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Dear Parents and carers

Headteacher appointment for 01.09.2024

On Thursday 21st March, following a full day of tasks, presentations and interviews, Mr Bright was appointed to the position of Headteacher.

The governing board are delighted with their appointment.

I hope you will join me in congratulating Mr Bright and wishing him well for the future, as he takes up the Headteacher position on 1st September 2024.

Non Uniform Day for Father Hudson's Care, Friday 22nd March 2024

All Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham have been encouraged to raise funds for Father Hudson's Care. You can find out more about their work at [Father Hudson's Care](http://FatherHudsonsCare.org.uk)

Thank you for the donations received from the non uniform day on Friday 22nd March 2024, to date we have collected £166.83. It's not too late to make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay. Thank you.

Year 5 - Cross Country

Children from year 5 took part in a cross country competition before the Easter break at Rawlett High School. It was a very well attended event with 150 children taking part from primary schools across Tamworth.

Both the girls and boys teams did very well in their races and should be very proud of their efforts in a very tough race. Well done to the boys team who finished second overall - what a great achievement!

The team was: Neive, Izabella, Jacob C, Franciszek, Riley, Jacob E, Josh, Gwen, Piotr, Gabriella, Tymon, Sebastian, Grace, Harriet, Erin and Layla. Many thanks to Mr Fowler for training the children and supervising them at the event.

Thank you again to Mr Fowler, for organising another different opportunity for another group of children to experience.

Sacred Heart Church

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

You have a tremendous Catholic parish in Tamworth. If you are not aware of this - go along to the Sacred Heart Church, attend Holy Mass or just visit their website. There are lots of ways for people to get involved with so many various groups. Be brave and try it.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation - and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the [routine childhood vaccinations](#), so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record, known as the 'red book', or contact your GP practice.

Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days.

It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the GP practice or A&E.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](#).

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Sara
RHK/AD	Amara
1KG	Imani
1NH	Harrison
2LG	Emily
2NT	Hannah
3CC	Alicja
3SO	Rosie
4HB	Eva
4LM	Lucas
5VN	Clayton
5SM	Neive
6AC	Nikola
6BF	Shael



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

X (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. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you.

Parking

Parking continues to be an issue, please be reminded of the following:

- *Please do not 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.*
- *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.

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.

Shampoo, toiletries, soaps, sanitary products are all available. Please just ask us. All we ask is that you bring your own carrier bag.

Catholic Virtues - ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



Dates for your Diary

APRIL

Mon 29th INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Weds 17th Year 3 Retreat Day at Sacred Heart

MAY

Mon 6th MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 7th Y5 Trip to Harvington Hall

Mon 13th to } KS2 SATS - ALL Y6 PUIPILS MUST BE IN SCHOOL FOR EACH OF THE
Thurs 16th } 4 MORNINGS

Sat 18th SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
(Miss Caswell @ 10am & Miss O'Hanlon @ 12.00)

Fri 24th School closes for HALF TERM 3.20pm

JUNE

Mon 3rd School re opens for all 8.50am

Sun 9th Parish SUMMER FAYRE at Sacred Heart

Weds 19th Tempest Photography - individual, family and Pre School photos

Mon 24th INSET DAY 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

JULY

Tues 2nd SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm celebrated by
Canon Paul McNally

Thurs 18th Y6 Leavers Assembly - School Hall 9.15am Y6 Parents and Carers welcome

Fri 19th Final Mass for End of Term led by Y6 - School Hall 9.15am

School closes for end of academic year

NOTE school closes at 1.30pm by decision of School Governing Body

Mon 22nd INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy,
praise the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Alleluia.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes
Headteacher