

# The Messenger

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

We have had quite a musical week this week with Matt Tidswell, known to us after many years of guitar tuition at St Gabriel's, joined us to deliver workshops to classes. His 'Kids that Rock' workshops enable all children in classes to play along with some contemporary music and some great classic rock intros and riffs. The children were so engaged with their experiences, there was lots of concentration, foot tapping and head rocking to each beat! The wonderful thing here is that all children were able to use a guitar provided by Matt who brought a class set with him, and they were all rockin' to samples of Queen to Metallica, and even 'the blues'. Hopefully, it may have inspired some budding 'Hendrix' and Van Halen's out there! (I am showing my age here!)

Wishing you a peaceful and restful 'FA Cup weekend.' 😊

*E J Byrne*

## Our Pre-School News

A huge thank you to everyone that supported the Pre-School before Christmas, seizing the opportunity to catch Father Christmas before his big night! It was a real joy to see so many children and parents. A total of £384.97 from Santas Grottos Christmas Extravaganza which is incredible! Thank you all for your support and involvement.



## **School Fundraising Update:**

Total raised around Christmas Fundraising over £3700! Many thanks for the wonderful support and enthusiasm! We are planning to hold a fundraising meeting on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30 in the school hall. All are very welcome to attend to share ideas and plan events. If you are unable to attend please email ideas into [astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) where we can discuss at the meeting.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs have begun for this term now, so please check the school website [St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: After School Clubs \(stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk\)](http://stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) here to check days, dates, times etc.

## Forthcoming Dates (incl Holy Communion)

<i>January 2024</i>	
Mon 29	Author Visit: Luke Temple
Wed 31	Grandparents Reading Morning ☺ 8:40am
<i>February</i>	
Thurs 1	School Nurse visit to Reception
Friday 2	NSPCC visit
Tues 6	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7	<b>Shining Rays at Young Voices Concert Manchester</b>
Thurs 8	Parent Consultations
12-16	Y6 Residential visit to Stanley Head
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday (LENT BEGINS)
Fri 16	Y 4 Assembly 9:15 <span style="float: right;">Break for half term</span>
Mon 26	School re-opens
Wed 28	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm</b>
Thurs 29	<b>Class Photographs, Fundraising Meeting 3:30</b>
<i>March</i>	
Thurs 28	Maundy Thursday. School closes for Easter
Fri 29/Sat 30/Sun 1 April	Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday
<i>April</i>	
Mon 15	School opens for Summer Term
Wed17-Fri 19	Y5 visit Standon Bowers Outdoor Ed Centre
<i>May</i>	
Sat 4	<b>Holy Communion Mass 10:00</b>
Monday 13	KS2 (Y6) SATs Week
Thurs 23	School closes for Half Term
Fri 24	School INSET (School Closed)
<i>June</i>	
Mon 3	School opens

# St Thomas More Catholic High School

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



*ALSAGER FOODBANK: Donations welcome into school again (Reception) for this much needed cause. Thank you!*

You will have noticed our new child friendly parking additions. They are there to help the flow of traffic and safe parking. Please be considerate when parking.



## Lost items:

- A pair of ear pods have been handed in, found on the school drive.
- An 'air up' water bottle is also awaiting collection.

Both can be collected via Mrs Stevenson at the school office.

## Joke of the week

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?

Frostbite! 😊

Thank you Thomas Bazell Y6