

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Catholic Virtues - GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

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

Pupils are growing to be GRATEFUL for our own gifts, for the gifts of other people and for the blessings of each day; and GENEROUS with our gifts, becoming men and women for others.



## Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

**Open Morning**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**9:30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon**

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming school where:  
We pray together, care for each other and learn together \* We feel safe and respected  
We try to do our best \* Everyone is treated fairly  
We have fun with our friends \* With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

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## Friends of St. Gabriel's

Please note the AGM - Annual General Meeting will take place after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

New or potential committee members are encouraged to attend. Please come along if you think you can help in any way. More info to follow.

Thanks to Mr Agnew, Mrs Devlin, Mrs Josebury and others in the background who quietly do lots in their own time for the additional benefit of children at this school.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



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

## Season of Creation 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023



# SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

Throughout the Season of Creation events will be taking place across the world to celebrate and promote the key message of valuing, caring for and protecting our common home and all who live in it.

The Season of Creation is celebrated by many different Christian denominations as well as people of other faiths as well. In the Catholic Church the Season is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si' and many of the events will be promoted and organised by the Laudato Si Movement which is a worldwide organisation which works to promote the message and ethos of Laudato Si.



## Let Justice and Peace Flow

This year the theme for the Season of Creation is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow.' The symbol for this year is a 'Mighty River.'

Prophet Amos cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

1KG	Kaion
1NH	Emilia
2LG	Max
2NT	Florence
3CC	Riley
3SO	Liberty
4HB	Khloe
4LM	Dominik
5VN	Tommy
5SM	Jakub
6AC	Maja
6BF	Travis



Well Done Readers of the  
Week!

### 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. 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 councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you.

### Parking at Belgrave Club

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

Please always abide by the club rules:

- Only designated parking spaces are to be used. Do not park in staff spaces.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines, hatched areas, in front of bottle banks
- Please park with care and avoid hitting the perimeter fence when parking
- Please obey the speed limit in the car park at 5 mph
- Please adhere to the one-way system around the car park
- Please do not leave rubbish behind. Rubbish should be taken away and disposed of correctly.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- Bike/scooters are not permitted to be used on the car park at any time
- Random checks of parking passes will commence after October Half-Term.  
Registration numbers of cars without a passes will be recorded.
- Any verbal abuse towards committee, members and staff will not be tolerated
- CCTV in operation.

### 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.

### Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

The blue bin will be outside the office as of next week, ready for donations for the Christmas Fayre. We kindly request any gift bags that might be lying around the house, all shapes and sizes are gratefully received, also any unwanted gifts for the secret room. This can include anything like toiletry gift sets, new socks, mugs, purses, perfume, jewellery or even a jigsaw!

Thank you.

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> September	St Francis of Assisi Open Evening 6.30pm-9.00pm
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> September to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	St Francis of Assisi Open Mornings 9.00am-12noon
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> September to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Alton Castle Trip Year 6 - <b>NOTE: Coach leaves school @ 9.40am</b>
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Sacramental Enrolment Meetings at Sacred Heart Church 6pm First Holy Communion - <b>Parents only</b> 7pm Confirmation - <b>Parents only</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Whole School Mass @ Sacred Heart 9.00am - Mass of Commitment for Sacraments Y3 and Y6
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 parents
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of St. Gabriel's AGM
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.40pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School re opens for pupils

Lord,

Help me to forgive those who have hurt me  
and have sinned against me.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
I can choose to love free of bitterness and anger  
over what others have done to me.

Help me to release them into your hands,  
and heal the wounds of my heart.

Because you have forgiven me,  
I can make the choice to forgive others  
and live in peace, joy and freedom.

Amen

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher