

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Part of the St John Paul II Multi Academy Company

Newsletter

Thursday 5th November 2026

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary

10th November

Open Morning

11th November

School Disco

17th November

Open Morning

18th November

Red Wednesday

22nd November

Whole School Mass (9am) @ Sacred Heart

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

We have another exciting half term ahead of us – School Discoes, Stay and Pray sessions, Red Wednesday, Christmas Nativities and Carol Services to name just a few!

Parents and Carers may also have noticed that we have been having some new school gates installed at the moment. The new gates and entry system will be operational in the coming days and we will let parents know how the new system works in our newsletter next week.

We are looking forward to our first School Disco of the year next Wednesday. Children will be bringing home information about how to book tickets etc today. If you would like to help at the Disco, please contact Friends of St Gabriel's at friendsofstgabriels@gmail.com for more information.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Principal



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School Disco!



The Friends of St Gabriel's would like to invite all children to the **first disco of this school year.** This will be held at school on **Wednesday 11th November.**

Reception and KS1 children from 4.45pm -5.45pm KS2 children from 6pm-7pm.

A letter has been sent home with the children; this will have a form attached that you should bring along on the evening of the disco when you drop off your child(ren). This will help with queuing times. Cost is £3 per child or £7 for families of 3 children or more and will include drink and sweets.

We look forward to seeing some great dance moves and lots smiles from the children!

Thank you

The Friends of St Gabriel's

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Stay and Pray Sessions

Parents and carers are invited to come and pray with your child's year group based on their Year Group saint.

Each session below will be led by the children and will begin at 9.15 in the Hall.

Dates it will take place:

Reception – Tuesday 24th November
Year 1 – Monday 23rd November
Year 2 – Tuesday 17th November
Year 3 – Monday 30th November
Year 4 – Wednesday 25th November
Year 5 – Monday 16th November
Year 6 – Friday 27th November

"In prayer you become one with the source of our true light – Jesus Himself."
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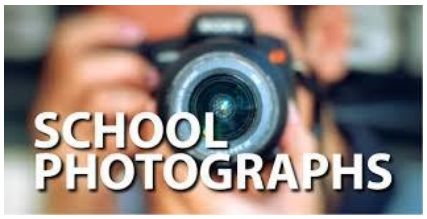
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School News



Please note – change of date: Tempest Photography will be coming to school on **Thursday 26th November 2026** for this year's annual school photos.

Year Three Cross Country

Congratulations to the children in year 3, who took part in a cross country competition on Tuesday at Rawlett High School.

They all did very well, running 600 metres around the school field in very cold conditions.

A special mention to Winnie who finished 5th overall in the girls' race and Wojtek who finished 11th in the boys' race.

Christmas Nativity and Carol Services

Please see our Christmas Nativity and Carol Services flyer which is being sent out with this week's newsletter.

For quick reference, dates and times are also below:

Key Stage One – 7th December (2.30pm) @ Sacred Heart

Key Stage Two – 8th December (6pm) @ Sacred Heart

Early Years Nativity – 15th December (9.30am) @ School

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Attendance Matters!

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

Weekly Attendance						
RC 95.1%	RK 95.1%	1CC 94.7%	1LG 96.4%	2HS 94.4%	2KG 96.9%	3JH 97.9%
3LH 95.9%	4HB 95.7%	4LM 96.5%	5SM 97.2%	5VN 95.1%	6AC 95.6%	6BF 98.1%



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 Isaac	RK Caelan	1CC Frankie	1LG Lewis	2HS Everlyn	2KG Robyn	3JH Ruby
3LH Victoria	4HB Lana	4LM Khloe	5SM Michalina	5VN Frankie	6AC Catherine	6BF Andrew

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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 Nicole	RK Wiktoria	1CC Maddison	1LG Teo	2HS Ilyas	2KG Maia	3JH Theon
3LH Pippa	4HB Owen	4LM Imani	5SM Willow	5VN Marcel	6AC Autumn	6BF Fleur

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

Mission Disciples						
RC Mia	RK Kingsley	1CC Phoebe	1LG Maria	2HS Gabriel	2KG Oliver D	3JH Tadas
3LH Miles	4HB Arabella	4LM George	5SM Archie	5VN Esme	6AC Alicja	6BF Natalia

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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 25:1-13

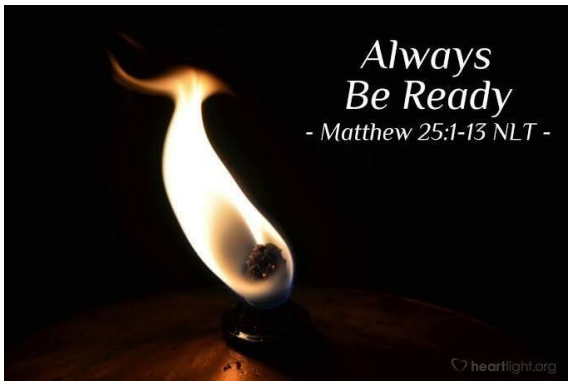
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

In the Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus challenges his disciples to Always Be Ready!

Always being ready sounds like quite a challenge! However we need to think about what Jesus wants us to always be ready for.

Jesus wants us to always be ready and prepared to be kind and loving to others whenever we have the chance.

We can make our challenge to be ready and prepared in this coming week to be loving, kind and generous – ready to help others at home, at school, in our local community and around the world.



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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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Date	**Event / s**
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	Red Wednesday
Friday 20th November	Whole School Mass led by Chaplaincy
Sunday 22nd November	School Led Mass at 9am Sacred Heart
Thursday 26th November	Tempest Photography
Monday 30th November	Feast of St Andrew (Patron Saint of Scotland)
December 2026 – Advent	
Friday 4th December	Whole School Mass led by Y6 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- Y5 **End of Autumn Term**
January 2027 (Christmas season until 10th January)	
Monday 4th January	**Start of Spring Term** **INSET Day Three**
Tuesday 5th January	**Children return to school**
Friday 6th January	Whole School Mass for Epiphany

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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)
Thursday 25th March	**End of Spring Term**
Friday 26th March	Good Friday

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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** Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 18th June
Friday 11th June	Whole School Mass

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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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