

# The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term descends upon us with Y6 returning from their residential away this week, ready for rest and sleep no doubt! We were led into Lent this week with Fr Tony and Y5 leading the readings for us, which they did so ably well. They have really shone this week showing real leadership whilst Y6 were away, giving an indication of their role as Y6 ready for next year.

Y4 also celebrated their assembly today with the theme of 'Love' to a filled hall of parents. As always, the children were excellent at delivering their messages through word, song, dance and prayer!

Wishing you a restful and peaceful half term,

[The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

## HOW FAR CAN YOU WALK?



Will you be able to support CAFOD on the BIG Lent Walk? 200km over the 40 days... JUST how far can we all walk together? Letters went Thursday to all, and on website for more info.

## School and Family Agreement

With this newsletter you will receive the 'School Family Agreement' which outlines the expectations of us as a school, expectations of you as parents, and what we expect of our pupils. Hopefully, this will provide some clarity to the questions we get asked from time to time. It forms part of our old 'home/school agreement' which is shared when your child starts in Reception, emphasising the importance we value on the partnership between school and family.

Please ensure Haircuts do not break the uniform policy. Lines, fashion cuts, dyed colours are not permitted. Thank you. <https://www.stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk/page/uniform/14535>

## School Fundraising Meet

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.

## Forthcoming Dates

February	
Mon 26	School re-opens
Wed 28	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15pm
Thurs 29	Class Photographs, Fundraising Meeting 3:30
March	
Tues 5-Mon 11	SCHOOL BOOK FAIR
Thurs 7	World Book Day – Non-Uniform
Mon 11-Fri 15	Science Week
Wed 13	Diocesan Visit
Thurs 14	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tues 19	Y5/6 Swim Gala
Fri 22	Fundraising Auction Evening in school
Thurs 28	Maundy Thursday. School closes for Easter
<b>Fri 29/Sat 30/Sun 1 April</b>	<b>Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday</b>
April	
Mon 15	School opens for Summer Term
Wed 17-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

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

## St Thomas More Catholic High School

[St Thomas More Catholic High School, Crewe - Home \(st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk\)](http://st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk)



### '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)*

### Jokes of the week

- Q. What do you call cheese that isn't yours? A. Nacho Cheese! 😊
- Q. Why don't eggs tell jokes? A. Because they crack each other up! (That's a cracking one!)  
Xander Heywood and Oscar Schirmer (Y5)
- Q. What do you call a nut that travels to space? A. An astronaut! 😊
- Q. Why did the burger and French fries run a marathon? A. Because they are 'fast' food! 😊  
Arabella Brown, Arabella Sweeting, and Carter Leung (Y5)

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