

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

Monday 29th April 2024 - INSET DAY 3

A reminder that Monday 29th April 2024 is an inset day, the school will be closed to all pupils.
Thank you

Reception and Year One Mass in School - Friday 3rd May

With their teachers, our Reception and Year One children will be helping to lead Mass in school on Friday 3rd May. The Mass will be at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend.

Year of Prayer

We were delighted to see that the children's wonderful art work and reflections on the Our Father has been featured in the Universe Catholic Weekly! Well done to the children for helping others to engage with the Year of Prayer!

St Gabriel's embraces pope's Holy Year call

Children at St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School in Tamworth have embraced the Year of Prayer.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics around the world to observe 2024 as a "Year of Prayer" in preparation for the Holy Year.

As part of the school's Year of Prayer work, each year group took a different part of the Our Father and responded to it through art.

The display involved all year groups at the school, from Reception to Year Six.

The teachers and children have been working on their artwork over recent weeks as part of trying to

pray more deeply during Lent.

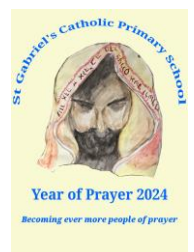
To showcase the work, the school has produced a PowerPoint presentation, and when viewed as a slideshow, you can hear the school's Ministers of Faith praying the Our Father.

The Ministers of Faith are Year Six children who help to organise and lead prayer and liturgy opportunities in school. They also meet with visitors to school and talk to them about how pupils are living as disciples of Jesus.

Additionally, the school has created a St Gabriel's Year of Prayer logo, based on a piece of artwork created by a Year Six pupil. The logo is to be developed into a prayer card.

Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham have developed a variety of initiatives to mark this Year of Prayer.

Some have displayed the words of the Our Father to reflect the languages spoken in their school; creative displays express what is meant by the petitions, and Stay & Pray sessions with parents to explore the Our Father have taken place.



Swimming Gala

Children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala last Thursday at the Snowdome in Tamworth. The children, who took part, did very well competing in their races and cheering on their team mates throughout the gala.

Seventeen primary schools took part in the competition and we finished a very respectable eleventh place, thanks to the teams efforts. The team was: Georgia, Darcie, Neya, Izabella, Lauren, Edward, Josh, Haitham, Marcus, Oliver and Maksymilian.

Many thanks to Mrs Townsley and Mr Fowler for organising and supervising the children at the event.

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Harry
RHK/AD	Sofia
1KG	Vivien
1NH	George
2LG	Michalina
2NT	Austin
3CC	Emmerson
3SO	Ben
4HB	Lucas H
4LM	Nylah
5VN	Clayton
5SM	Mia E
6AC	Oliwia
6BF	Flynn



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Important Safety Reminder

BIKES AND SCOOTERS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES for the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you.

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.

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.

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](#), 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 or contact your GP practice. It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age.

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. 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](#). 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.

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.

Dates for your Diary

APRIL

Mon 29th **INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

MAY

Fri 3rd **Reception and Y1 Mass** - School Hall 9.15am. Parents and Carers welcome.

Mon 6th **MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Tues 7th **Y5 Trip to Harvington Hall**

Mon 13th to } **KS2 SATS - ALL Y6 PUPILS 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**

Fri 5th **** SUMMER FAYRE - 3.30pm-5.30pm ** More info to follow.**

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**

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.



*"Jesus knows and loves us.
If we remain in Him,
we should not fear because
every cross will be transformed in to resurrection,
every sadness into hope,
end all mourning into dancing."
POPE FRANCIS*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher