

# The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that supported our coffee morning, earlier today, and for all of the cakes that were donated. A charity close to so many of us, your support was greatly appreciated. A final figure will be shared with you as soon as we have collated.



We had a CAFOD visit this week from Mr Phil Mayland who spent Monday and Tuesday with us this week. Beginning with an assembly, he spent time in each class discussing with the children Catholic Social Teaching values and how we can carry out God's work in our daily lives. It sounds quite a meaty topic of 'values,' however these are things we as a school and you as parents promote every day tying in nicely with our mission for the year 'Be Kind Anyway.' The children were so responsive, and all engaged so well and enthusiastically. Phil said 'It is clear we have a wonderful school here, and he thoroughly enjoyed his time with us.

Next week sees our first parent consultations of the new year. Check times on school spider via the website and we will look forward to seeing you there.

With every blessing E

J Byrne.

## St Gabriel's School Council 2023-24

Congratulations to our elected school councillors for the coming year. We cannot wait to get started.

Representing Reception – Amelia Payton	Year 4 – Logan Oxton
Year 1 – Freya Roberts	Year 5 – Heidi Schauer
Year 2- Elijah Voce	Year 6 - Archie Burns, Archie Christie-Reid and Victoria Nelson
Year 3 – William Keating	

### Harvest Collection

We will continue to support the Alsager food bank, so if you do have items you can donate, please do so. We are approaching the Harvest season and we will be collecting as usual so any items can be dropped off in the porch. The support the foodbank continues to provide is invaluable to so many families, so a big thank you to all who continue to help and have helped.



## Peter's Pennine Challenge

Some of you may well know Mr Peter O'Hagan, often seen on the school run with Margaret his wife his and grandchildren, and Dad to Mrs Schauer. He has recently carried out a huge, a 268 mile walk from Edale (in the Peak District) to Kirk Yetholm (Scotland), walking the Pennine Way, and returned safely! He's completed this to raise money for the British Heart Foundation after being diagnosed with a chronic heart condition 12 months ago. With the help of the British Heart Foundation and the local cardiac unit he is able to manage his condition and fulfil a lifelong wish of being able to walk the Pennine Way. If anyone would like to acknowledge this wonderful achievement, tell him next time you see him (!) or even donate to his just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/peterspenninechallenge>

### Landscaping/Garden design

**Thank you to those parents who have offered their time to talk and meet. Much appreciated.**

*If any parent knows anything about landscaping and has contacts who may be able to help the school, please contact Mr Byrne via the email contact or phone details below.*

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class	% 18-22 Sept	% since September
Rec	96.1	94.0
Year 1	97.7	95.2
Year 2	93.3	91.3
Year 3	96.3	93.9
Year 4	97.0	93.9
Year 5	95.7	92.4
Year 6	98.3	93.3
Totals	96.3	93.4

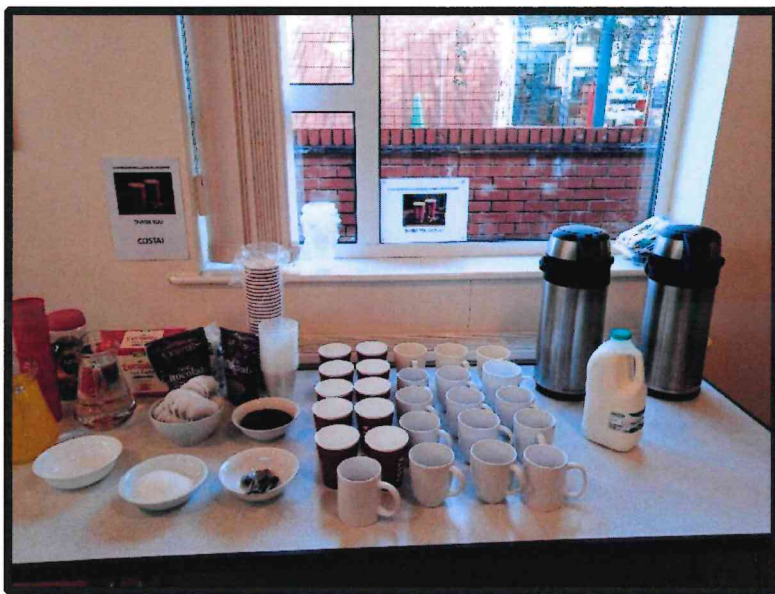


Good attendance is a key factor to your child's learning. Our attendance rates are really strong with last years attendance 95.6, just above the national average. We aim for 96% each year and track this throughout the year. So far only one class is meeting the 95% and above indicator. There are always bugs and infections at the start of the year which shows us having made a slow start... so let us hope we can

have the next few weeks 'bug' free! Our weekly class attendance trophy is looking for a new home!!! 😊

### Forthcoming Dates

<b>October</b>	
Wed 4	School Open Morning 9:15 (for new parents' children starting Sept 24)
Thurs 5	School Photographs Parent Consultations 2-6pm (appointments now live)
Wed 11	One Life visit/ day of prayer and reflection
Mon 16	Orienteering courses installed and launched Tues and Wed to children
Fri 20	School closes for half term
Clocks go back on Sunday 29 October at 2am	
Mon 30	School closed for INSET
Tue 31	School opens
<b>November</b>	



*A BIG Thank you to the Alsager COSTA team who kindly donated cups for the coffee morning today. Thank you so much! The total raised will be shared once all monies have come in.*

*Contact us:*

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**Chair of Governing Body:** Michael Mitchell

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