



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Part of the St John Paul II Multi Academy Company

Newsletter

Thursday 1st October 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

**Sunday 4th
October**

School Led
Mass at 9am
Sacred Heart

**Tuesday 20th
October**

**Thursday
22nd
October**

Autumn Term
Parents
Evening

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here in school. Throughout the week we have been celebrating the Feast of our patron – Saint Gabriel! Further into the newsletter you can read about some of the work the children have been producing to celebrate St Gabriel's Feast Day.

We have also been busy getting ready for our first School Mass of the year at the Sacred Heart on Sunday. The children have been practising the hymns they will be helping to sing, readers have been rehearsing the readings they will be sharing and our children in the Sacramental Year Groups have been reflecting on the important commitment they will making on Sunday.

Celebrating Mass together is always incredibly special – we look forward to welcoming children, parents and families to Mass on Sunday morning.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Principal

Tuesday 6th October 2026-
10:00am-11:00am

Tuesday 13th October 2026-
10:00am-11:00am

Tuesday 10th November 2026-
1:30pm-2:30pm



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Year Group Parental Workshops



Year Groups will be hosting Parental Workshops in the coming weeks.

These workshops will be a great opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the **key learning, events and focuses** for your child's new Year Group and how you can support them at home.

Early Years 28 th September	Year One 7 th October	Year Two 22 nd September
Year Three 6 th October	Year Four 9 th October	Year Five 25 th September
	Year Six 29 th September	

**All workshops will
start at 9.15am**

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St Gabriel's Open Days



Where are we located?

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Primary School
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Staffordshire,
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Are looking for a reception place for your child for September 2027/2028?

Please come to one of our
Open Day sessions:

**Tuesday 6th October 2026-
10:00am-11:00am**

**Tuesday 13th October 2026-
10:00am-11:00am**

**Tuesday 10th November 2026-
1:30pm-2:30pm**

Need more information?

You are welcome to
contact our office
team on:

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or by email:
**office@st-
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Follow us on Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/st_gabrielsprimary/



We can't wait to meet you!

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School News

St Gabriel the Archangel,

The patron saint of messengers, telecommunications workers, radio DJs, stamp collectors and... our school!

Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning about our class Saint, St Gabriel. We have made St Gabriel prayer cards for our prayer areas. St Gabriel, Pray for us.



Year One

Year One used spoon painting to represent Saint Gabriel's angelic wings, whilst we talked about why he is so important to us.

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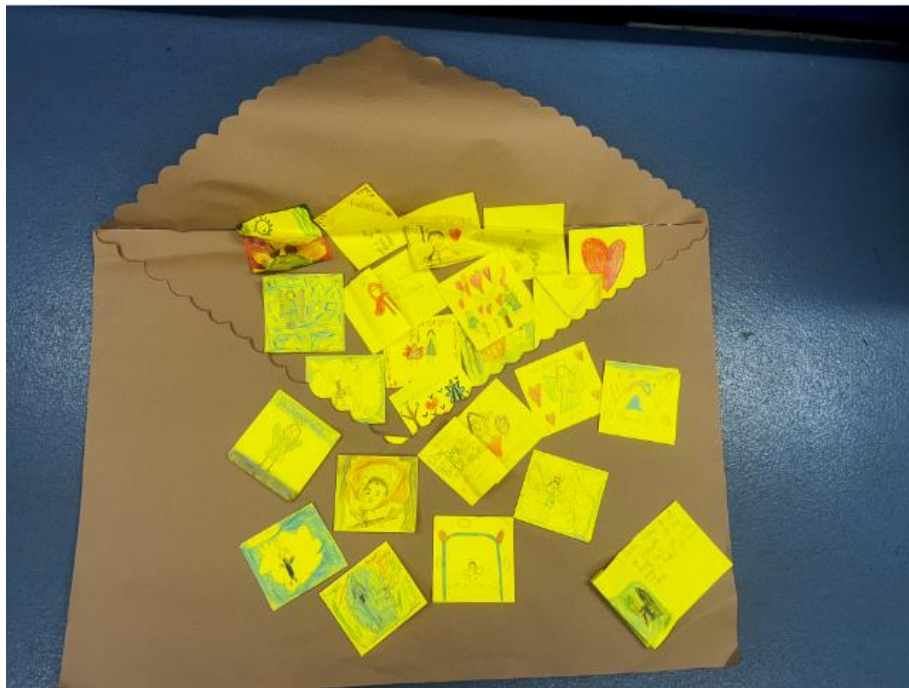
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Year Two

Year 2 enjoyed a special prayer service to celebrate the Feast of St Gabriel. We learned about Gabriel's important message to Mary and reflected on how we can be like St Gabriel and be messengers of God through our words and actions.

