

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Thank you**

Thank you for comments, gifts, cards and emails to staff over the past few days.

Staff do not expect gifts, but your many beautiful comments of thanks are very gratefully received.

## **Mr. John White RIP**

Please note the funeral for John White is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Horse Shoes Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham. B26 3HU.

May Fr. Michael's Dad John, rest in peace.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## **Mass for end of school year - tomorrow Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9.15am**

We will all join together for celebration of Holy Mass, from 9.15am led by year 6. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

## **Mrs Rose**

Mrs Rose has resigned from her post at school.

This will bring to an end 11 years working at St. Gabriel's, since September 2012. Most of this time has been spent supporting children in Early Years.

We thank Mrs Rose for her work over the years and wish her a happy and healthy time ahead.

## **Edward and Ward New Catering Provider - Meal Price increase from September 2023**

The school have been charged 4p per meal less than the majority of schools but our new catering provider have advised us this week that all schools will be charged the same price from September 2023. Therefore, for parents who currently pay for pupil meals the price per meal will increase from £2.79 to £2.83 on 05/09/23.

Please find attached an updated Edwards and Ward menu, which will come into effect from September.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER



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

## 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.



## Sponsored Mary Walk

Well done to all the children for taking part in the Sponsored Walk and for the money raised. Both Year 6 classes won the Sponsored Walk Challenge with an average of 34 laps!! We have received £539 in sponsorship money so far, we will leave the payment option open on ParentPay for any last minute sponsor money, this will be used in September to purchase a new Mary Statue. Thank you for your support, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Buckroyd.

## Mrs Taggart writes

I am going to be offering private tuition in English, maths, piano and music theory in September as well as running a Youth Choir at Tamworth Assembly Rooms at 5pm on a Tuesday and one for adults at a venue/time to be decided. If you would like more information on any of the above, please email: [office@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk) and leave a number for me to call you back or look up my new page on Facebook [Sharon Taggart - Tuition](#) and send a direct message on messenger. Thank you, Mrs Taggart.

## Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Logan
RAD	Darci-Blue Vivien
1KG	Scarlett
1NH	Thomas Austin
2BL	Alicja
2NT	Vittoria
3CC	George
3LH	Isabella
4HB	Wiktorina
4LM	Jakub
5SM	Teresa
5ST	All of them! Every last one!
6AC	Dominika
6BF	Dawid



**Well Done Readers of the Week!**

### **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**

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

### **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 [HERE](#)



### **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.

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Mass for end of term and end of school year 9.15am Children finish for Summer <b>*** NOTE - Please see previous email from Governing Board, <u>SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 1.30PM ***</u></b>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY 1 - School closed to pupils.
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return

Wishing you a happy and safe time ahead over the summer period. Take care and mind yourselves.

*God of hope, love and joy*

*We thank you for what we have been given throughout this school year.*

*Bless us all and let us find refreshment in the time ahead.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

*John P Hayes*

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Headteacher