

# Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Confirmation - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Congratulations to the 35 children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening.

Thank you to the families who attended the Sacred Heart.

It was a prayerful and moving celebration.

Particular thanks to Mr Fowler and Miss Cunningham in their work of preparation.

Thanks to the staff attending for help in arranging and organising.

Thanks also to Bishop Steven, Fr. Michael, Fr. Ramesh and the parish team for a beautiful celebration.

## Staffing arrangements 2023/2024

Teacher arrangements will be as follows, current 2022/2023 teachers are in brackets:

Reception	<b>Mrs Keeling 3 days</b> <b>Mrs Dancey 2 days</b>	RK	<b>Mrs Coakley</b>	RC
Year 1	<b>Mrs Hughes</b> (Current RC)	1NH	<b>Miss Gamon</b> (Current RK)	1KG
Year 2	<b>Miss Townsley</b> (Current 1NH)	2NT	<b>Mrs Geens</b> (Current 1KG)	2LG
Year 3	<b>Mrs O'Hanlon 3 days</b> <b>Mrs Hogg 2 days</b> (Current 2NT)	3SO	<b>Miss Caswell</b> (Current 2BL)	3CC
Year 4	<b>Mrs Morgan</b> (Current 3LH)	4LM	<b>Mrs Buckroyd</b> (Current 3CC)	4HB
Year 5	<b>Mrs Nicholson 3 days</b> <b>Mrs Holmes 2 days</b> (Current 4HB)	5VN	<b>Mrs Minton</b> (Current 4LM)	5SM
Year 6	<b>Miss Cunningham</b> (Current 5SM)	6AC	<b>Mr Fowler</b> (Current 5ST)	6BF

### **School Games Mark**

We are delighted to announce that we, St Gabriel's, have once again achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Indoor athletics Y5/6 Tamworth champions
- Indoor athletics Y3/4 Tamworth champions
- Indoor athletics Y5/6 county champions
- Wow Active Fitness Champions
- Runners-up girls football competition
- Competed in various sports: dodgeball, cricket, netball and multi-skills.
- Young leaders helping to organise games for children in both key stages.

With a large amount of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mr Fowler, Mr Birtwistle, Miss Cunningham, Miss Hanrahan and Miss Caswell for helping to organise, supervise and train children for different events.

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

### **Sponsored Mary Walk**

School Council has organised a Sponsored Walk for all pupils from Years 1-6 during the week of 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July.

Each class will spend 30 minutes WALKING around their KS1 or KS2 playground and record how many laps they do.

You have been emailed a Sponsor Form. All sponsorship money raised should be paid in via ParentPay, we CANNOT accept any cash.

Pupils will need to WALK, not run, and not cut corners of the playground.

We will announce the class who completed the highest average laps at the end of term.

Money raised will go towards a new Mary statue for our Prayer Garden.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Buckroyd.

### **Choir concert**

Mrs Taggart writes. On Tuesday 11th July at 2pm, the choir will showcase what they have been learning in a mini-concert. It should last around 40/45 minutes. There are no tickets but space dictates that 2/3 attendees per child in choir would be ideal. The children will be dismissed as normal. Thank you.

### Non Uniform Day - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July the children can wear non uniform, we are requesting bottle donations for the Summer Fayre. Thank you.

### Summer Fayre Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 11.00am-1.00pm - Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

We are looking for cake donations for the Summer Fayre, can any families help with this? If you are able to help please can they be dropped in to the school office on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Thank you.



Second-hand School  
Uniform Sale

We will be running a second hand uniform stall at the Summer Fayre, this will be a chance for parents to get rid of their unwanted items and in turn, get some uniform at a fraction of the price of buying it new. If you have any spare uniform please consider donating it. The blue bin is now outside School reception for any donations. Thank you.

Please join their Facebook page and keep up to date with events being run by the Friends of St. Gabriel's [HERE](#)



### Reception September 2023

A number of reception places for our September 2023 remain available.

