

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Mass of Enrolment for Sacraments - Sunday 2nd October 9am @ Sacred Heart

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the meetings held by the parish this week. Children and families are being encouraged by Fr. Michael to attend the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 2nd October, where Year 3 and Year 6 pupils will lead the readings, prayers and music. If for any reason they cannot attend the 9.00am Mass, the parish encourage attending one of the other Masses in the parish at the weekend.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU AT MASS ON SUNDAY.

More information on the many activities going on in your local parish can be found [here](#)

Non Uniform Day - Friday 30th September (tomorrow)

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Rob Vernon, is running the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October. All funds raised are in aid of Children with Cancer UK - helping children and young people with cancer to ring the bell. We will be holding a non uniform day tomorrow, Friday 30th September to help with the fundraising. Voluntary contributions can be made directly through Mr Vernon's Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roblondon22>

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.

Catholic Virtues - Compassionate and Loving

This half term, the children and staff at St. Gabriel's are growing to be Compassionate and Loving.

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



Friends of St. Gabriel's - Annual General Meeting - Friday 14th Oct 2022 @ 3.30pm

This meeting will take place in school, at the end of the school day. Can I encourage any parent who might wish to get involved in fundraising for the school to come along?

Current post holders Mr Vernon, Mrs Joesbury, Mr Agnew and Mrs Vernon will attend but new members would be very welcome and are needed.

A number of the people holding key positions in the group feel that a fresh start is the ideal time to step down and make way for new faces and new ideas. The group will therefore be looking to find a new chair and new trustees of the charity, if possible.

No previous experience is necessary and full support will be given to anyone wishing to join or take on these roles. As a fundraising body for the school, the Friends of St. Gabriel's can only continue with these and other key roles filled. Thank you.

Alton Castle

On arriving back from their 48 hours away the 55 children seemed to have really enjoyed their trip. Thanks again to Mr Fowler, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Devenney, Mr James and Miss Shackles for attending. They take on the additional responsibility of all the supervision and organising for no extra pay. Thank you to them all for making this great opportunity possible.

Thursday 6th October 2022 - School Census Day

Please note that Thursday 6th October is school Census Day.

The Universal Infant Free School Meal Grant received by schools is based on school dinner uptake on that day. **With this in mind, please encourage your child to have a school dinner on Thursday 6th October, especially if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.**

The kitchen will be serving All Day Breakfast (see poster attached) on Census Day. Thank you.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Noah
1RJC	Owen
1KG	Harlow
1NH	Rosee
2BL	Evie
2NT	Vittoria
3CC	Eva
3LH	Sebastian
4HB	Sebastian
4LM	Dollie
5SM	Maja
5ST	Zuzanna
6AC	Logan
6BF	Saskia



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Twitter

Currently we have 48 active followers, could we double this? 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 make a request via Twitter **AND** ensure that you also email twitter@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk with your twitter details so that we can approve Twitter requests. This ensures our account stays safe. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

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.**

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.

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.

Break Time Snacks

As part of our healthy school policy all Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit during morning break time. For older children or if your child prefers to bring in their own snack, please ensure it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit. For health and safety reasons please avoid sending the children into school with fruit that contain stones e.g. cherries. If your child is bringing in grapes, can these please be cut in half. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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. 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.

Parking at Belgrave Club

The club will continue to offer the facility of parking for parents/guardians. Please be aware that the cost for use of the car park remains at £5.00, per car, for the school year (club members are free - see below).

Parking permits must be clearly displayed at all times. Parents/guardians who are club members are asked to collect their passes from the club during opening times.

Please abide by the club rules:

- Only designated parking spaces are to be used.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines, hatched areas, in front of bottle banks
- Please park with care and avoid hitting the perimeter fence when parking
- Please obey the speed limit in the car park at 5 mph
- Please adhere to the one-way system around the car park
- Please do not leave rubbish behind. Rubbish should be taken away and disposed of correctly.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- Bike/scooters are not permitted to be used on the car park at any time
- Random checks of parking passes will commence after October Half-Term.
Registration numbers of cars without a passes will be recorded.
- Any verbal abuse towards committee, members and staff will not be tolerated
- CCTV in operation.

Parents/guardians who require a parking pass via the school - Please complete and submit the request form which can be found on the school website Parent Information/Belgrave Parking Pass

https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/web/belgrave_parking_pass

The school office will notify you via text when the pass is available for collection.

Please have the correct money when collecting your pass.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO COLLECT PASSES UNTIL NOTIFIED.

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.

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OPEN MORNING Friday 7th October 2022

9.30am - 10:30am 11am - 12 noon

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 30 th September	Non Uniform Day - Voluntary donations to Children with Cancer UK - please see link above for Just Giving page
Sunday 2 nd October	Mass of Enrolment for Sacraments - Sacred Heart 9am All children making Sacraments in Year 3 or Year 6 are encouraged to attend with families
Friday 7 th October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Friday 14 th October	Friends of St.Gabriel's AGM 3.30pm
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Thursday 20 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 21 st October	School finishes for half term
Monday 31 st October	INSET DAY 2
Tuesday 1 st November	School re opens for pupils

Today is the Feast of the Archangels, St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel.
We pray the prayer to St. Gabriel.

Dear St. Gabriel

Remembering how God trusted you as his messenger
to bring the Good News to Our Lady and the world,
We are proud to have you guide our learning journey.
Pray for us, that we like you,
may become messengers of God.
Help us, in our words and actions,
to become models of our Gospel Virtues
and professors of our faith.
Amen.

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher