



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Part of the St John Paul II Multi Academy Company

Newsletter

Thursday 10th September 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

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for key
'Dates for
the Year'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

As we come towards the end of our first full week of the school year, it has been wonderful to welcome all our children and families back to school!

We are at the start of a very exciting year for St Gabriel's – our first as part of the Saint John Paul II Multi Academy Company! We are looking forward to growing our working partnership with the MAC and sharing all the exciting developments with all the St Gabriel's community.

The children have made a fantastic start back to school. They have greatly enjoyed seeing their friends and have also been working really hard to impress their new teachers.

Thank you to everyone for your support in helping to make our first weeks of term such a positive experience for everyone. I, along with the whole staff team, look forward to working with you and your child this year!

God Bless

Mr Bright



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We are so proud of all of our new **Reception** children, they have had a fantastic first week at St Gabriel's. Reception have been very busy getting to know each other and making lots of new friends. The children have had lots of fun exploring their new classrooms and completing many activities including painting, play doh, threading and enjoying the home corner.

Year 1 have settled in fantastically well. They have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment and have already completed some excellent work in English, Maths and RE. Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!

Well done to **Year 2** for such a positive start to the school year. The children have shown real interest in our new topics and have already started learning about Living Things and Their Habitats, how schools were different in the past, place value and Creation. We are proud of how well the children have settled in and look forward to watching them progress as the year goes on.

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Year 3 have settled in well to Key stage 2 this week. The children have been learning their new routines and have been very polite and respectful. In class we have been learning about time adverbials. We have been using them in our writing about the Three Pigs.. In maths we have been learning more about place value and we have been using equipment to help us. In R.E, we have started our creation unit and we are beginning to learn our new key stage 2 prayers. An excellent start to the year.

Year 4! What a fantastic start we have had to **Year 4!** The children in both Mrs Morgan's and Mrs Buckroyd's classes have settled into their new routines brilliantly and it has been wonderful to see how happy, enthusiastic, and excited they are about the year ahead. We have been getting to know our new timetables and becoming familiar with the different subjects and activities we will be enjoying this year. The children have responded so well to the expectations of Year 4 r.

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Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to 3LH
who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!

Weekly Attendance						
		1CC 86.3%	1LG 98.1%	2HS 97.6%	2KG 94.3%	3JH 98.7%
3LH 100%	4HB 89%	4LM 99%	5SM 92.9%	5VN 95.6%	6AC 96%	6BF 96.8%



Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
		1CC Nevaeh	1LG Oliver	2HS Ella	2KG Michael H	3JH Max
3LH Harrison	4HB Harrison J	4LM Rosie	5SM Kody	5VN Lottie	6AC Lucy	6BF Myla

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

Pride in Presentation						
		1CC Leon	1LG Maria	2HS Brady	2KG Mario	3JH Sara
3LH Joshua	4HB Ellie	4LM Khloe	5SM Kody	5VN Lottie	6AC Kaiden	6BF Ben

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

Mission Disciples						
		1CC Niamh	1LG Rosanna	2HS Amaya	2KG Anastasia	3JH Leo
3LH Sofia	4HB Harrison C	4LM Kaion	5SM Elizabeth	5VN Olivia	6AC Ella	6BF Maisie



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Parish News

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

Needed for the food pantry.

Next time you are shopping, please add something to your basket for our food pantry: UHT Milk, Curry/pasta sauce, coffee, tinned food etc, cereal, flavoured pasta /rice. With your help we can provide food for the most vulnerable families. There is a basket at the back of both church for your donation. Thank you

Sacred Heart Youth

Sacred Heart Youth is back on Sept 23rd & has really grown over the year. We can't wait to welcome you all back. Youth is for ages 10-18. For more info, contact Rebecca.

Drama Group

Is now every Thursday 6.45pm – 8pm in the Modwen room, for children and young people aged 6+. This talented group recently performed a showcase at Birmingham MAC! If you are interested in knowing more contact Nichola Burley 07950 196977

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	Sunday
6:00pm - St John's Church	9:00am - Sacred Heart
	10:30am - St John's Church
	12:00pm - Sacred Heart

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 18:21-35

I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven!

In our Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus talks to his disciples about the importance of forgiveness. Jesus's disciples think that there should be a limit on how many times you should have to forgive a person – Jesus tells them that forgiveness, in fact, has no limit!

It can be hard to forgive and it can be very hard to ask for forgiveness. But, if we allow him, God will always forgive. God wants to share the grace of forgiveness with us, and He wants us to share the grace of forgiveness with each other.



A Prayer for the New School Year

Loving God, at the beginning of this new school year we ask you to bless us, the students, our teachers and staff of this school,
that together we may grow in faith, hope and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son, Jesus.