If you know of a family member or friend recently moved into the area, please ask them to make contact with us.

### Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Owen
RAD	Noah
1KG	Zofia
1NH	Maksymilian
2BL	Konrad
2NT	Nikodem
3CC	Khloe
3LH	Rosa
4HB	Lola
4LM	Marilyn
5SM	Mark
5ST	Zuzanna
6AC	Alex
6BF	Caleb



Well Done Readers of the  
Week!

## Attendance

Parents of children with attendance below 90% have been written to recently.

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

Current attendance for the school year so far

Overall 94.83% (5/9/22-23/6/23)

R - 93.19%	Y3 - 95.91%	Y6 - 94.83%
Y1 - 93.23%	Y4 - 95.29%	
Y2 - 95.37%	Y5 - 95.40%	

Attendance overall, as shown above, is slowly creeping upwards.

We need to improve the attendance of our pupils, particularly our youngest pupils. Thank you.

## Enrichment Activities and Attendance

It is really encouraging to see the amount of enrichment activities the children are attending at weekends and evenings and this is something that we actively encourage for every child.

However, we are noticing more and more that after these activities, children are not attending school because they are over-tired.

Whilst we fully appreciate that children will be tired, it is important to ensure that their attendance at school is not affected. Additionally, it is an ideal opportunity to build resilience, as we all recognise that there are things we need to do, as adults, even when we are over-tired!

I would really appreciate your support and understanding with this issue.

## Parking

Local Councillor Paul Thompson and a representative of the local police team visited school on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Developments are expected as a result.

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 police will be following this up. Thank you.

### **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, mother and toddler groups, free courses, job and training opportunities, information for parents of children with additional educational needs along with opportunities available to them for example short breaks and also 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

### **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.

### **Safe Haven**

**Safe Haven is a Crisis Cafe** situated at Sacred Heart Church, for people aged 18 plus with mental health problems. This service will run between 5pm to 11pm Wednesdays to Fridays and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and Bank holiday 1.30pm to 9pm.

Safe Haven will provide a safe, supportive, and therapeutic environment helping individuals in their recovery through promotion of self-empowerment and independence. It will be relaxed, informal and supportive, considerate of risk and safety, but focused on de-escalation and recovery. Safe Haven are currently looking for volunteers, for more information email

[Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk)

### **Heart of Tamworth Community Shop**

The community pantry at Sacred Heart has regular deliveries of good quality, fresh food. All of the food is in date but sometimes has a shorter date than others and so needs to be distributed quickly. You are more than welcome to pop down to have a look. There is a Facebook page HOT Community Shop where you can keep up to date with availability.

### **Summer Tennis Camp 2023**

**Venue:** Spital Tennis Club, Wigginton Road, Tamworth, B79 8RH

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

**Dates:**

**Week 1;** Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August

**Week 2;** Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September

**Age:** 4 to 16

**Book** [HERE](#)

If you have any questions please contact [matt@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:matt@micro-sports.co.uk)

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Catholic Virtues

This half term's Virtues are **Intentional and Prophetic**. This children and staff at St. Gabriel's will be growing to be intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Violin Concert @ The Coton Centre am
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Transition @ St. Francis of Assisi, children travelling by coach
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	NON UNIFORM DAY - Bottle donations for the Summer Fayre please
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 11am-1pm - ALL WELCOME
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 @ St. Francis of Assisi by coach
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir music concert in the School Hall @ 2pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	REPORTS sent home
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	"Meet the new Teacher" sessions 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am - Parents welcome to attend
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Mass for end of term and end of school year 9.15am Children finish for Summer ** NOTE - Separate email from Governing Board, School closes @ 1.30pm

*God our Father,  
Today you give us the joy  
of celebrating the Feast of the  
apostles Peter and Paul.  
Through them your Church first received the faith.  
Keep us true to their teaching.  
Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher