



'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

Sculpting Workshops 24/5 May

SCHOOL CLOSED 26 May

SPORTS WEEK- 19-23 June

SPORTS DAY: 22 June

Y4 @Savio House 28-30 June

The Messenger

Friday 19 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Not sure where this term is going but we are racing through May, and it is half term next week!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy communion last weekend. A wonderful day, we were fortunate that Bishop Mark was able to concelebrate mass with Fr Tony to share the joy of the Holy Sacrament. The children looked amazing and took a full part in the mass through reading, singing and bringing the gifts to the altar. We were really proud of them all. Thank you!

Visitation of Bishop Mark



Last Friday we were visited by Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury. He had a tour of the school, and visited each class after sharing a very special assembly with the children and staff. We discovered it was Bishop Mark's birthday (along with Sebby in Y5!) so we sang and presented him with a birthday cake to celebrate, here presented with said cake with Mrs Stevenson. Fr Tony reported to us Bishop Mark was really pleased with the

welcome he received and heartened by the visit. He thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

Online Safety

Always a useful prompt re keeping your children safe online.

We are currently seeking to invite police representatives to come and talk to parents regarding this vital topic.

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ALSAGER FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Next week. Please donate food items you can spare in readiness for the half term approaching. Please bring to the office. This is one of the ways we can truly live out our mission... to 'care for each other and God's entire world'.

Thank you in advance!

Attendance and Lateness:

Our attendance figure for the school currently stands at 95.6%. That's in line with schools nationally, however our target is always 96%, and we consistently achieve that and above. Please note the table below.

Yearly attendance	Days lost learning	Equates to
95%	9	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	29	Nearly 6 weeks
80%	38 days	Nearly 8 weeks
75%	48 Days	Nearly 10 weeks

As you can see, good attendance will give your child every opportunity to maximise their learning. Our pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us, and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment.

The number of pupils arriving late after 8:40 is also steadily creeping up. Please be on time for the start of day as registration and learning begins at 8:40. Children who arrive late may feel uncomfortable having to walk in late to their class before their peers and may miss some key information. Just 5 minutes late each day means 3 whole days lost each year. I understand mornings can be hectic in trying to get everything ready but let us please make a huge effort for the remainder of this term to reduce the number of lates. We can do this. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

One of the points raised from the parent survey carried out in January was the chance to have face-to-face consultations and have a summer meeting. The March consultations were always planned to be in person, and we have also set a provisional date for consultations next half term which will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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Children's Partnership - Live Well
Cheshire East

Assemblies

We were fortunate over recent weeks for classes to perform for parents at their class assemblies. Reception delivered a poetry assembly where the children recited from memory the work they had been looking at, and they were brilliant! Y4 delivered their musical extravaganza on St Paul, again beautifully whilst Y3 devoted their work to St Bernadette. Our children continue to show how well they achieve with events like this before school and before their parents and grandparents. These are the days they will remember more. Thank you for your excellent support in attending these.

Coronation picnic

The weather held for us leading up to the King's coronation so that we could celebrate with a picnic on the field. The children had a glorious day in their red, white and blue colours celebrating this historic event.

Sports Day

We are holding a Sports Week this year in the week beginning Monday 19 June. Events will include a GB athlete visit and fundraiser, an assault course for all classes to engage in, and also including our annual SPORTS Day which will be held on Thursday 22 June (weather permitting) further details on timings for this day will be confirmed asap.

Tennis

Well done to our Year 4s (left) who took part in a tennis competition last night at Alsager Tennis Club. The team spirit was fantastic and each player gave 100%! It was amazing to see your skills develop and you certainly did St. Gabriel's proud! Don't you just love the headbands! Well done everyone!

And finally, but most importantly. . .

Prayer Bags

The following children have taken prayer bags home today:-

Reception – Isla Elliot

Year 1 – Elena Nicklin

Year 2 – Sophie-Mae Allt

Year 3 – Alexei Nelson

Year 4 – Heidi Schauer

Year 5 – Mia-Lilly Clare

Year 6 – Aioibhe Hearnshaw