

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Year 2 - Holy Mass Friday 18th November 2022 (tomorrow)

Parents and carers of year 2 are invited to the school hall for Holy Mass tomorrow morning from 9.15am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Subba.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 18th November 2022 (tomorrow)

Tomorrow is a non uniform day, the children are invited to bring voluntary donations of chocolate for the upcoming Christmas Fayre. Thank you in anticipation of a contribution.

Whole School Advent Mass - Sunday 27th November 2022

You are all welcome to celebrate our Whole School Advent Mass on Sunday 27th November at the Sacred Heart Church at 9am. Please look out for a separate email from Miss Townsley regarding child volunteer readers and for the offertory procession. Thank you.

Catholic Virtues - Faith Filled and Hopeful

Pupils are growing to be Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in themselves and others.



Sacred Heart Church

Keep up to date with what's going on in your parish [HERE](#)

Please be aware of the opening times of the café at the Sacred Heart. A pleasant space with a wide range of food and drink available.



SCHOOL MEMBER



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE

CAFOD World Gifts

We were joined by some special visitors in our assembly this week. Peter and Barbara from CAFOD visited us to tell the children all about the work CAFOD do through their World Gifts project. World Gifts are a great chance to learn about our global neighbours, and also how we can help them by working together to build a brighter world. If you would like to learn more about CAFOD World Gifts please visit

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

Red Wednesday - 23rd November

On Wednesday 23rd November we will be marking "Red Wednesday". Red Wednesday is an annual event organised by the charity Aid to the Church in Need. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of people - in particular Christians - who are persecuted for their faith. We will be having assemblies and prayer in school to help us think about people who have suffered because of their faith and beliefs. We will be asking the children to come into school dressed in red/wearing an item of red clothing to help mark "Red Wednesday". Thank you.

Girls Football Tournament

Girls in year 6 took part in a football tournament last Thursday at Rawlett High School, where twelve schools took part in the seven a side competition. The team played very well, winning all three of their games. They have qualified to play in the final which will be played in a few weeks. Our captain, Faith said, "Our teamwork really helped us in the tournament."

The team was Faith, Daisy, Eleanor, Evie, Summer-Skye, Saskia, Inez, Izzy and Lola. Many thanks to Mr Fowler for supervising the children at the event and for the time given in training and organising.

Message from The Governing Board - Parent Governor Vacancies

Co Chair Mr Vernon writes - We will be sending out a letter next week with information on how to apply, what the role entails and additional details around what happens if we need to run an election. Being a governor is a rewarding volunteer experience and allows you to bring your skills and knowledge to the board, while at the same time learning from others and contributing positively to the governance of the school. Please keep an eye out for further communications very soon.

If you are interested in an opportunity for a more detailed conversation then please email chair@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 13th November 2022

Congratulations to Tommy J, Zach D, Eddie S, Charlie S, Grace D, Lucas A, Daniel A and Ewan J from 1st Glascote Scouts Group and to the many other children from other groups who attended and commemorated Remembrance Day last Sunday, at various venues. It is great to hear how well everyone behaved and conducted themselves

Free Parent Webinar on Building a Resilient Family

Please find details below of a free webinar hosted by Role Models and Presented by Laura Kay - Head of Character Education at Role Models.

Topic: **How to Build a Resilient Family** When: **29th November 2022 @ 07:30 PM**

A 45-minute webinar followed by Q&A, exploring how to build a resilient family in the modern world. Ideas shared are relevant for parents of children of all ages.

What you'll learn:

- Why resilience is such an important skill to foster in your family in 2022.
- What it means to be resilient.
- Ways to develop resilience.
- How embedding resilience can support your family.

Register in advance for this 45-minute webinar: [Register Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Imani
RJC	Maya
1KG	Emily
1NH	Fredrik
2BL	Ronnie
2NT	Emilia B
3CC	Albie-James
3LH	Keira
4HB	Lola
4LM	Harry C
5SM	Josh
5ST	Daniel
6AC	Izzy
6BF	Cian



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Supporting us - supporting your child

As parents and carers you send your children to us to be educated and to prepare them for their future, the world of work and how to behave and act.

You would of course expect us to remind children when their behaviour falls short of what is expected. When a teacher does speak with a child, deals with a child or gives advice, support your child by not allowing them to dwell on that issue. Trust in us is important. Encourage resilience in your child by encouraging them to learn from their experience and to move forward positively. Thank you.

Resilience/Independence

Do encourage your child to organise themselves properly each morning. Encourage them to carry their own bag and belongings. Talk to them about organising their belongings, so they are not misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the pandemic. It has always been parents/carers legal duty to get children into school regularly, this is even more vital now due to the disruption to the children's learning. For this reason, it is so important that your child is in school for every educational hour possible AND THAT WE RE ESTABLISH OUR BEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE. NO HOLIDAYS CAN BE APPROVED. I would ask that any routine appointments are made out of school hours and that you consider very carefully any absence from school. We don't want the education of our children to suffer any more than it has done already. Our expectations for attendance are as per our published Attendance Policy which you can find [here](#) , we would encourage you to read and understand this. Thank you.

Twitter

Currently we have 82 active followers, a substantial increase from last week. We would love more followers! Parents who have taken the easy steps to follow our account have enjoyed seeing some lovely moments of every day school life captured through this means. In order to follow the school Twitter account please:

1. **Make a request via Twitter AND**
2. **Ensure that you email twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk confirming your personal twitter details so that we can then approve your Twitter request.**

This process ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Dogs on the school grounds

A reminder please that dogs must not be brought beyond the school gates and onto school premises. Dogs are banned from all school grounds because of the danger of toxicariasis in dog waste. This is in line with County Council guidelines. Please respect this request at all times. Thank you.

Family & Community Information Hub

Please could I draw your attention to the family and community information section on our website? This section contains a wealth of current information on community activities from mother and toddler groups to free courses as well as job and training opportunities. It also provides information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks. There will also be information on healthcare. Please take some time to have a look at the information found [here](#) and keep checking in - there will be new information added most weeks.

Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2023 - closing date 15th

January

The application system opened on 1st November 2022 for September 2023 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online system will be available from 1st November 2022. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023

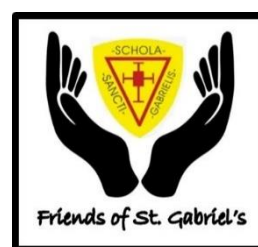
Message from the kitchen

Christmas Dinner this year will be on Wednesday 14th December. For catering purposes, it is **VITAL** that we know accurate numbers by **Friday 2nd December** at the latest. Please see separate email sent out and reply as soon as possible. **If you do not reply we cannot guarantee a Christmas dinner for your child.** Thank you

Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

Please join their Facebook page and keep up to date with events being run by the Friends of St. Gabriel's.

www.facebook.com/friendsofstgabriels



Parking

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly. **BOTH THE LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE HAVE TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PARK OUTSIDE A SCHOOL ENTRANCE OR IN A WAY THAT BLOCKS EMERGENCY SERVICES". THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO CONCERN SOME PARENTS.**

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners. Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a **COMPLAINT** with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours. Local police will be following this up. Thank you.

Bereavement Help Points

Fridays 10am-12noon @ Sacred Heart

Thursdays 5.30pm-7.00pm @ The Cafe at Sacred Heart

If you are struggling with bereavement and loss and wish to talk to someone just come along.

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OPEN MORNING ADDITIONAL SESSION FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022 9.30AM-10.30AM

This is aimed particularly at parents/families who may be thinking about St. Gabriel's for their child in September 2023. If you know of any family member or friends who might be considering us then please encourage them to come. This is a valuable opportunity to view the school during the working day.
We pride ourselves on good relationships and the care given to our pupils.
We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 th November	Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre Year 2 Mass 9.15am
Friday 25 th November	Open Morning - Additional Session 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 27 th November	Whole school Mass for start of Advent Sacred Heart Church @ 9.00am
Friday 2 nd December	Non Uniform Day - Bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm more information to follow
Thursday 8 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service Sacred Heart Church @ 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December	* Reception Nativity Service @ 9.30am * Key Stage 1 Carol Service Sacred Heart Church @ 6.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Non Uniform Day - Christmas Jumpers Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 th December	Whole School Mass for end of term (led by Year 5) 9.15am Break up for Christmas holidays 3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Pupils and Staff return to school

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher