

The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term descends upon us this week, which seems to have flown by rapidly. We've had a great start to the term with so many good experiences, with just in the past 2 weeks a jazz ensemble played for us, and we have tried our hands at orienteering within the school grounds. The children again have been amazing in joining in and trying their hands at some new skills! Y5 and Y6 were particularly brilliant this week in supporting our younger children in Reception and Year 1 with their newly found skills! Our new Reception children have started so well this term and have been great at showing how well they've settled. We've also received an assembly from Fr Tony and had two open mornings for new parents considering St Gabriel's for their child's education. It's been a hectic term for all, so we wish you all a wonderful half term. (Remember the clocks go back next weekend!)

With every blessing

E J Byrne.

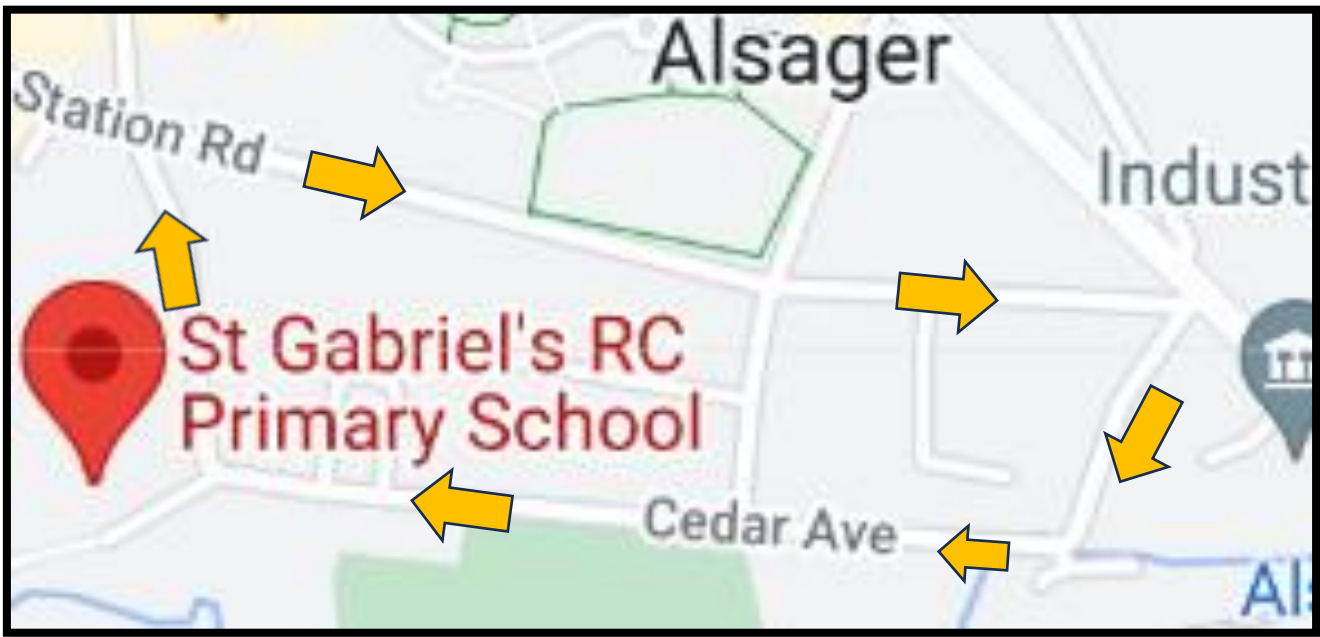
Mrs Allison Rice-Birchall

Sadly, leaves us today after 27 years' service to the children and families of St Gabriel's. She is relocating to the Lake District, so the commute to school is a little too far (apparently 😊). She has been a real heartbeat of St Gabriel's, has held many roles and taught in each year group. We will miss her dearly but wish her every joy and happiness in her new chapter.

£418-61 raised at our coffee morning recently for Macmillan. WOW! Thank you so much for your support in attending and supplying the cakes 😊.

Parking

I understand and have seen for myself some of the issues with parking and traffic most mornings and drop off times. Please park considerably and safely. We have used an 'unofficial' I-way system for many years which can help the traffic flow. See diagram on next page.) To approach the school, please follow Cedar Avenue and then you can exit driving up Well Lane towards Station Road. Thank you. Parking further away and walking may actually be quicker in some cases. We are looking to improve the road markings and we will be able to zone off areas very close to the school to avoid vehicles parking and obstructing the flow of traffic. There is no immediate solution sadly, but we can just be mindful of the difficulties and the need to keep everyone safe, children, parents, pedestrians and residents.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS	
Class	% since September
Rec	93.1
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	93.4
Year 3	97.7
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	94.2
Year 6	97.1
Totals (average)	95.6

We've got off to an ok start as a whole school average with some classes making a wonderful effort producing a high half term average, notably Year 3 and Year 6!

😊 It does only take 1 or 2 children to have a lower attendance which can affect the whole class average.

We are monitoring attendance closely.



**ST THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Excellent news from St Thomas

More this week...the school is the top performing school in Cheshire East for progress, and position 3 for their attainment. What an outstanding achievement by pupils and staff! Just brilliant!

Forthcoming Dates	
October	
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
November	
Wed 1 Nov	Y4 visit Chester
Thu 2 Nov	Bronze Ambassadors with Y2 at Alsager School
Thu 9 Nov	Reading and Phonics evening for new Reception Parents 6pm
Fri 10	Y6 Remembrance Assembly 9:15
Wed 15	Enrolment Mass 6pm (Y3 children making Holy Communion next year)
Thu 23	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 24	Stoke City 7's Community Assembly

St Gabriel's Safeguarding Champions 2023-24

Congratulations to our Y6 children who went through an application and interview process for this particular role. Well done to Mia-Lily, Joel, Ezra, Victoria, Jamie and Amelia who will form this year's team. They will be presenting an assembly to the school next half term!

Thank you to Mrs Lusher for organising a 'Hot Chocolate' sale this evening after school 😊

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