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Dear Parents and carers

Holy Mass at Sacred Heart - Sunday 4th February @ 9.00am

Please note the children will lead parts of the readings, prayers and singing at this Mass.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Ramesh look forward to seeing you at the Sacred Heart on Sunday. Whether you are a practising Catholic or a family who have never been before - do consider coming along.

The Sacred Heart and the local parish has a great deal to offer. You will only find this out by going along and experiencing it. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church

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

Live Simply Award

The school was awarded the Live Simply Award this week in recognition of living simply, living sustainably and living in solidarity with the world's poorest communities.

Well done to everyone who has contributed. Special thanks to Mr Bright for driving this forward in so many ways.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February

**Our next Parents Evening is Tuesday 6th February and Thursday 8th February
3.40pm - 6.30pm.**

You were sent a link last week, to your 1st priority mobile phone number and email address. This link takes you to the online booking system, here you will be able to select a time convenient for you.

Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue.
3. On the booking page click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking.

If you have any queries then please contact the school office. Thank you.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Measles

Given the sudden surge in measles cases in the West Midlands over the past few weeks please read the attached guidance. Please take action to prevent the spread of this very dangerous disease if necessary. Thank you.

Tamworth Tennis

Children in KS2 had an assembly this week which was presented by Matt Bode from Spittal Bowls and Tennis Club. The tennis club is offering a six week coaching session for children, which includes the six lessons and equipment at a reduced price. If you are interested please open the attached flier and use the QR code to access the deal.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK ONTO ONE OF THE EXCITING SESSIONS BELOW

YOUR INTRO TO TENNIS

VENUES
SPITAL BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB
WIGGINTON ROAD
B79 8RH
&
TAMWORTH CASTLE GROUNDS
RIVERDRIVE
B79 7ND

TUESDAY 5PM RED TENNIS AGES 5 TO 8 6TH FEBRUARY TO 12TH MARCH	FRIDAY 5:30PM RED TENNIS AGES 5 TO 8 9TH FEBRUARY TO 15TH MARCH	SATURDAY 9AM RED TENNIS AGES 5 TO 8 10TH FEBRUARY TO 16TH MARCH
THURSDAY 5PM ORANGE TENNIS AGES 8 TO 11 8TH FEBRUARY TO 14TH MARCH	FRIDAY 6:30PM ORANGE TENNIS AGES 8 TO 11 9TH FEBRUARY TO 15TH MARCH	SATURDAY 10AM ORANGE TENNIS AGES 8 TO 11 10TH FEBRUARY TO 16TH MARCH

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- BRANDED T-SHIRT
- BALLS
- ACTIVITY CARDS
- LANYARDS
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Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights

The Families' Health and Wellbeing service were in school earlier this week to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme.

There will be a re visit on MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 to complete the height and weight measurements on any child who was absent for the first visit. If this relates to your child you will have received a further email with full details.

If you do not want your child to take part you MUST opt out, we have the opt out forms available in the school. Thank you.

Winter

Please be aware that at times the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. **Parents and Carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times.**



It is imperative that pedestrians do not walk across the car park at any time. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

Emergency Closures

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

[Staffordshire School Closures](#)

[St Gabriel's School Closure Procedure](#)

Coats

Can I ask all parents and carers to make sure your child brings a coat to school?

The weather has been very cold. The number of children without coats in school at times is shocking. THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CO OPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

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. We currently have 184 followers. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Archie
RHK/AD	Jokubas
1KG	Louis
1NH	Oliver
2LG	Ava
2NT	Avalon
3CC	Kaiden
3SO	Robbie
4HB	Maya
4LM	Mason
5VN	Gwen
5SM	Jasmine
6AC	Ethan
6BF	Jack



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

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. All we ask is that you bring your own carrier bag.

Struggling with energy debt?

Individuals and families can apply for grants to clear domestic gas and electricity debts. Before applying to the Trust you must get money or debt advice first. The British Gas Energy Trust would encourage you to contact your local Money Advice Agency for help before applying for a grant. If you get advice, this will help your chances of a successful grant application.

Click [here](#) to find your local advice centre or find online debt and money information at [turn2us](#), [Step Change](#) and [Citizens Advice](#).

Criteria that must be met to be eligible:

- Have energy debt up to £2,000 and have a credit energy account OR use a Pre-Payment Meter in your main residence and the energy account must be in the name of the applicant
- You live in England, Scotland, or Wales
- You have not received a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust within the last 2 years
- You must be seeking a grant to clear an outstanding debt on a current or open gas, electricity or dual fuel energy account in your name and the energy account must relate to your main residence.
- You have electric and/or gas debt
- You must be in or facing Fuel Poverty
- You have received help from a money advice agency

FAMILY PRACTITIONER SERVICE PARENT SUPPORT

The Family Practitioner Service is currently taking referrals from schools for the following support sessions they are running: -

- **Teen Parenting Programme** - this is a six-week programme for parents and carers of 11-17 years old. It covers communication, home rules, safety, peer pressure and how to manage challenging situation. A course started on the 10th January but, there will be further courses running.
- **Young Parents Support Group** - over an 8-week rolling cycle a range of topics will be explored to help teenage and first-time parents including; child development, sleep routines, feeding and weaning, play and interaction, childhood immunisations and health, financial advice and budgeting and looking after yourself. Babies and toddlers are welcome at these sessions. This currently runs every Wednesday afternoon from 12.30 - 2.30 pm

Please contact Mrs McKay in school if you are interested in any of these courses.

BELGRAVE CLUB PARKING - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note the following changes to parking arrangements at Belgrave Club.

- **ANY PARKING PASSES ISSUED BY SCHOOL ARE NO LONGER VALID**
- ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) will be in operation controlled by Parkingeye
- Unfortunately, at this stage, we have not been provided with any other information regarding the new terms and conditions
- Any parents/carers choosing to park at Belgrave Club are strongly encouraged to check parking terms and conditions directly with the Club

Parking

The council have now placed wooden posts on the grass verge on the side of Wilnecote Lane to prevent parking there.

You will also note that Staffordshire Police have provided us with some signage to encourage parents and carers not to 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.
- 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.

We have received complaints from several businesses situated on the Seaton Industrial Estate: *"Over the past several months, we have noticed an increase in parents parking their vehicles on our industrial estate while dropping off or picking up their children from St Gabriel's School. While we understand the importance of ensuring the safety of students, the overflow of vehicles onto our property has become a persistent problem. This unauthorized parking disrupts our daily operations in several ways:*

1. *Restricted Access: Parents' vehicles block access to our service entrances and parking spaces designated for our employees and clients. This impedes the timely delivery and shipment of goods, leading to delays in production and customer service.*
2. *Safety Hazards: The additional traffic and congestion caused by parked vehicles on our estate create safety hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. This jeopardizes the well-being of our employees and visitors.*
3. *Business Disruption: The disruptions to our operations have a negative impact on our productivity, and it also reflects poorly on our reputation when we are unable to meet our commitments to clients due to these parking issues."*

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.

Catholic Virtues - COMPASSIONATE and LOVING

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be Compassionate and Loving.

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



Dates for your Diary

February

Sun 4 th	Sacred Heart School Led Mass 9.00am
Tues 6 th	PARENTS EVENING 3.40pm-6.30pm
Thurs 8 th	PARENTS EVENING 3.40pm-6.30pm
Fri 9 th	School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm
Weds 14 th	Ash Wednesday - MARKS START OF LENT
Mon 19 th	School re opens for all 8.50am Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights - catch up visit

March

Weds 6 th	SACRAMENT OF FIRST CONFESSION - Sacred Heart 6.00pm
Thurs 21 st	Tempest Photography - Reception and Y6 Vista (Year Group) photos
Fri 22 nd	Mass for End of Term in School Hall 9.15am. School closes for Easter NOTE school closes at 1.30pm by decision of School Governing Body
Sun 24 th	PALM SUNDAY
Sun 31 st	EASTER SUNDAY

April

Mon 8 th	School re opens for all 8.50am
Mon 29 th	INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

May

Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th	} KS2 SATS - ALL Y6 PUPILS <u>MUST BE IN SCHOOL</u> FOR EACH OF THE 4 MORNINGS
Sat 18 th	
Fri 24 th	SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm

June

Mon 3 rd	School re opens for all 8.50am
Sun 9 th	Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart
Weds 19 th	Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos
Mon 24 th	INSET DAY 4 - School closed for join training with Tamworth and Lichfield Catholic Schools

July

Tues 2 nd	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm led by Canon Paul McNally
Fri 19 th	Mass for End of Term in School Hall 9.15am School closes for end of academic year NOTE school closes at 1.30pm by decision of School Governing Body
Mon 22 nd	INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

February 1st - Feast of St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Amen.

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan" Blessed Carlo Acutis

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher