

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

Electronic Questionnaire for Parent Views

The questionnaire closes later today. Thank you for all the submissions and comments.

Secondary School Applications

Please be aware that the closing date for Secondary School Applications is 31st October 2023, applications can be made at [SECONDRY ADMISSIONS](#) . If applying for a Catholic School, please be aware that proof of baptism/reception into the Church must be produced and normally an additional form is required to be completed and sent to the Catholic Secondary School. Do make sure that ALL applications are submitted by cut off days. To miss these could place your preference of secondary school in danger. Thank you.

Get ready to party!!! School Disco Wednesday 8th November 2023

The Friends of St Gabriel's would like to invite all children to the first disco of this school year. This will be held at school on Wednesday 8th November.

Reception and KS1 children from 4.45pm -5.45pm

KS2 children from 6pm-7pm.

You should have received a letter which children brought home earlier this week. Please complete the attached form and bring along on the evening of the disco when you drop off your child(ren). This will help with queuing times.

Cost is £3 per child or £7 for families of 3 children or more and will include drink and sweets.

We look forward to seeing some great dance moves and lots smiles with your friends

Thank you, The Friends of St Gabriel's

Sacrament of Confirmation

We have just had confirmation from Fr. Michael of the date. Canon Paul McNally will lead the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm on Tuesday July 2nd 2024.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Reading Books

Please could we remind you that home reading books need to be returned to school on a **Monday** morning. This allows us enough time to change reading books, in time to go home with the children on Wednesday. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Virtues certificate - Grateful and Generous

This half term our Virtues have been '**Grateful and Generous**'

Grateful for our own gifts, for the gifts of other people, and for the blessing of each day;
and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.'

Two children from each class have been congratulated in assembly this week for the way they have put the virtues of gratefulness and generosity into action this half term:

Class	Showed they were grateful and generous by:
RK	Ronnie is grateful for God's gift of creation, including his Mummy and Daddy. Ida is generous with her kind words to her friends and teachers.
RC	Leo has a lovely knowledge of God's creation and loves to share this with his friends. Lucas is grateful for his friends and is generous in his play.
1KG	Evie is grateful for God's wonderful creations and loves to tell us all about them. Kaion is so generous with his kind words and thoughtfulness.
1NH	Oliver is a generous friend, always taking the time to help his friends and make them smile. Lana is grateful for her lovely friends and shows them she appreciates them with her kindness.
2NT	Maksymilian and Harlow have been sharing their time and resources with others.
2LG	Ava is very generous and helpful, she always has lots of patience with her peers in class. Max is grateful for his learning in school and always listens attentively and joins in with discussions.
3CC	Florence is a generous friend to all - she is so kind and helps people when they need it. Marcel is grateful and he has wonderful manners to showcase this.
3SO	Maisie for always helping her friends. Emi for being kind to her friends and grateful to come to school.
4LM	Zoe was generous when she helped a homeless person who didn't have anything. Martha was grateful for the teachers in this school who help us to learn.

4HB	Elena is grateful for being alive. Romeo is generous with his time. He is always available for a friend in need.
5SM	Jenson has been very grateful about what God has given us. He is very generous with his patience and friendship. Layla is very generous with her time - she is always willing to help others with work or with sorting any issues out.
5VN	Franc and Poppy have been generous with their kindness to all other in the class. They are loyal friends and offer support to others around them. They have both been incredibly grateful to the children who they have been working with.
6BF	Eva is generous with the way she helps others in class. J'Ron has been grateful to others by using his excellent manners.
6AC	Josh has shown how grateful he is to adults around the school by using his manners and teaching others when they should be grateful for God's gifts of creation. Emily has been generous with her time. She has supported pupils in our class and in Year 5 with their reading and she has helped Ks1 with saying the Rosary.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Remzi
RHK/AD	Harrison
1KG	Callie-Anne
1NH	Harrison
2LG	Zach
2NT	Frankie
3CC	Kaia
3SO	JJ
4HB	Freya
4LM	Kadey Mae
5VN	Gabriella
5SM	Gian
6AC	Harry
6BF	Jessica



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Important Safety Reminder

BIKES AND SCOOTERS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES for the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you.

Coats

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

It is October now and the colder, wetter months are ahead. The number of children without coats in school at times is shocking. **THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CO OPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.**

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.

Belgrave Club have asked us to remind parents and carers that if the car park is full they need to seek alternative parking off site & not use staff spaces, disabled spaces & yellow gridded areas. We would also ask that you park according to the Club rules, as requested. The parking facility at Belgrave Club is a valuable service to school and we would hate to lose this facility due to inconsiderate parking. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

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.

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.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Safety Plan was due to end in March 2024 however the current plan needs to be extended until the end of 2024 to ensure the four year cycle of the plan aligns with the four year term of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC).



Staffordshire Fire & Rescue need your support, they want to get the views of as many people as possible and are therefore encouraging members of the community to complete their survey (link below) Any members of the community completing the survey will be included into a prize draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher.

The survey will run until 26 November, [click here to complete the survey](#), a copy of the draft Safety Plan document is attached.

Many thanks for your continued assistance and support (On behalf of the Eastern Service Delivery Group / Tamworth Belgrave Fire & Police Station)

Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

The blue bin is now outside the office, 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.

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.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 26 th October	Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.50pm
Fri 27 th October	School finishes for half term
Mon 6 th November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 7 th November	School re opens for pupils
Weds 8 th November	Year 6 National Memorial Arboretum Trip School Disco Reception and KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm KS2 6.00pm-7.00pm
Weds 15 th November	Y3 Hams Hall Trip
Fri 1 st December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

'A new command I give you:

Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'

Luke 13: 34-35

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher