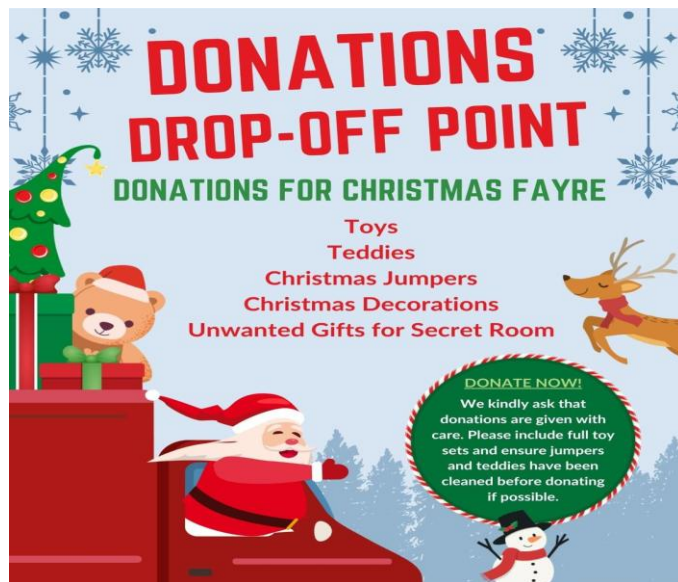


We are looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 5th December!**

In preparation for the Christmas Fayre, we are asking for donations of chocolate and bottles – please see below for details. On each of the dates, we will have a non-school uniform day!

Friday 28th November – Chocolate Donations Friday 5th December – Bottle Donations

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support!



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Cinderella Theatre Trip



The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely afternoon at Lichfield Garrick Theatre on Tuesday where they saw a very exciting production of Cinderella!

The children had lots of fun joining in with the songs and jokes during the pantomime and were beautifully behaved throughout. One member of staff even got to try on a very special slipper!

Thank you to the staff and parent helpers for your support. Thank you also to the Friends of St Gabriel's for their generous donation towards the costs of the trip.

Sports Report - Indoor Athletics Competition



On Tuesday, children from year 5 and 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition at Rawlett High School. The children took part in different events that tested them on their running, throwing and jumping skills. The whole team performed very well finished first in all of their races and also did very well in the throwing and jumping events.

We will find out in a couple of weeks where they placed overall but wherever they finish the children should feel very proud of how they competed and more importantly supported each other. The team was: Maya, Rosa, Isabella, Eva, Helena, Martha, Kasey, Vittoria, Maisie, Gabbie, Marysia, Cian, Harrison, Jenson, Edward, Fabio, Jack, Ethan, Konrad, James, Henry and Max.

Many thanks to Mr Fowler, Mr James and Mr Birtwistle for training the children and supervising them at the event.

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A message from the Mini Vinnies



Reverse Advent Calendar 2025

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new Mini Vinnies. Our names are Vittoria, Louie, Mia-Rose, Eva, Elsie, Catherine and Elizabeth. We will be working together to support charities that are important to us during the school year. Please look out for posters and information in the Newsletter from us.

During Advent, we are going to be using a reverse Advent calendar to collect non-perishable food donations for Father Hudson's Caritas. Please see the table below that shows the items we would like each Year group to bring in during Advent. The Year group name is below the item requested for that day. Please donate if you are able to and all donations are really appreciated.

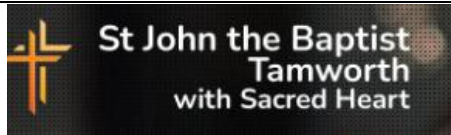
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1/12 Crisps 	2/12 Biscuits & Chocolate 	3/12 Tinned fish 	4/12 Spaghetti & Pasta sauce 	5/12 Pasta 	6/12
Staff	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	
7/12	8/12 UHT Milk 	9/12 Noodles 	10/12 Noodles 	11/12 Christmas Jumper day. £1 Donation 	12/12 Crackers 	13/12
	Year 1	Reception	Staff	Everyone	Year 6	
14/12 (bring in on Monday 15 th) Rice 	15/12 Tinned Meat 	16/12 Tinned fruit & Vegetables 	17/12 Sweets 	18/12 Tea or coffee 	19/12 Cereals 	20/12
Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception	

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Parish News

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

'Light up a Life'

Advent begins this weekend. Christmas trees will be put up and we will do 'Light up a Life' once again. Just take a star for a tree next weekend, write on it the name of someone you want to pray for and we hang it on a tree in Church as a prayer. Then make an offering that will go to Father Hudson's Charity that will help someone else in need. Envelopes will be available next weekend and stars.

Tea and Toys Xmas Gathering.

Tea and Toys Xmas Gathering. We are hosting a Xmas Gathering on Sun, 30th Nov, after 9 am Mass. If you and your little ones would like to join us, please contact Laura on 07398275123. If you wish to bring snacks to share, please let Laura know. We will also be providing some Xmas themed snacks.

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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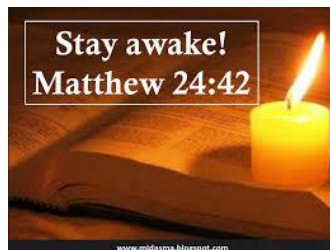
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Sunday Gospel Reflection

First Sunday of Advent – Matthew 24:37-44 - Stay Awake!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages His disciples to 'stay awake!'

Jesus wants us to stay awake so that we are ready for His Coming. Jesus also wants us to 'stay awake' to the needs of the world around us. Awake to those who are sad, lonely, hungry or suffering at this time of year. Awake to the Holy Spirit who will send us opportunities every day to help those who need us. **And then we will be truly 'awake' to Jesus.**



Pray As You Go

Pray As You Go is a prayer app, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. The sessions consist of music, Bible readings, reflection and time for prayer.

During Advent, Pray As You Go are sharing an online Advent Retreat called Advent Psalms – 'a gentle rhythm of audio reflections designed to help you enter more deeply into this season of waiting and hope.' Each week of Advent, a 20-minute session will be released (via the Pray As You Go app) inviting you to look forward to the birth of Jesus as the source of all hope for our world.

If you like to find out more please visit <https://prayasyougo.org/series/advent-psalms-52> The sessions might be a great way to give yourself some time during Advent to reflect and prepare for the birth of Christ.



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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 5 th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - Staff (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Friday 5 th December 2025	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years Christmas Nativity

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Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 19th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 (Y6 and Staff Confessions after Mass) End of Autumn Term
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Spring Term Children return to school
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)
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

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

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