

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am - Remembering our shared history

As we have done for many years, the children will observe a period of silence tomorrow, Friday morning, to recognise Armistice Day on 11<sup>th</sup> November and Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We will think back to the first Armistice Day - 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, and the many lives sacrificed in the past so that we can have our freedom today. Please talk to your children at this time, about the significance of this in our history and in our lives.

## Catholic Virtues - Faith Filled and Hopeful

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are striving to be FAITH FILLED in their beliefs and HOPEFUL for the future.



## Holy Souls

November is the month of Holy Souls.

We remember all those who have died, through the Feast of All Saints on 1<sup>st</sup> November and All Souls on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We remember all our loved ones who have died, at this time. We also try to remember those who have died, who have no one to pray for them.

## Sacred Heart Church

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

Please be aware of the opening times of the café at the Sacred Heart. A pleasant space with a wide range of food and drink available.

## Message from The Governing Board - Parent Governor Vacancies

Co Chair Mr Vernon writes - The Governing Board at St Gabriel's now has 2 vacancies for Parent Governors. We will be sending out a letter next week with information on how to apply, what the role entails and additional details around what happens if we need to run an election. Being a governor is a rewarding volunteer experience and allows you to bring your skills and knowledge to the board, while at the same time learning from others and contributing positively to the governance of the school. Please keep an eye out for further communications very soon.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



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

### Free Parent Webinar on Building a Resilient Family

Please find details below of a free webinar hosted by Role Models and Presented by Laura Kay - Head of Character Education at Role Models.

Topic: **How to Build a Resilient Family** When: **29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 07:30 PM**

A 45-minute webinar followed by Q&A, exploring how to build a resilient family in the modern world. Ideas shared are relevant for parents of children of all ages.

*What you'll learn:*

- Why resilience is such an important skill to foster in your family in 2022.
- What it means to be resilient.
- Ways to develop resilience.
- How embedding resilience can support your family.

**Register in advance for this 45-minute webinar:** [Register Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar.

### Supporting us - supporting your child

As parents and carers you send your children to us to be educated and to prepare them for their future, the world of work and how to behave and act.

You would of course expect us to remind children when their behaviour falls short of what is expected. When a teacher does speak with a child, deals with a child or gives advice, support your child by not allowing them to dwell on that issue. Trust in us is important. Encourage resilience in your child by encouraging them to learn from their experience and to move forward positively. Thank you.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Harry T
1RJC	Ellie
1KG	Lulu
1NH	Georgie
2BL	Elias
2NT	Evan
3CC	Elsie
3LH	Martha
4HB	Jacob
4LM	Joshua
5SM	Sebastian
5ST	Ella-Grace
6AC	Connor
6BF	Matthew



**Well Done Readers of the  
Week!**

### **Resilience/Independence**

Do encourage your child to organise themselves properly each morning. Encourage them to carry their own bag and belongings. Talk to them about organising their belongings, so they are not misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Attendance**

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

### **Twitter**

Currently we have 80 active followers, a substantial increase from last week. We would love more followers! Parents who have taken the easy steps to follow our account have enjoyed seeing some lovely moments of every day school life captured through this means. In order to follow the school Twitter account please:

1. **Make a request via Twitter AND**
2. **Ensure that you email [twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk) confirming your personal twitter details so that we can then approve your Twitter request.**

This process ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

### **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 from mother and toddler groups to free courses as well as job and training opportunities. It also provides information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks. There will also be 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.

### **Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2023 - closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January**

The application system opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 for September 2023 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online system will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### 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

Please join their Facebook page and keep up to date with events being run by the Friends of St. Gabriel's.

[www.facebook.com/friendsofstgabriels](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofstgabriels)



### Parking

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly. **BOTH THE LOCAL POLICE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE HAVE TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT "IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PARK OUTSIDE A SCHOOL ENTRANCE OR IN A WAY THAT BLOCKS EMERGENCY SERVICES". THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO CONCERN SOME PARENTS.**

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.

### 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.

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



**OPEN MORNING ADDITIONAL SESSION**  
**FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
**9.30AM-10.30AM**

This is aimed particularly at parents/families who may be thinking about St. Gabriel's for their child in September 2023. If you know of any family member or friends who might be considering us then please encourage them to come. This is a valuable opportunity to view the school during the working day.

We pride ourselves on good relationships and the care given to our pupils.  
We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre Year 2 Mass 9.15am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning - Additional Session 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school Mass for start of Advent Sacred Heart Church @ 9.00am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non Uniform Day - Bring bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm more information to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service Sacred Heart Church @ 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Carol Service Sacred Heart Church @ 6.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass for end of term (led by Year 5) 9.15am Break up for Christmas holidays 3.20pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Pupils and Staff return to school

May eternal light shine on them O Lord, with all your Saints forever.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher