

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Part of the St John Paul II Multi Academy Company

Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

Tuesday 20th October

Thursday 22nd October

Autumn Term Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd October

Feast of St John Paul II

Friday 23rd October

End of Half Term

3.20pm finish

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today (Thursday 22nd) we celebrate the Feast of St John Paul II. Today is a particularly special Feast Day for us, as St John Paul II is the patron of our Multi Academy Company (MAC).

In school, we celebrated the life and vision of St John Paul II during Songs of Praise and then each class was able to watch a special MAC video marking the Feast Day with contributions from children from all 14 of our family of schools.

We have particularly reflected on St John Paul's inspiring words – Be Not Afraid – Open wide the doors for Christ!

St John Paul II – Pray for Us!

As we come to end of a busy first half term, we wish all our children, families and staff a very happy and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming children back on **Monday 2nd November 2026.**

We are

God Bless

Mr Bright

Autumn Term Two

Children return – Monday 2nd November 2026

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RISE THEATRE TREASURE WITHIN

Year Two thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seven Catholic Social Teaching's with RISE theatre. We focused especially on 'Rights and Responsibilities' and thought carefully about the basic rights of all humans. We were sad to learn that not everyone in the world has access to these basic rights and so we thought carefully about our responsibility to help change this. We came up with lots of ways we can bring these teachings into our daily lives to help us be more like Jesus.





Year 3 children really enjoyed the theatre production "Treasure Within", on Friday. The children enjoyed learning about Catholic Social Teaching and how it applies to them in their life. The children thought about what everybody's rights are and about our responsibilities to each other and the world. Children completed a treasure hunt and thought about how they also embody all of these qualities.



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Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to 5SM and 6BF who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!

Weekly Attendance						
RC 96%	RK 95.5%	1CC 94.9%	1LG 96.9%	2HS 95.4%	2KG 97.6%	3JH 98%
3LH 98%	4HB 96%	4LM 97.1%	5SM 98.2%	5VN 96%	6AC 96%	6BF 98.2%

Attendance Certificates

Tomorrow we will be sharing our new attendance award certificates during our Celebration Assemblies!



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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 Vada	RK Jax	1CC River	1LG Alice	2HS Ben	2KG Teddy	3JH Winnie
3LH Simon	4HB Ellie	4LM Louis	5SM Austin	5VN Harlow	6AC Leo	6BF JJ

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

Pride in Presentation						
RC Billie - Mae	RK Teddy	1CC Nevaeh	1LG Vuyo	2HS Matilda	2KG Oliver G	3JH Elsie
3LH Ali-Rose	4HB Owen	4LM Harry D	5SM Michalina	5VN Bruno	6AC Amiyah	6BF Eliza

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

Mission Disciples						
RC Connie	RK Noah	1CC Leon	1LG Henry	2HS Bryn	2KG Louie	3JH Wojtek
3LH Ida	4HB Noah	4LM Rosie	5SM Olaf	5VN Florence	6AC Harmony	6BF Vittoria

Lego Club



Our very enthusiastic Lego Club was wondering if any families had any spare Lego Baseboards at home which they no longer use?

If you do, Lego Club would be very grateful for any donations- all boards will be put to very good use!

Thank you for your support!

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Parish News

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

Remembrance Mass

Remembrance Mass will be on Saturday Nov 7th at 6pm at St John's: in this Mass we particularly remember those who have died in the last 12 months. There are lists at the back of Church. If you want a loved one's name read out, please write their name and the month in which they passed away.

Sacred Heart Youth

Sacred Heart Youth: Meet every Wednesday in the upstairs Kenelm Room, 6.30pm – 8pm. Youth is for school years 6-13 (ages 10-18) and is £1 per session. For more info, contact Rebecca.

Sacred Heart Toddlers

Sacred Heart Toddlers: Every Thurs 10.30am – 12noon, birth - 5 years old. We have a baby area, many different play zones, sensory, crafts, snacks, stories and singing! We are in the upstairs Kenelm room, and it's FREE! Come along and play with us

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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St John Paul II

Feast Day 22nd October



Loving God,
Thank you for the life of St John Paul II.
Help us to be brave when we feel afraid,
to show kindness to everyone,
and to use our gifts to help others.
Guide us to follow Jesus each day.
Amen.

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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**
Thursday 22nd October	Autumn Term Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd October	Feast of St John Paul II
Friday 23rd October	**End of Half Term**
November 2026 – Holy Souls	
Monday 2nd November	**Children return**
Friday 6th November	Whole School Mass led by Y3
Wednesday 11th November	'Flu Immunisation visit
Monday 16th November	Anti – Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th November	Lichfield Cathedral Music Share Concert
Wednesday 18th November	Tempest Photography
Friday 20th November	Whole School Mass led by Chaplaincy
Sunday 22nd November	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Monday 30th November	Feast of St Andrew (Patron Saint of Scotland)
December 2026 – Advent	
Friday 4th 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 18th December	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 **End of Autumn Term**
January 2027 (Christmas season until 10th January)	
Monday 4th January	**Start of Spring Term** **INSET Day Three**

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Tuesday 5th January	**Children return to school**
Friday 6th January	Whole School Mass for Epiphany
Friday 15th January	Whole School Mass
Friday 29th January	Whole School Mass
February 2027	
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday – Deacon Service for Ash Wednesday
Friday 12th February	Whole School Mass End of Half Term
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school
Sunday 28th February	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
March 2027 – Lent	
Monday 1st March	Feast of St David (Patron Saint of Wales)
Tuesday 2nd March	Feast of St Chad (Patron Saint of Archdiocese of Birmingham)
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 5th March	British Science Week (until 14th March) Whole School Mass Y4, Y5, Y6 and Staff confessions
Tuesday 9th March	Spring Term Parents Evening
Thursday 11th March	Spring Term Parents Evening
Tuesday 16th March	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm at Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday 17th March	Feast of St Patrick (Patron Saint of Ireland)
Thursday 18th March	St Joseph's (House Saint) feast day
Friday 19th March	Whole School Mass
TBC	KS2 Stations of the Cross (2pm)
TBC	KS1 Stations of the Cross (2pm)

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Thursday 25th March	**End of Spring Term**
Friday 26th March	Good Friday
Sunday 28th March	Easter Sunday (Easter Season until Sunday 24th May)
April 2027 – Easter	
Monday 12th April	**Start of Summer Term** **INSET Day Four**
Tuesday 13th April	**Children return**
Friday 16th April	St Bernadette's (House Saint) Feast Day
Sunday 18th April	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Friday 23rd April	Whole School Mass
Friday 23rd / Sunday 25th April	Feast of St George (Patron Saint of England)
May 2026 (Easter Season until Sunday 16th May)	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May	Feast of the Ascension
Friday 7th May	Whole School Mass
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May	Key Stage Two SATS
15th May	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
16th May	Pentecost
Friday 21st May	Whole School Mass
Friday 28th May	**End of Half Term**
June 2027	
Monday 7st June	**Children return to school**

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	Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 18th June
Friday 11th June	Whole School Mass
Monday 14th June	Year One Phonic Screening Check (until Friday 18th June)
TBC	Sports Week
Friday 25th June	Whole School Mass
Tuesday 29th June	Feast of St Peter and Paul
July 2027	
Friday 2nd July	MAC Formation Day (School closed)
Thursday 8th July	Meet the New Teacher Day
TBC	Reports sent home
Friday 9th July	Whole School Mass
Tuesday 13th July	Parent – Meet the New Teacher session
Friday 16th July	Mass in School - **Whole School (Led by Y6)**
Wednesday 21st July	**Last day of school year for children**

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