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Dear Parents and carers

Sacrament of Reconciliation

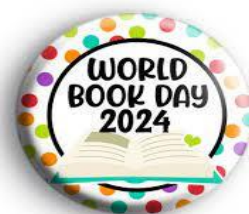
Well done to those year 3 children who made their First Confessions last night.

Thank you to Miss Caswell, Miss O'Hanlon, Mrs Hogg and the staff who attended.

With thanks also to Fr. Michael, Fr. Ramesh, Fr. O'Brien and Alex Parker for their input.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2023 - Mrs Hughes and Miss Cunningham write.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations today and it was lovely to see so many of them dressed up in their favourite character costumes or relaxing with a book in their pyjamas or loungewear. It was also a pleasure to see so many of you in school, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having you join them to share a story. Well done to all the children who have created a Story Stone character as part of their Home Learning. We have been absolutely delighted with the wonderful, creative stones the children have produced and can really see the thought, time and effort that has gone into making them. The children have really enjoyed sharing their stones with each other in school today. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Congratulations to the following children, who have received the book prize:

Class	Name
RC	Remzi N
1NH	Arabella Z
2NT	Marcel B
3CC	Freya B
4LM	Martha S
5SM	Jasmine B
6AC	Bella T

Class	Name
RK	Harrison C
1KG	Darci-Blue W
2LG	Olaf L
3SO	Liberty O
4HB	Leon L
5VN	Orla NL
6BF	Daniel A



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Sacred Heart Church

Keep up to date with what's going on in your parish [HERE](#) Please see below for exciting information about how our parish will be marking Lent this year:

Actions during Lent

There is a lot of encouragement this year to simply know God better through prayer. We always have fasting and almsgiving too, but this year there will be a special emphasis on prayer. Here is what is on offer:

- Nightly rosary, prayed on the parish Youtube channel at 8pm every evening - just 15minutes each night for Lent.
- An excellent prayer app called Hallow. The parish has paid for all parishioners to get this through Lent. We have paid £200 so that you will get it for just 75p each. It offers all sorts of ways of helping us pray, with daily reflections too.
- Daily Mass, plus Friday Lenten soup lunch in support of CAFOD - 12 noon Mass at St John's.
- Homilies on prayer for the first Sundays of Lent in which we are encouraged and taught how to pray.
- Walk With Me Booklets.
- This year we will also have Bible Alive booklets available with more scripture and prayer.
- Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

Prayer Bags - From Mrs Minton and Mr Bright

Each class has a prayer bag that the children will be bringing home during Lent. This is an opportunity to spend a short time as a family praying together.

Please ensure you read the information in the bag as the bags vary depending on what year group your children are in. When you have the prayer bags please support your child in writing or drawing a prayer on the heart to return to school to put on our Lenten Prayer Tree. We ask that you ensure the bags come back to school ready for the next child to use. Please feel free to share any photos of your prayer set ups or prayers on our [padlet](#)

CAFOD Walk Against Global Poverty

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent?

This Lent CAFOD are launching their Walk Against Global Poverty campaign:

Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out Global Poverty, one step at a time.

You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give Global Poverty its marching orders.

If you would like to find out more about Walk Against Global Poverty please visit:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>



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	Elsie M
RHK/AD	Ronnie
1KG	Khloe
1NH	Zachary
2LG	Harlow
2NT	Eddie
3CC	Vishmee
3SO	Macie B
4HB	Alanna-Mai
4LM	Zoe
5VN	Lucas
5SM	Leo
6AC	Freddy
6BF	Ruby



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

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.

Winter

Please be aware that at times the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school.

Parents and Carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

[Staffordshire School Closures](#)

[St Gabriel's School Closure Procedure](#)



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. All we ask is that you bring your own carrier bag.

Mon 22nd INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put
ourselves at the centre;
rather, let us try to step aside
to make room for others,
to promote them,
and to rejoice in their qualities and successes.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher