



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 16th July 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

Friday 17th July

Mass in School -
Whole School
(Led by Y6)

Last day of
school year for
children

1.30pm closure

Tuesday 1st September

INSET Day 1

Wednesday 2nd September

INSET Day 2

**Thursday 3rd
September**

**Children return
to school**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, we have said goodbye to a number of people this week.

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils proudly shared their Leavers' Assembly with the school community and their families this week and are now looking forward to celebrating their end-of-term Mass tomorrow. They have had a fantastic final year at St Gabriel's, serving as wonderful leaders and role models for everyone in school.

Year 6, thank you for all that you have contributed to our school. We are incredibly proud of you and wish each of you every success and happiness as you begin the next exciting chapter of your journey at secondary school.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs McKay this week. Mrs McKay has given nearly 30 years of wonderful service to St Gabriel's – we have been truly blessed to have had her as part of the team and wish her all the very best for her next exciting chapter.

Thank you to all our children, families and staff for all their hard work, enthusiasm and time this year. Thank you, especially, to our parents and carers for all your support throughout the year – it makes a huge difference and is greatly valued – thank you all.

We hope all our children, families and staff have a happy and healthy summer break. We look forwards to seeing all who are returning in September for the start of another exciting year and wish everyone who is setting off on new adventures the very best!

God Bless

Mr Bright

**End of Term Arrangements – Friday 18th July 2025 – School closes
at 1.30pm**

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Mrs Mckay

This week, we are saying a very heartfelt Thank You and 'Happy Retirement' to our very wonderful Mrs Mckay!

Mrs Mckay has worked at St Gabriel's for nearly 30 years and has been a huge part of making our school the special place it is.

During her time here, Mrs Mckay has touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of children and their families – offering help and guidance with everything from medical needs and friendship circles to parenting coaching sessions and attendance support!

Mrs Mckay has also been a wonderful colleague to work with – greatly valued by all members of the staff team.

St Gabriel's has been blessed to have had Mrs Mckay as a member of the team for all these years - it goes without saying that she will be greatly missed by us all.

We wish Mrs Mckay a very happy retirement. Best Wishes for your next adventure - but please have a rest first!



With love and thanks from us all.



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St John Paul II Multi Academy

As parents and carers will be aware, St Gabriel's will be joining the St John Paul II Academy on 1st September 2026.

Whilst there will not be any changes to daily arrangements, staffing, routines etc in September we are looking forward to this exciting new chapter for St Gabriel's and sharing new developments and plans with the wider school community.

St John Paul II – Pray for us!



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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Staying Safe around Water

If you are visiting the seaside this summer, please remember the importance of staying safe around water. The RNLI has some family friendly resources to help you stay safe and have fun near water:

<https://rnli.org/safety>



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Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to RK
who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!

Weekly Attendance

RC 97.3%	RK 98.3%	1CC 93.5%	1LG 90.1%	2LM 93.2%	2NH 95.5%	3JH 94.2%
3LH 94.2%	4HB 94.6%	4VN 94.9%	5EY 95.5%	5SM 96.6%	6BF 94.5%	6AC 95.3%

Congratulations to our 55 pupils who achieved 99%+ attendance this year!
Very Well Done!

TRACK MY READ!

A huge well done to the 56 readers who have contributed to our St Gabriel's Summer Term Track My Read challenge - you have tracked an amazing 50, 990 reading minutes this half 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 All of RC	RK All of RK	1CC All of 1CC	1LG All of 1LG	2NH All of 2NH	2LM All of 2LM	3JH ALL OF 3JH
3LH All of 3LH	4HB Eddie	4VN All Y4 of 4VN	5EY All of 5EY	5SM All of 5SM	6BF ALL OF 6BF	6AC ALL OF 6AC

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Grace	RK Meile	1CC All of 1CC	1LG All of 1LG	2NH All of 2NH	2LM All of 2LM	3JH ALL OF 3JH
3LH AL OF 3LH	4HB Bobby	4VN All Y4 of 4VN	5EY All of 5EY	5SM All of 5SM	6BF ALL OF 6BF	6AC ALL OF 6AC

Mission Disciples

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

RC Kaedyn	RK Niamh	1CC All of 1CC	1LG All of 1LG	2NH All of 2LM	2LM All of 2LM	3JH ALL OF 3JH
3LH OF 3LH ALL OF	4HB Thomas	VN All of 4VN	5EY All of 5EY	5SM All of 5SM	6BF ALL OF 6BF	6AC ALL OF 6AC



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Parish News

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/sunday-masses>

Sacred Heart Toddlers

Sacred Heart Toddlers: every Thursday 10.30am – 12pm. Toddlers is FREE, and includes a baby zone, lots of toys, sensory play, fruit snacks, stories and singing! Thank you for spreading the news about our lovely group. Follow us on social media for regular updates.

Sacred Heart Youth

Sacred Heart Youth: every Wednesday 6.30pm – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18. £1 subs please, which includes snacks, drinks and activities. This half term we have Bella coming to provide the youth with a taster session in Judo, and St John Ambulance providing basic first aid. If you would like to volunteer at our youth club, please contact Rebecca ASAP, thankyou

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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A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me
with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.



A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God

This summer

In whatever you do

Wherever you go



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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026:

INSET DAY 1 TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

INSET DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Term time: **Thursday 3 September - Friday 23 October (8 weeks)**

Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Term time: **Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December (7 weeks)**

Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027:

INSET DAY 3 MONDAY 4 JANUARY

Term time: **Tuesday 5 January – Friday 12 February (6 weeks)**

Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Term time: **Monday 22 February – Thursday 25 March (5 weeks)**

Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April

Summer Term 2027:

Term time: **Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May (7 weeks)**

MAY DAY: MONDAY 3 MAY

Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Term time: **Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July (7 weeks)**

INSET DAY 4 FRIDAY 2 JULY

INSET DAY 5 TO BE CONFIRMED

Holiday: **Thursday 22nd July – Wednesday 1st September**