

The Messenger



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It's official! We're rated...

OUTSTANDING

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure you will have all seen the Ofsted report sent last week after we received it on Thursday afternoon. We are delighted to have achieved this outcome, testament to the hard work of all in our community. Only 20% of schools, who previously achieved an outstanding rating, retain that judgement, so this really is huge achievement for us at St Gabriel's. Fitting then, we enter our golden jubilee year in September with much to celebrate. We've had quite a buzz with media keen to share our story. The Alsager 'Nub'

[An Alsager primary school retains 'outstanding' Ofsted grading - for the second time | Local News | News | Alsager Nub News | by Deborah Bowyer](#) produced their story on Tuesday and The Sentinel visited on Thursday. Look out for that one 😊.

So the year comes to a close, all of the children ready to move onto their next step at St Gabriel's and beyond! It's been quite a year for everyone, but one hopefully full of joyful memories.

It leaves me with just the farewells and thanks to share.

Y6: You have been incredible! Thank you. I am so proud of your achievements throughout the year. You will all thrive at your new schools because you had your foundations here at St Gabriel's. Don't forget that, taking that small part of St Gabriel's with you on that journey. You will be missed! Remember to always aim high!

For our wonderful pupils: Thank you for being so enthusiastic and engaging in everything we ask of you. You have brought so much joy to us all this year and we look forward to those new challenges next year too!

For our parents: Thank you for all of your support this year, again in all things asked of you. We really value those relationships and those kind words of encouragement shared. I must also thank you for the many gifts presented to staff this week and post Ofsted. We are really blessed by your kindness.

For our Governors: Thank you for your commitment, time and dedication in working with us, striving to continually improve our school. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

E J Byrne

50 years of St Gabriel's/Pre-School Join

September 2024 will see St Gabriel's celebrate its 50th year since it first opened in 1975. So many pupils have passed through the doors in that time, some of you too as pupils, now as parents, and even some of our staff! It really is a time and a milestone we want to celebrate, especially in light of our recent inspection judgement. We are planning a significant fundraising drive for this year. Please see a parents meeting on 19th Sept and watch this space for more news in September. We end this year with a tremendous amount raised of £9,738.80 (incl donations)



September will also see our Pre-School officially come under the whole school governance of the school. A long time in the making, this transition will see the fruits of the work undertaken in pre-school flourish further working with the school as the 'pre-school' class. A new appointment of Mrs Karen Soutar sees the team develop further in now being part of the school. Exciting times ahead!

Jokes from Connor (Y3) Q. What's a snowman's favourite food? A. Chilli 🍢

Q. What is a monster's favourite dessert? A. Ice Scream

Staffing 2024-25

Class	Staff Teams
Pre-School	Mrs Cookson, Mrs Soutar, Mrs Cartlidge, Mrs Sterio
Reception	Mrs Thorley (Miss Birchenough), Mrs Murphy
Year 1	Mrs Chilton-Jones, Mrs Townson, Mrs Ledger
Year 2	Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Baker, Mrs Chetwood, Mrs Pitchford, Mrs Brown
Year 3	Mrs Maguire, Mrs Jones, Mr Clewlow
Year 4	Mrs Keating, Mrs Brown, Mrs Jones
Year 5	Mrs Schauer, Mrs McKee, Mrs Hall, Mrs Foy
Year 6	Miss Dickenson, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Foy

Forthcoming Dates

July	
Fri 19	School closes for summer
September 2024	
Mon 2	INSET (School Closed)
Tues 3	School opens 😊 8:20 – 8:40 flexible start
Wed 4th	Cross Curricular Orienteering
Thurs 5th	Cross Curricular orienteering
Thurs 19	Fundraising Meeting- All invited time tbc
6 Jan 2025	NB: Change of INSET day for 24-25. New date: 6th January 2025 school will be closed. November 4 th (previous INSET) school will now be open

St Gabriel's ALUMNI: News about our past pupils 😊

We received an unexpected visit from a past pupil this week, Jacob Byatt. Now 18, he dropped in to see myself and Mrs Stevenson, simply to say hello, and offer his thanks to us. Jacob has just completed his A-Levels and wanted to thank us for his years at St Gabriel's, which he puts down to 'giving him the confidence to achieve' in his later years notably being Head Boy at Alsager School. What a wonderful accolade for him and his family!

And further breaking news from Alsager...in the last 24hrs

Alex Schauer (Year 10, past pupil) has been appointed as Head Boy for the coming year too! Another excellent achievement for one of our own. Excellent news Alex!!!

Prayers required...



We were informed this week of a sudden death of a Year 7 student at St Thomas More Catholic High School in Crewe last Friday.

Please can you remember Sam in your prayers during this incredibly sad time for his family, friends and the St Thomas More community.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen*

Supporting Alsager Foodbank With 'The 1 tin challenge'

UPDATE: 200 tins so far with Y1 well in the lead with a fantastic 100 tins. That was in Week 3. This week we have 490 to deliver!!! Thank you all so much! The foodbank will be relied upon greatly in the summer six weeks, with no school open to support with further supplies. So please let's make every effort to support our community... Thank you!!! Donations can still be accepted at the food bank over the summer.

So each class has donated (approximately 😊)

Rec: 141
Y1: 106
Y2: 35
Y3: 22
Y4: 25
Y5: 120
Y6: 41
490!!! A fantastic effort!

With many thanks from The Alsager Foodbank...and also for Ms Humphries and Mrs Davies for their help in making this happen!

St Thomas More Catholic High School

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



ART GALLERY

Our Art Gallery event turned into an amazing time after school. Thank you to everyone that supported by buying some wonderful art work, some raffle tickets or drinks. Thank you to Mrs Chilton Jones and the team of staff that presented the work so creatively and artistically. It really showcased the children's creativity in the designs and portraits they produced. The standard was amazing. **#tatealsager**

CAR PARK: It has come to our attention there was a collision on the car park yesterday morning, whilst the driver and children were still inside the car. We have advised the parent to contact the police for further advice.

As always please be considerate when using the car park, and surrounding roads of our residents. Thank you.

Contact us:

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Designated Safeguarding Lead: E J Byrne

Deputy DSL: Mrs C Stevenson;

Chair of Governing Body: Michael Mitchell

Governor responsible for Safeguarding: Mrs Kirsty Shenton

[Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership \(CESCP weblink\)](#)