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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.

Early Years	Wednesday	Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Tuesday	Year Three	Friday
Year Four	Tuesday	Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday		

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



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Dates for the Year	
Date	Event / s
September 2026 - Season of Creation	
Tuesday 1st September	Start of Autumn Term INSET Day One Start of Season of Creation
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Day Two
Thursday 3 rd September	Children return
Friday 4 th September	Mass in School – Whole School led by Staff
Friday 18 th September	Whole School Mass led by Y5
Tuesday 22 nd September	Sacramental Enrolment Meetings 6pm – Year 3 6.45pm - Year 6
Tuesday 29 th September	Feast of St Gabriel's
October 2026 – Holy Rosary	
Thursday 1 st October	St Theresa's (House Saint) feast day
Friday 2 nd October	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
Friday 2 nd October	Whole School Mass led by Y6
Sunday 4 th October	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Monday 5 th October	St Francis (House Saint)- Feast day was 4 th October
Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th October	Y6 at Alton Castle
Friday 16 th October	Whole School Mass led by Y4
Friday 16 th October	RISE Theatre – 'Treasure Within' – Whole School Event.
Tuesday 20 th October	Autumn Term Parents Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	Autumn Term Parents Evening

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Thursday 22 nd October	Feast of St John Paul II
Friday 23 rd October	End of Half Term
November 2026 – Holy Souls	
Monday 2 nd November	Children return
Friday 6 th November	Whole School Mass led by Y3
Wednesday 11 th November	'Flu Immunisation visit
Monday 16 th November	Anti – Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 th November	Lichfield Cathedral Music Share Concert
Wednesday 18 th November	Tempest Photography
Friday 20 th November	Whole School Mass led by Chaplaincy
Sunday 22 nd November	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Monday 30 th November	Feast of St Andrew (Patron Saint of Scotland)
December 2026 – Advent	
Friday 4 th December	Whole School Mass led by Y5 Confessions for Y4, Y5, Y6 and Staff after Mass
TBC	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
TBC	Early Years Christmas Nativity
TBC	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 18 th December	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 End of Autumn Term
January 2027 (Christmas season until 10 th January)	
Monday 4 th January	Start of Spring Term INSET Day Three
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
Friday 6 th January	Whole School Mass for Epiphany
Friday 15 th January	Whole School Mass

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Friday 29 th January	Whole School Mass
February 2027	
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Ash Wednesday – Deacon Service for Ash Wednesday
Friday 12 th February	Whole School Mass End of Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Sunday 28 th February	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
March 2027 – Lent	
Monday 1 st March	Feast of St David (Patron Saint of Wales)
Tuesday 2 nd March	Feast of St Chad (Patron Saint of Archdiocese of Birmingham)
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th March	British Science Week (until 14 th March) Whole School Mass Y4, Y5, Y6 and Staff confessions
Tuesday 9 th March	Spring Term Parents Evening
Thursday 11 th March	Spring Term Parents Evening
Tuesday 16 th March	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm at Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 17 th March	Feast of St Patrick (Patron Saint of Ireland)
Thursday 18 th March	St Joseph's (House Saint) feast day
Friday 19 th March	Whole School Mass
TBC	KS2 Stations of the Cross (2pm)
TBC	KS1 Stations of the Cross (2pm)
Thursday 25 th March	End of Spring Term
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday

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Sunday 28th March	Easter Sunday (Easter Season until Sunday 24 th May)
April 2027 – Easter	
Monday 12 th April	Start of Summer Term INSET Day Four
Tuesday 13 th April	Children return
Friday 16 th April	St Bernadette's (House Saint) Feast Day
Sunday 18 th April	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Friday 23 rd April	Whole School Mass
Friday 23 rd / Sunday 25 th April	Feast of St George (Patron Saint of England)
May 2026 (Easter Season until Sunday 16 th May)	
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	Feast of the Ascension
Friday 7 th May	Whole School Mass
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	Key Stage Two SATS
15 th May	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
16 th May	Pentecost
Friday 21 st May	Whole School Mass
Friday 28th May	End of Half Term
June 2027	
Monday 7st June	Children return to school Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 18 th June
Friday 11 th June	Whole School Mass

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Monday 14 th June	Year One Phonic Screening Check (until Friday 18 th June)
TBC	Sports Week
Friday 25 th June	Whole School Mass
Tuesday 29 th June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
July 2027	
Friday 2 nd July	MAC Formation Day (School closed)
Thursday 8 th July	Meet the New Teacher Day
TBC	Reports sent home
Friday 9 th July	Whole School Mass
Tuesday 13 th July	Parent – Meet the New Teacher session
Friday 16th July	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6)
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of school year for children

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