

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

Catholic Virtues - ATTENTIVE and DISCERNING

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

Pupils and staff are growing to be ATTENTIVE to their experience and to their vocation; and DISCERNING about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.



Friday 10th November 11.00am - Remembering our shared history

As we have done for many years, the children will observe a period of silence tomorrow, Friday morning, to recognise Armistice Day on 11th November and Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 12th November. We will think back to the first Armistice Day - 11th November 1918, and the many lives sacrificed in the past so that we can have our freedom today. Please talk to your children at this time, about the significance of this in our history and in our lives.



Sacrament of Confirmation

We have just had confirmation from Fr. Michael of the date. Canon Paul McNally will lead the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm on Tuesday July 2nd 2024.

Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2024 - closing date 15th January

The application system opened on 1st November 2023 for September 2024 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2024, please make sure applications are submitted.

The easiest way to apply is online [HERE](#)

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024



SCHOOL
MEMBER



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

Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Keeva
RHK/AD	Sofia
1KG	Louis
1NH	George
2LG	Zofia
2NT	Esme
3CC	George
3SO	Jacob
4HB	George
4LM	Mason
5VN	Natan
5SM	Harry S
6AC	Josh
6BF	Daniel



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

Reading Books

Please could we remind you that home reading books need to be returned to school on a **Monday** morning. This allows us enough time to change reading books, in time to go home with the children on Wednesday. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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.

Coats

Can I ask all parents and carers to make sure your child brings a coat to school?

It is November now and the colder, wetter months are ahead. The number of children without coats in school at times is shocking. **THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CO OPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.**

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

The council have now placed wooden posts on the grass verge on the side of Wilnecote Lane to prevent parking there.

You will also note that Staffordshire Police have provided us with some signage to encourage parents and carers not to 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.
- 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.

We have received complaints from several businesses situated on the Seaton Industrial Estate:

"Over the past several months, we have noticed an increase in parents parking their vehicles on our industrial estate while dropping off or picking up their children from St Gabriel's School. While we understand the importance of ensuring the safety of students, the overflow of vehicles onto our property has become a persistent problem. This unauthorized parking disrupts our daily operations in several ways:

- 1. Restricted Access: Parents' vehicles block access to our service entrances and parking spaces designated for our employees and clients. This impedes the timely delivery and shipment of goods, leading to delays in production and customer service.*
- 2. Safety Hazards: The additional traffic and congestion caused by parked vehicles on our estate create safety hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. This jeopardizes the well-being of our employees and visitors.*
- 3. Business Disruption: The disruptions to our operations have a negative impact on our productivity, and it also reflects poorly on our reputation when we are unable to meet our commitments to clients due to these parking issues."*

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.

Parking at Belgrave Club

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

Belgrave Club have asked us to remind parents and carers that if the car park is full they need to seek alternative parking off site & not use staff spaces, disabled spaces & yellow gridded areas. We would also ask that you park according to the Club rules, as requested. The parking facility at Belgrave Club is a valuable service to school and we would hate to lose this facility due to inconsiderate parking. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Message from the Friends of St. Gabriel's

The blue bin is now outside the office, ready for donations for the Christmas Fayre. We kindly request any gift bags that might be lying around the house, all shapes and sizes are gratefully received, also any unwanted gifts for the secret room. This can include anything like toiletry gift sets, new socks, mugs, purses, perfume, jewellery or even a jigsaw! Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

Weds 15 th November	Y3 Hams Hall Trip Y4 Bikeability
Mon 20 th November	Y5 to Belgrave Fire Station AM - Safe and Sound Workshops
Fri 24 th November	Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate donations for Christmas Fayre
Mon 27 th November	Y5 Bikeability
Tues 28 th November	Y5 Bikeability
Fri 1 st December	Non Uniform Day - Bring bottle donations for Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm
Sun 3 rd December	Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.00am, led by children of St. Gabriel's
Thurs 14 th December	KS2 Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm
Mon 18 th December	Reception Christmas Nativity in School Hall 9.30am
Tues 19 th December	KS1 Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm
Weds 20 th December	Christmas Dinner
Fri 22 nd December	Mass for End of Term in School Hall 9.15am NOTE - School <u>CLOSES</u> at 1.30pm
Mon 8 th January	School re opens for all

Month of the Faithful Departed

*Through the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls in November,
we remember all family members and friends who have died.
May the souls of the Faithful Departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

John P Hayes
Headteacher