Year Three

Year 3 have been learning about St. Gabriel. One group wrote messages from St. Gabriel to Zechariah, another to Mary and the third group wrote prayers to God, thanking him for the messenger St. Gabriel and all the joy that he has brought to us.



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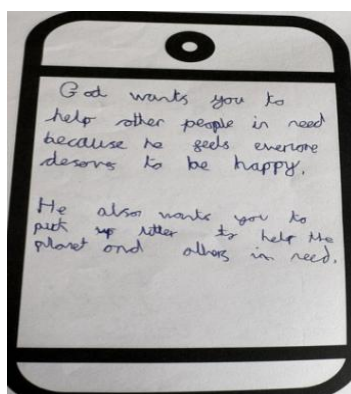
Year Four

This week, we have been celebrating the Feast Day of St Gabriel. The children in Year 4 have enjoyed learning about his important role as God's messenger through a range of creative activities. The children reflected on how we can be messengers of God's love through the way we speak, act and care for others.



Year Five

Year 5 have been thinking about the messages that St Gabriel might bring to us today! There were very reflective of current events in the world as many were about loving each other and looking after the wonderful planet God created!



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Year Six

Year 6 learnt the important role St Gabriel has had in the Old and New Testament as a comforter and messenger to different people from scripture. We wrote letters to St Gabriel, so that message could be given to God.

Dear Saint Gabriel,

I am writing to ask you to deliver a very important message to God for me...

Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing creation you have given to us. Please help us to stop polluting the Earth and hurting animals. Please keep people safe during war and help them find better homes. I promise to try and promote peace so that everyone is happy. God, guide me to follow in your footsteps and to be like Jesus.

Saint Gabriel, messenger of God, Pray for us.
Amen



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Sports Report

Year 5 Cross Country



Children from year 5 took part in a cross country tournament on Tuesday at Rawlett High School.

Over one hundred children took part from primary schools all across Tamworth. Well done to Tommy, who finished highest out of the boys' team in 14th place and Freya who finished 4th overall in the girls race.

We will find out where we came overall in the next few days, but all the children should be very proud of all their efforts in a very tough, demanding race.

House Points

Well done to St Joseph house who earned over 650 house points!



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Attendance Matters!

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

Weekly Attendance						
RC 96.2%	RK 96.2%	1CC 94.9 %	1LG 97.7%	2HS 95.1%	2KG 98.1%	3JH 97.6%
3LH 99.2%	4HB 96.9%	4LM 96.1%	5SM 98.1%	5VN 96.4%	6AC 97.2%	6BF 97.9%



**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 Mabel	RK Orlaith	1CC Gerry	1LG Ettie	2HS Marty	2KG Oliver D	3JH Alex
3LH Victoria	4HB Hudson	4LM Vivien	5SM Ava	5VN Georgie	6AC Florence	6BF Spencer

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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						
RC Ayzia	RK Finlay-Shai	1CC Delilah	1LG Matthew	2HS Ruby	2KG Robyn	3JH Elsie
3LH Sofia	4HB Zach	4LM Harry T	5SM Bethany	5VN Rosie	6AC Darcy	6BF Isabella

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

Mission Disciples						
RC Harry	RK Louis	1CC Heshara	1LG Evan	2HS Ronnie	2KG Oliver G	3JH Harry
3LH Pippa	4HB Owen	4LM Darci-Blue	5SM Zack E	5VN Freya	6AC George	6BF Ruby



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Parish News

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

Alpha

Alpha It is not too late to join! Whether you are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith for the first time or deepening your faith. Alpha is for those who are curious, those with questions, for anyone who wishes to make a connection with God and develop a relationship with Jesus. Why not give it a try? It could change your life! Email alex@tamworthrc.church for more information or to book a place.

Altar Servers Thanksgiving Mass

Altar Servers Thanksgiving Mass at St Chad's Cathedral: Saturday October 3rd at 12.00 Noon. Please hand completed forms in today. We are taking a minibus. Please bring a packed lunch.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship: Could you help once a month at the 10.30, 9.00am & 12.00 Masses? To guide our children through the Gospel. Training will be given. Email Alex.

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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October is traditionally known as the Month of the Holy Rosary, and we would like to invite our children and families to take part in a special Rosary Challenge together.

The Rosary is a beautiful Catholic prayer which helps us to reflect on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. It is also a wonderful opportunity for families to spend a few quiet moments together in prayer.

You can find daily videos <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge> to guide you through praying the Rosary.

How it works:

Watch the short daily video together.

Pray along with the video.

Tick or complete the recording sheet.

Find a few quiet minutes to pray as a family.

Every prayer counts! Whether your family prays for one minute or the whole Rosary, we hope this challenge will help us to make October a special month of prayer.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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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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