



*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*

**St Gabriel's Catholic  
Primary School**

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## Mass Times at St Gabriel's Church

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 11:30am

All are welcome

## Key Dates

Thurs 22 Dec School closes

Mon 9 January 2023 school  
opens

Wed 25 January 'Music' Day

Fri 17 Feb school closes for half  
term

Mon 27 Feb school opens

# The Messenger

Thursday 22 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We draw a close to the end of term to celebrate the joys of Christmas. I must say the last two weeks have been especially wonderful to see the children celebrate through their performances and with such joy. The change in our approach this year to celebrating with Rec/KS1 and KS2 performing in school has been a real joy to see and well received by you as parents. Thank you for supporting us and for all your kind words shared afterwards, they mean so much to us.

Thank you also for your kind gifts you and your children have shared with us. At this current time re the 'cost of living' we are even more indebted to your kindness. Thank you for your relentless support over the past year.

*From all of us at St Gabriel's, we wish you and your family every blessing over the Christmas season and a joyous new year.*



**Mass Times at Christmas, St Gabriel's Church**

**Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve**

3pm Children's Mass

6pm Carol Service followed by 6.30 Vigil Mass Sunday

**25th December Christmas Day**

9.30am Mass and 11am Mass

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Welcome](http://StGabriel'sCatholicPrimarySchool>Welcome)  
([stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](http://stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk))

### Designated Safeguarding

Lead: E J Byrne;

Deputy DSL: Mrs C Stevenson;

Chair of Governing Body:

Michael Mitchell

Governor responsible for

Safeguarding: Mrs Kirsty

Shenton

[Cheshire East Safeguarding](#)

[Children's Partnership - Live Well](#)

[Cheshire East](#)

### **Lunchtime Support** **Vacancies (2)**

If you would be interested in working with us, 1 hour per day please contact the office, or go to vacancies on the school website.

## Fundraising

Our fundraising total for this term alone is an incredible £4999.84!!! In any normal pre-pandemic/cost of living year we might reach this figure over the year, but in a term shows the support and generosity of you all who have supported events this term. Thank you so much!

A breakdown of events and funds raised include Hot Chocolate sales £174; Chinese Auction £761, event at Duke of Gloucester £811; Christmas market stall £169, Christmas card sale £467; KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances £1673 and the Disco £745. These are incredible efforts to raise such vast amounts so a heartfelt thank you from me and the school must be shared. Thank you.

A special mention for Heidi Schauer who raised £106 for her sales of tree decorations being sold at the school disco. Heidi designed the decorations with her grandad in the summer holidays in preparation for Christmas. So, another big 'Thank you' to Heidi for such a wonderful idea and fundraising total.

Our teams of Y6 conducting their 'Business Enterprise' project raised a total of £197.22 for their efforts. Charities chosen to benefit include Cancer Research, Make-a-wish, Ronald McDonald House and Team Trees. Well done Y6 for a tremendous effort!

## Our Attendance this Autumn Term 2022.

class	%	Red/Amber /Green	Key
Reception	95.9	Green	Red: Must improve
Year 1	94.0	Amber	
Year 2	93.9	Amber	Amber: could be better
Year 3	95.5	Green	Green: Great
Year 4	93.9	Amber	
Year 5	94.3	Amber	
Year 6	94.9	Amber	
Whole School	94.4 +	Amber	

Well done to Rec and Y3 who kept their 95+% for the term. So many colds and flu infections have impacted this term. Let us hope January sees the end to those bugs!!! 😊.

## Food Bank Appeal



Thank you to all that have donated to our appeal. We will continue to collect when we return when the bank will be at their most needy. Thank you all for your generosity.

## COMPETITION WINNERS

Stephenson Browne estate agents in the village ran a bauble competition in the village this December and...

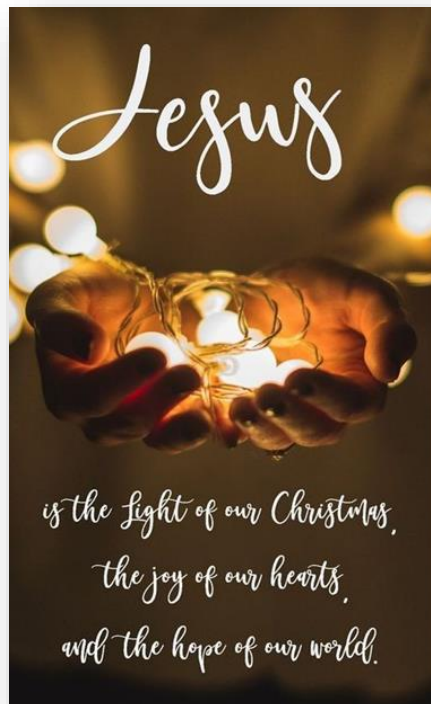
The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizewinners came from St Gabriel's!!!  
Congratulations to Arthur Dickenson and Thia Ledger.

Whoop! Whoop!

## Reminders

**ASM** will be running their holiday club at St Gabriel's from 3-6 January for anyone that requires it. [Holiday Clubs – School Sports Coaching | ASM Sports | Stoke on Trent](#)

**ABSENCE** If your child is absent please report by using the absence line leaving a message, or via the website on school spider or email [astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) . Please do not report via Class Dojo as messages may not be picked up in time.  
Thank you.



Merry  
Christmas  
everyone,

With love from St  
Gabriel's.