

# **Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Mr. John White RIP**

Please remember Fr. Michael and his family following the death of his beloved Dad John.

Our sympathy and condolences to Fr. Michael at this time of great loss.

Fr. Michael is such a tower of strength in so many ways for so many. Please let us support him now in action and in prayer. May John rest in peace.

## **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacraments. Tomorrow Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 6 who made the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to attend Mass tomorrow morning.

## **Summer Fayre - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 11.00am-1.00pm**

Despite the showers from 11.20am we managed to get on and see the event through.

Thank you to the many people who came along in spite of the rain.

Special thanks to the many parents who spent so much time on the morning and in the days before organising, sorting and making sure that the event could go ahead.

A great effort was made by so many. Thank you

## **Sponsored Mary Walk**

School Council has organised a Sponsored Walk for all pupils from Years 1-6 which has been taking place this week.

You have been emailed a Sponsor Form. All sponsorship money raised should be paid in via ParentPay, we CANNOT accept any cash.

We will announce the class who completed the highest average laps at the end of term.

Money raised will go towards a new Mary statue for our Prayer Garden.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Buckroyd.

## **Edward and Ward New Catering Provider - Meal Price increase from September 2023**

The school have been charged 4p per meal less than the majority of schools but our new catering provider have advised us this week that all schools will be charged the same from September 2023. Therefore, for parents who currently pay for pupil meals the price per meal will increase from £2.79 to £2.83 on 05/09/23.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



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

## Catholic Virtues

This half term's Virtues are **Intentional and Prophetic**. This children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.

## Mrs Taggart writes

I am going to be offering private tuition in English, maths, piano and music theory in September as well as running a Youth Choir at Tamworth Assembly Rooms at 5pm on a Tuesday and one for adults at a venue/time to be decided. If you would like more information on any of the above, please email: [office@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk) and leave a number for me to call you back or look up my new page on Facebook [Sharon Taggart - Tuition](#) and send a direct message on messenger. Thank you, Mrs Taggart.

## Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Khloe
RAD	George
1KG	Jakub
1NH	Eddie and Bobby
2BL	Ronnie Ho
2NT	Rosie
3CC	Sean
3LH	Niamh
4HB	Erin
4LM	Elsie
5SM	Tia
5ST	Amelia
6AC	Olivia
6BF	Dawid



Well Done Readers of the  
Week!



## Attendance

Parents of children with attendance below 90% have been written to recently.

The attendance of our children at school has received a massive blow due to the Covid 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.

Current attendance for the school year so far

Overall 94.87% (5/9/22-7/7/23)

R - 93.27%

Y3 - 96.00%

Y6 - 94.81%

Y1 - 93.38%

Y4 - 95.24%

Y2 - 95.34%

Y5 - 95.42%

Attendance overall, as shown above, is slowly creeping upwards.

We need to improve the attendance of our pupils, particularly our youngest pupils. Thank you.

### **Enrichment Activities and Attendance**

It is really encouraging to see the amount of enrichment activities the children are attending at weekends and evenings and this is something that we actively encourage for every child. However, we are noticing more and more that after these activities, children are not attending school because they are over-tired.

Whilst we fully appreciate that children will be tired, it is important to ensure that their attendance at school is not affected. Additionally, it is an ideal opportunity to build resilience, as we all recognise that there are things we need to do, as adults, even when we are over-tired!

I would really appreciate your support and understanding with this issue.

### **Parking**

Local Councillor Paul Thompson and a representative of the local police team visited school on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Developments are expected as a result.

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

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.

### **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, mother and toddler groups, free courses, job and training opportunities, information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks and also 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

### **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 [HERE](#)



### **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.

### **Safe Haven**

**Safe Haven is a Crisis Cafe** situated at Sacred Heart Church, for people aged 18 plus with mental health problems. This service will run between 5pm to 11pm Wednesdays to Fridays and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and Bank holiday 1.30pm to 9pm.

Safe Haven will provide a safe, supportive, and therapeutic environment helping individuals in their recovery through promotion of self-empowerment and independence. It will be relaxed, informal and supportive, considerate of risk and safety, but focused on de-escalation and recovery. Safe Haven are currently looking for volunteers, for more information email [Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk)

### **Heart of Tamworth Community Shop**

The community pantry at Sacred Heart has regular deliveries of good quality, fresh food. All of the food is in date but sometimes has a shorter date than others and so needs to be distributed quickly. You are more than welcome to pop down to have a look. There is a Facebook page HOT Community Shop where you can keep up to date with availability.

### **Summer Tennis Camp 2023**

**Venue:** Spital Tennis Club, Wigginton Road, Tamworth, B79 8RH

**Time:** 9am to 12pm **Dates: Week 1;** Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August

**Week 2;** Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September

**Age:** 4 to 16 **Book** [HERE](#)

If you have any questions please contact [matt@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:matt@micro-sports.co.uk)

Look forward to seeing you there!

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	REPORTS sent home
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	"Meet the new Teacher" sessions 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am - Parents welcome to attend
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Mass for end of term and end of school year 9.15am Children finish for Summer <b>*** NOTE - Please see previous email from Governing Board, <u>SCHOOL CLOSING @ 1.30PM ***</u></b>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY 1 - School closed to pupils.
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live.  
Anyone who lives and believes in me, will not die.  
Alleluia."*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

John P Hayes  
Headteacher