



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 19th March 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

Friday 20th March

Whole School
Mass (Chaplaincy
led)

Friday 27th March

Mass in School
Whole School
(Led by Y4)

End of Spring Term (1.30pm)

Friends of St Gabriel's:

Wednesday 20th May

School Disco

Friday 3rd July Summer Fayre

Our Virtues this half term are Intentional and Prophetic

Intentional in the way they live and use of the resources of earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our families for their very generous support of our Lenten Fundraising. Alongside raising money for important causes, your support also helps the children to understand how we can put faith into action by sharing what we have with others – thank you.

For the next two Fridays (20th – Wear Purple! 27th – Dress as a Bible Character!), we are fundraising for [Father Hudson's Caritas](#).

Father Hudson's Caritas provides social care throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It cares for the elderly, for those with learning, physical and sensory disabilities, for children and families and also provides fostering and community projects. Thank you, in advance, for your support for this very important and local cause.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



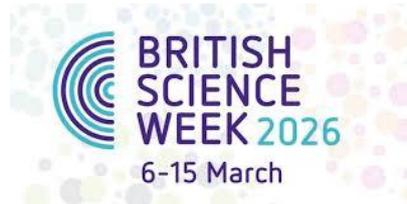
**End of Term Arrangements – Friday 27th March 2026 –
School closes at 1.30pm**

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Last week, children and staff across school celebrated British Science Week! This year, British Science Week's theme was **Curiosity: What's your question?**

The children loved asking questions, exploring new ideas and investigating how things work.

It was fantastic to see their excitement and confidence grow as they began to think like real scientists!

Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and exploring the outdoor environment searching for insects and minibeasts. Ask us what the difference is between an insect and a minibeast.



Year One

Year One became 'Curious Chemists' and experimented with mixing materials. They enjoyed creating rainbow skittles, magic milk and especially slime! They made excellent observations of the changes that happened and were confident to describe

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the reactions they saw. We talked about how chemistry has a role in our everyday lives and found out about some famous scientists.



Year Two

In Year 2, we learnt all about our amazing coastlines and the wonderful creatures that inhabit them. We worked together to create a rockpool filled with many of the creatures we had researched.



Year Three

Year 3 have been learning all about minibeasts and their habitats. We walked around the prayer garden looking for minibeasts and we have designed a minibeasts hotel that we will be making next week.

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Year Four

Year 4 were curious about kitchens and explored how ingredients are important in making bread. We investigated the chemical reactions that happen when making sherbet.

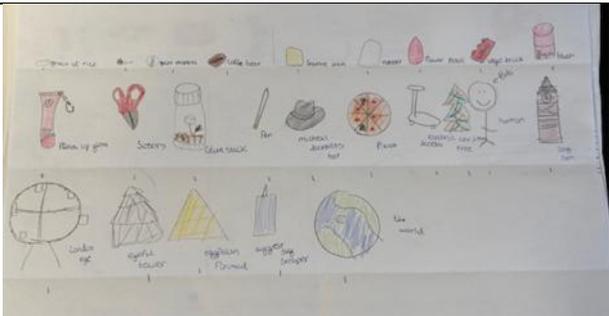


Year Five

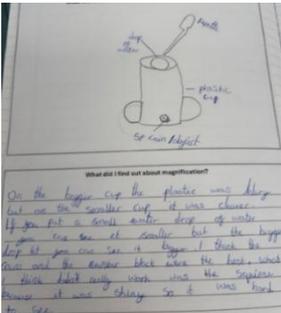
Our topic this British Science Week was called 'Curiously Close.' We have learnt about magnification, investigated the scale of a range of objects and made



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observations of everyday objects.



What did I find out about magnification?
On the bigger cup the plastic was blurry but on the smaller cup it was clearer. If you put a smaller amount of water the bigger cup you can see the smaller but the bigger cup let you see see it bigger. I think the cup used the smaller but when the bigger which made it look bigger. The surprise because it was blurry so it was hard to see.

Year Six

Year 6 have enjoyed being curious about the cosmos as part of British science week.

For once we couldn't use 'it's not rocket science' as we were actually exploring rockets and how they work. Our favourite lesson was experimenting with explosions by setting off the film canisters as our model rockets.



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New Art Work!

An exciting new piece of art work is in creation at St Gabriel's!

