

The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A hectic week passes with parent consultations and the Shining Rays celebrating the Young Voices concert. Thank you for all of your support at both events. Thank you also for taking the time to complete the school survey as these prove really helpful for seeing where we are as a school and what we can do to improve further. As soon as we gather all the data together, we will give you feedback on the results and actions.

Next week sees Y6 embark on their residential to Stanley Head and also sees us mark the beginning of Lent, Fr Tony leading us in Liturgy on Ash Wednesday.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful weekend.

E J Byrne

Young Voices 2024

Our wonderful 'Shining Rays' sang and danced their hearts out at the AO Arena Manchester on Wednesday of this week. Joining over eight thousand children from other schools from the north west they performed a concert full of different music genres from the 1930's up to the modern day. Rehearsals were underway for several months prior to the event which culminated in a packed arena for Wednesday's performance. Song, dance and just sheer joy all round were present for this spectacular event. I am so proud of all of the children who shared a long day together for our debut at the event. They were absolutely amazing! So much work had gone into making these concerts happen nationally with thirty concerts in total around the country taking place. A big thank you to the staff that joined us on the day to support the children, and a special word of thanks to Mrs Keating who made this event happen for St Gabriel's! Long may it continue!

Sickness

We are experiencing high numbers of a sickness bug across the school, including staff. If your child is sick, please keep to the recommended 48 hrs. period of isolation so that we try to keep infections to a minimum. Thank you!

Forthcoming Dates

February	
12-16	Y6 Residential visit to Stanley Head
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday (LENT BEGINS)
Fri 16	Y4 Assembly 9:15 / Break for half term
Mon 26	School re-opens
Tue 27	Y1 trip to Reaseheath
Wed 28	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm
Thurs 29	Class Photographs, Fundraising Meeting 3:30
March	
Thurs 14	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 28	Maundy Thursday. School closes for Easter
Fri 29/Sat 30/Sun 1 April	Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday
April	
Mon 15	School opens for Summer Term
Wed17-Fri 19	Y5 visit Standon Bowers Outdoor Ed Centre
May	
Sat 4	Holy Communion Mass 10:00
Monday 13	KS2 (Y6) SATs Week
Thurs 23	School closes for Half Term
Fri 24	School INSET (School Closed)
June	
Mon 3	School opens
10 June	Phonic Screening Week Y1
17-21	Sports Week
Wed 26-Fri 28	Y4 visit Savio House (residential)
July	
Fri 19	School closes for summer

'Smartwatches'

Please do not send your child to school with a smartwatch. If the watch has the same capacity as a mobile phone (can make calls, take photographs etc.) then these are not permissible, in the same way phones are not allowed to be used in school*. Thank you.

**(Y6 children travelling to and from school alone can hand them in on arrival, collecting at the end of day)*

School Fundraising Meet

We are planning to hold a fundraising meeting on Thurs 29th 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 where we can discuss at the meeting.

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

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Jokes of the week

Q. Why does Harry Styles have a poor sense of navigation?

A. Because he can only go in One Direction.

(Emmie Poole/Harper Roberson Y3)

Q. Why can't a skeleton climb a mountain?

A. Because they have no guts!

(Nancy Brooks Y5)

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