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Dear Parents and carers

Holy Mass - tomorrow Friday 19th April 2024

Parents and carers are invited to celebrate Holy Mass with us in the school hall from 9.15am in the morning. Fr. Michael will lead us with support from the School Council. I look forward to seeing some of you there. Thank you.

Year 3-4 and year 5-6 County Athletics Finals

Well done to the year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 athletics teams, who competed in the county finals earlier this week at Fenton Manor Sports Centre in Stoke on Trent. Both teams did amazingly well and both finished runners-up in their competitions - what a fantastic achievement! Both teams showed real determination and perseverance at the finals and cheered on their team mates and other competitors. The teams were:

Year 3-4: Cian, Leon, Fabio, Edward, Jenson, Max, Martha, Eva, Maisie, Vittoria, Rosa and Niamh.

Year 5-6: Ella-Grace, Tia, Grace, Georgia, Chloe, Celeste, Jessica, Nikola, Harriet, Izabella, Neive, Eva, Krystal, Neya, Gabriella, Jake, Vinnie, James, Haitham, Drew, Piotr, Rhys, Ronnie, Shael, Marcus, Flynn, George and Travis.

Many thanks to Mr Fowler and Mr Birtwistle for training and preparing the children for the events over the past few months and to Mrs Hanrahan for helping to supervise and support the children at the competitions.

Wow Active/Premier Education fitness tests

Children took part in their third round of fitness tests this week. These tests aim to improve children's physical literacy and overall activity levels. As a school, we feel it has a direct influence on improving children's fitness and engagement with sport. With assessments conducted throughout the academic year, the Programme is fully inclusive promoting and supporting physical activity for all abilities with the aim to improve every child's 'personal best' score.

You can log on to see your child's results using the pupil login

(<https://login.wowactive.co.uk/#!/login>) which were sent out earlier this year. When you log on you can compare their recent results to the two other tests taken earlier this year. You will also find a challenge card which has five exercises your child can practice to help improve their scores for the next test in June.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Carter
RHK/AD	Piotr
1KG	Violet
1NH	Elijah
2LG	Olaf
2NT	Georgia
3CC	Penny
3SO	Henry
4HB	Edward J
4LM	Sebastian
5VN	Rosie
5SM	Piotr
6AC	Chloe
6BF	Scarlett



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation - and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the [routine childhood vaccinations](#), most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record or contact your GP practice. It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age.

Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](#). Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice.

Sacred Heart Church

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

You have a tremendous Catholic parish in Tamworth. If you are not aware of this - go along to the Sacred Heart Church, attend Holy Mass or just visit their website. There are lots of ways for people to get involved with so many various groups. Be brave and try it.

Non Uniform Day for Father Hudson's Care, Friday 22nd March 2024

All Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham have been encouraged to raise funds for Father Hudson's Care. You can find out more at [Father Hudson's Care](#)

Thank you for the donations received from the non uniform day, we have collected £168.83. It's not too late to make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay. Thank you.

X (Twitter)

IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A LOOK YET, DO PLEASE VIEW @GabrielsPrimary on X formerly Twitter for a range of moments capturing school life. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you.

Parking

Parking continues to be an issue, please be reminded of the following:

- *Please do not park on or block Wilnecote Lane and the school driveway.*
- *Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. 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 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.*
- *Please do not park on the Industrial Estate.*

Local councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you to the majority of our parents and carers who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Help and Support

If any family member is ever at the point of crisis, money worries or otherwise, ALWAYS BE BRAVE AND REACH OUT TO US. We will always try to help by signposting to the correct services. Where food provision is a worry - TELL US - we will always try to help.

We will always aim to help you in a DIGNIFIED and CONFIDENTIAL way. Thank you, Mr Hayes.

Hygiene Bank NOW AVAILABLE in School

We are now regularly supplied, by Tamworth Hygiene Bank, with personal hygiene products and some household cleaning products. If you would like to make use of this valuable resource in the current economic climate, just give the office a call IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE to arrange a time to call in and take whatever you need.

Shampoo, toiletries, soaps, sanitary products are all available. Please just ask us. All we ask is that you bring your own carrier bag.

Catholic Virtues - ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



Dates for your Diary

APRIL

Mon 29th **INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

MAY

Mon 6th **MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Tues 7th **Y5 Trip to Harvington Hall**

Mon 13th to } **KS2 SATS - ALL Y6 PUPILS MUST BE IN SCHOOL FOR EACH OF THE**
Thurs 16th } **4 MORNINGS**

Sat 18th **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
(Miss Caswell @ 10am & Miss O'Hanlon @ 12.00)

Fri 24th **School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm**

JUNE

Mon 3rd **School re opens for all 8.50am**

Sun 9th **Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart**

Weds 19th **Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos**

Mon 24th **INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

JULY

Tues 2nd **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by Canon Paul McNally**

Fri 5th **** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow.**

Thurs 18th **Y6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall 9.15am Y6 Parents and Carers welcome**

Fri 19th **Final Mass for End of Term led by Y6 - School Hall 9.15am**
School closes for end of academic year

NOTE school closes at 1.30pm by decision of School Governing Body

Mon 22nd **INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

*"Let the light of the risen Christ
shine through in the things you say and do,
especially within your family settings,
with your neighbours,
and as you witness to him in the world today."
(Extract from Archbishop Bernard Longley's Easter Message 2024)*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher