



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 26th March 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

**Friday 27th
March**

Mass in School
Whole School
(Led by Y4)

**End of Spring
Term (1.30pm)**

**Monday 13th
April**

Start of
Summer Term

**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,

As we come towards the end of another busy term, we want to start our newsletter by thanking everyone for all their support with our Lenten fundraising efforts. We have raised money for charities including Mary's Meals, Father Hudson Caritas, CAFOD and been able to donate a mountain of Easter Eggs to Heart of Tamworth. Thank you all for your support and for helping us make our Lent really focused on one of the key themes of Lent – almsgiving.

On Sunday we mark the start of Holy Week. During Holy Week, we will celebrate the beautiful services of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and then the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. Full details of the Parish services are included in the newsletter.

A Happy Easter to all our families. We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming children back on

Monday 13th April.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher

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

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***“Let the little
children come to
me”***



On Wednesday, we had a VERY special visitor in school – Greg Finn from the Mark 10 Mission!

Inspired by Mark10:14 – Let the little children come to me,' Mark 10 Mission's vision is to 'open the door for every child to know they are loved by God and invited into friendship with Him.'

Each week, M10M produce videos to support children's understanding of the Sunday Gospel. We have often used these videos in school, so we were all very excited to be able to welcome Greg into school and experience a session with him 'in the flesh!'

We started the day by gathering together in the school hall for Greg to lead us in a Celebration of the Word and he then spent time leading prayer, scripture and music sessions with each year group.

Vishmee from Year Five spoke for us all when she said 'Our time with Greg was very holy and I loved praying with him.' It was a truly inspiring day for everyone and a wonderful way for us to prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

Attached to the newsletter are some photos and reflections inspired by our wonderful day with Greg.

If you would like to find out more about the Mark 10 Mission, please go to <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

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Sacred Heart

Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 have had a prayerful experience this Lent, visiting the Sacred Heart.

They walked up to Church to take part in Mass where they were very reverent. We then had Adoration where they were able to spend time 'Sitting with God' in the form of the Blessed Eucharist.

Finally, we prayed the Stations of the Cross with simple reflections and focused on the beautiful artwork Mrs Hogg had created.

"It felt very special being with Jesus at the Sacred Heart" - Leo Y2.

Issac - Year 4 'I knew Jesus was present with me in the Church.'





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ROCK STEADY

Rocksteady children took part in their third Rocksteady concert this week. The children were absolutely fantastic and were able to showcase a range of their musical skills! We had lots of newcomers as well from Key Stage 1, who were fantastic in their first rock concert. Excellent job everyone. Big thanks to Josh and Hayden from Rocksteady and to all the parents that made such a wonderful audience.



Recorder Festival

Year 3 took part in a recorder festival at the Coton Centre on Thursday 19th March.

The children played several recorder pieces that they had been learning throughout the year and sang lots of songs. They were joined by 4 other Staffordshire primary schools.

The children had a very enjoyable day and really liked playing to parents in the afternoon concert. Year 3 also performed in both key stage assemblies. Well done year 3!



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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!	

Spring Term Attendance

RC 94.4%	RK 88.2%	1CC 91.2%	1LG 91.7%	2LM 93%	2NH 94.8%	3JH 94.9%
3LH 93.4%	4HB 95.3%	4VN 96.5%	5EY 94.8%	5SM 98.5%	6BF 96.4%	6AC 96.4%

TRACK MY READ!

Hooray, we did it! Our Spring Term Track my Read challenge has closed and we are extremely pleased to announce that we have actually (very nearly) doubled our original target of 50,000 minutes, reaching an incredible 99,900 minutes.

Well done to all our amazing St Gabriel's readers who have contributed to this brilliant achievement.



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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 Maria	RK Jos	1CC George	1LG Archie	2NH Havannah	2LM Jokubas	3JH Owen
3LH Kaion	4HB Freddie	4VN Issac	5EY Florence	5SM Henry	6BF Isabella	6AC Nandi

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Ayla Rose	RK Leon	1CC Isabel	1LG Kyriakos	2LM Ida	2NH Carter	3JH Daisy
3LH Harry T	4HB Autumn	4VN Jakub	5EY Freya Bi	5SM Robbie	6BF Harper	6AC Kyri



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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 Verity	RK Maycie	1CC Myles	1LG Charlie	2LM Ronnie	2NH Kirsty	3JH Stephanie
3LH Marie	4HB Freya	4VN Christos	5EY Catherine	5SM Great	6BF Georgia	6AC Ethan

House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned over 940 house points!





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Parish News

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

*St John's Parish Tamworth
Easter 2026*



Times of Services

Wednesday 1st April	Penance Service at Sacred Heart 7.00 pm (with 5 visiting priests)
Thursday 2nd April Mass of the Lord's Supper	Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm at St John's
Good Friday 3rd April	3.00 pm St John's and Sacred Heart
Saturday 4th April Swieconka (Polish blessing)	Holy Saturday 11.00 am Sacred Heart
Easter Vigil (with refreshments afterwards)	8.00 pm at Sacred Heart

Please note there is **no 6.00 pm Mass** on Saturday 4th April

Easter Sunday – 5th April

9.00	Easter Day Mass at Sacred Heart
10.30	Easter Day Mass at St John's
12.00 noon	Easter Day Mass at Sacred Heart

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Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting'

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!



**Lord, as you enter Jerusalem for your passion,
rouse us from our apathy,
deliver us from cosiness,
rescue us from complacency,
and, as we make this pilgrimage with you this Holy Week,
teach us the lesson 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 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
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy

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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
Friday 15 th May	Whole School Mass (Y5)
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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