Mrs Hogg is currently painting a text and visual representation of the Annunciation (when the Angel Gabriel brought the news to Mary that she was going to have a very special baby!).

At the moment, the painting is still a 'work in progress' - check back here to see how it develops!





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Attendance Matters!

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



Weekly Attendance

RC 97.3%	RK 91.9%	1CC 96.5%	1LG 93.6%	2LM 94.9%	2NH 96.9%	3JH 97.5%
3LH 94.3%	4HB 96.7%	4VN 94.7%	5EY 92.1%	5SM 98.6%	6BF 97.1%	6AC 91.6%

TRACK MY READ!

Well done to the 102 readers taking part in our St Gabriel's Spring Term Track My Read challenge who have reached an incredible 89,100 reading minutes, flying past our initial target for the term. Keep on reading and lets see how far past our 50,000 minute target we can go!

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 Ava	RK Leon	1CC Anastasia	1LG Bonnie	2NH Keeva	2LM Darren	3JH Janice
3LH Evelyn	4HB Austin	4VN Zach E	5EY Vishmee	5SM Myla	6BF Ethan	6AC Edward N

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Alice	RK Marcelina	1CC Theodore	1LG Ruby	2LM Pippa	2NH Faris	3JH Noah
3LH Stefania	4HB Harlow	4VN Austin	5EY Riley	5SM Vittoria	6BF Rosa	6AC Yannis



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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 Rosanna	RK Roman	1CC Maia	1LG Sienna	2LM Archie H	2NH Jaxon	3JH George
3LH Frank	4HB Hannah	4VN Isla- Bleu	5EY Alicja	5SM Evan	6BF Nel	6AC Lauren

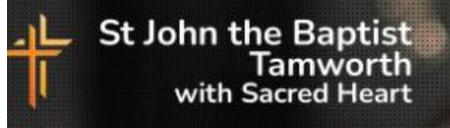
House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned 785 house points!





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Parish News

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

Young Adults interested in the Catholic Faith

Young Adults interested in the Catholic Faith: we have had a lot of interest from young adults (mostly men) coming to Church and wanting to find out more. If you are one of those or know someone who is, please contact Deacon Bob or Fr Michael.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross booklet featuring the beautiful artwork of Justyna & inspiring words by Sr Elizabeth Obbard are now available for purchase for £3 or two for £5. They are beautifully printed and offer the opportunity to pray the stations at home during the season of Lent. Why not buy one for yourself and a friend?

Prayer & Life Workshop

Prayer & Life Workshop at Sacred Heart on Thurs evenings 7-9pm. Through the workshop we will learn to pray and live the gospel. This is an exciting journey into prayer and scriptures created by Fr Ignacio Larranaga and approved by the Catholic Church.

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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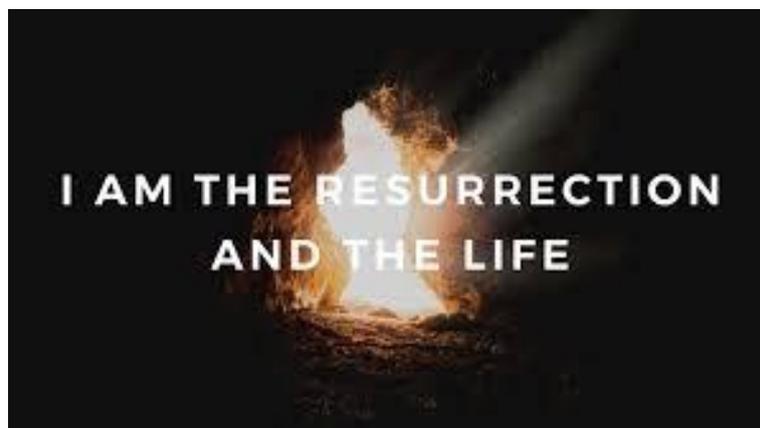
Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

We hear in this Sunday's Gospel reading of one of Jesus's most famous miracles – the Rising of Lazarus.

In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus stood with Mary and Martha – Lazarus's sisters – outside Lazarus's tomb.

Jesus stands with us during our moments of grief, of sadness, even of despair. He stands with us because – as He tells Mary and Martha – He is the Resurrection and the Life.





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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 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 – 1.30pm
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

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

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