

# The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half-term if you were able to... and found some relaxing time with your families. Clocks have gone back, the rains have come with storm names so Autumn is well and truly upon us! Which all means an exciting term ahead for us at St Gabriel's, we have celebrated All Saints Day on Wednesday this week, we also have Diwali dance workshops today for (Y2, 4 and 5) ahead of Bonfire Night this weekend. Y4 had an amazing day out in Chester on Wednesday too as part of their History studies into the Romans. So, our first week back has certainly been event-filled as we approach the forthcoming seasons of Remembrance and Advent too. Y6 will be leading us in the Remembrance assembly next Friday, ahead of the weekend.

Wishing you all a wonderful 'Bonfire Night' weekend, keep safe!

With every blessing

E J Byrne.

## Parking

The closure of Station Road has not helped us at all really in trying to minimise congestion. This is compounded by non-school traffic using Well Lane and Cedar Avenue to by-pass the closure. The signage suggests a further week of closure so hopefully this time next week we will see some progress completed. You will have noticed our new signs outside school and on the car park (near the entrance gate) which have already we believe made a difference and brought about more considered parking. Comments have been positive so far (!) from parents and residents too 😊. The planned I-way (unofficial system) may have a chance to flow once the works are complete.

The staff of St Gabriel's, St Annes (Nantwich), St Mary's (Crewe) and St Thomas More (Crewe) gathered for mass on Monday afternoon. Led by Fr Nick Kern, at St Mary's Church in Crewe saw our four schools unite for mass to celebrate our shared values and practices in promoting the work we do in our schools towards Catholic Social Teachings. A joyous event bringing us altogether in shared worship.



**St Anne's Catholic Primary School**  
Christ at the heart of all we do



**St Mary's**  
Catholic Primary School and Nursery



**ST THOMAS MORE**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE MATTERS	
Class	% since September
Rec	95.3
Year 1	96.9
Year 2	94.1
Year 3	97.7
Year 4	95.5
Year 5	94.0
Year 6	97.1
Totals (average)	95.9 ↑

Off to a good start this week of the new half term, with 5 out of 7 classes meeting the 95+ national target. The average is rising too near our own 96% target, which is excellent. 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.

## The Hot Chocolate Sale...

before half term raised a super £88.21!

Thank you so very much Mr and Mrs Lusher for making this happen! We are so very grateful! ❤️

## Forthcoming Dates

<b>November 2023</b>	
Fri 3 Nov	Diwali Dance Workshops
Thu 9 Nov	Reading and Phonics evening for new Reception Parents 6pm
Fri 10	Y6 Remembrance Assembly 9:15,Fluenz Nasal spray administered
Mon 13-17	Anti-Bullying Week (including 'Odd Socks Day'- Wednesday)
Wed 15	Enrolment Mass 6pm (Y3 children making Holy Communion next year) Bikeability Year 6
Thu 16	Bikeability Year 6
Thu 23	Full Governing Body Meeting Bikeability Year 5
Fri 24	Stoke City 7's Community Assembly
Sun 26	<b>Alsager Christmas Market (visit St Gabriel's stall)</b>
<b>December 2023</b>	
Sunday 3	Advent begins
Friday 22	School closes for Christmas Holiday
<b>January 2024</b>	
Mon 8	School opens

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