# The Messenger

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Wishing you all a happy and holy
Christmas, and a peaceful new year,
With love from us all at St Gabriel's.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support this term! We greatly value this partnership and the importance it has on your child's experiences at St Gabriel's. Please keep an eye on these newsletters and the reminders we send to keep fully up to date. The website calendar will continue to update with upcoming events and reminders. (scroll down on the home page, and you'll find the calendar tab at the foot of the page) St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: Welcome (stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) or to go directly...

#### St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: Our Calendar (stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for all of your kindness for the cards and gifts too, they are greatly appreciated. Wishing you all peace and love this holy season.

E J Byrne

#### **RE DCSI Inspection**

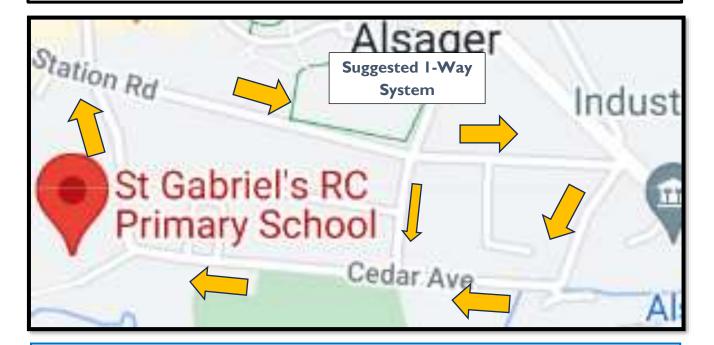
As previously acknowledged, you can find the report here: <u>St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: Catholic Life (stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)</u>



#### St Gabriel's Twitter/X feed...

We are trying to breathe a new lease of life into the feed to give more detail about the life of the school. You can find us at <u>St</u> <u>Gabriel's Catholic Primary</u> (@St\_Gabriels\_Sch) / X (twitter.com) If you already do follow us, check in again and see what we're up to, or if you are new to twitter/X please come and take a look!

# Keeping Everyone Safe



#### **Traffic Flow**

Just a reminder to keep the message alive, please try and operate a 1-way system at drop off and collection times. DO NOT DRIVE down Well Lane. This will help alleviate potential difficulties regarding access.

As always, please take great care.

#### **Before School**

Children must not be dropped off before 8:20 and left without adult supervision. Please remain with your children until the gates open at 8:20. Thank you.

Pre School-News: Such a busy week...We have...

- taken part in the Shining Rays Christmas Singalong at the Civic this week.
- also had a very special Christmas Rhythm time with our families.
- donated to the foodbank and advent calendar appeal. Thank you to everyone that donated items ③
- received a visit from Fr Tony and Deacon Eddie.

Thank you to all of our families that have us and the children this term.

Attendance Matters-	
Autumn Term 2023	
Rec	93.7
Y1	96.3
Y2	93.6
Y3	96.2
Y4	97.1
Y5	94.7
Y6	96.8
TOTAL	95.5

### We are having to monitor our attendance closely.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us on this efforts. Our average for this term keeps us in line but has slowly decreased to 95.5% so we need to raise this to 96% and above for next term. Please see our website for further information. St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: Attendance (stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)

Forthcoming Dates (incl Holy Communion)	
January 2024	Happy New Year!
Mon 8	School opens
Tues 9	Y2 visit Ford Green Hall
Thurs 11	Y6 Residential Information Meeting for Parents 3:20
Thurs 18	Y5/Y6 Hi-5 Netball
Mon 29	Author Visit: Luke Temple
February	
Tues 6	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7	Shining Rays at Young Voices Concert Manchester
Thurs 8	Parent Consultations
12-16	Y6 Residential visit to Stanley Head
Fri 16	Break for half term
Wed 28	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm
May	
Sat 4	Holy Communion Mass 10:00

## **Pupil Collection Times**

Unfortunately, there are several families who are continually late in collecting their children at the end of day. This causes unnecessary distress for the children who are left waiting and impacts on staff here. There will be times when traffic/or an isolated incident may cause lateness so please let us know you are on your way.

# **BREAKING NEWS**: ASM have cancelled their holiday club at St Gabriel's for the Christmas holidays.

They will still have a holiday club at St Thomas' Kidsgrove, from 2-5 Jan. Please see their website asmsports.co.uk <u>Holiday Clubs – School Sports Coaching | ASM Sports | Stoke</u> on Trent for information.

### Christmas Masses at St Gabriel's Catholic Church

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 11:30am Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Eve 3pm Childrens Christmas Mass

6pm Carol Service

6:30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas Day

Monday 25 December Christmas Day 11am Mass

# News from St Thomas More Catholic High School

St Thomas More Catholic High School, Crewe - Home (st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk)

# A new Christmas single: 'Light Up'

And finally... our high school St Thomas More have released their very own Christmas Single. Performed by the pupils themselves and written by their music teacher Laura Stubbs.

See the BBC news story here...<u>Crewe school releases Christmas</u>

single - BBC News



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