

The Messenger



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50 years of St Gabriel's
1975-2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is in full swing again, with plenty happening in the life of the school. We had the teambuilding days, workshops around the stone age and the Egyptians, and also dance workshops linked to books the children have read.

This week also saw us launch our 'Mission' for the year to simply 'be more'. Based on St Oscar Romero's quote of 'aspire not to have but be more' we explored ways we could actively 'be more', in being the best version of ourselves for our friends, school, family and community. We explored the impact of Rob Burrow and his legacy, even when he could no longer play rugby and became struck down with MND, he was still able to fundraise and raise awareness of the condition. This inspired the children to actively think of ways they could have impact... several suggested that we should fundraise for the condition too. Watch this space.

Thank you to those parents who kindly gave their time at the recent fundraising evening to generate ideas and proposals. Some excellent ideas came out of the meeting to help us raise some much-needed funds in these challenging times. A further meeting is planned for Thursday 17 October at 6pm to fine tune activities and begin the planning processes.

Parent consultations took place yesterday, thank you to everyone that attended. If you didn't sign the data collection sheet to approve your contact details, please just see Mrs Ali Stevenson at the school office. Thank you.

Wishing everyone a good weekend!

E J Byrne

If you need to contact the Pre-School: school telephone number option 3

Email: preschool@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk

Forthcoming Dates

October

Mon 7	Governors Finance and Resources Meet YEAR 5/YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY
Tues 15	Open Morning 9:15 YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY
Thur 10	Reception Class parent consultations- SLOTS ON SPIDER
Tues 15	Open Morning 9.15am
Wed 16	Anti-Discrimination Workshops for KS2 with Stoke City FC
Thurs 17	Reading and Phonics Evening for Reception Parents 6pm Parent fundraising evening 2 6pm
Tues 22	Year 5 Viking Day (in school)
Thur 24	School Disco
Fri 25	School closes for half term – Non Uniform Day.

November

Mon 4	School opens/RSPCA workshop
Tue 5	Hot Chocolate fundraiser after school
Mon 11	Y6 Assembly: Remembrance Day 10:45
Thur 14	Enrolment Mass
Mon 25	Governing Board Meet

December

Fri 20	School closes for Christmas break
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January 2025

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.
Tues 7 Jan	School Opens for Spring Term

Open Morning Tuesday 15th October 9:15

For parents applying for a school place in September 2025, looking to see what makes St Gabriel's a wonderful place to be. If you would like to see the school in action including the pre-school, and would like to visit, then come along.

Congratulations to our new school council for 24-25

Isla Jervis (Y1), Lily Cliffe (Y2), Ada Probert (Y3), Emmie Poole (Y4) Fearne Jones (Y5),
Saoirse Hearnshaw (Y6), Xander Heywood (Y6), Clara Davies (Reception Rep, Y6)
Arthur Dickenson (SEN rep, Y6)

Congratulations to our new Safeguarding Ambassadors for 24-25

Nancy Brookes, Arabella Sweeting, Veera Odedra, Lily Lealman, Heidi Schauer,
Arabella Brown (all Y6)

Traffic and Parking

If you are a new parent to St Gabriel's, you will quickly realise that the roads around the school can become congested very easily around drop off and pick up times.

We suggest keeping Well Lane to an 'informal' I-way system whereby entering along Cedar Avenue and driving up Well Lane to the Station Road junction. It isn't perfect but I know if we all follow this it can help avoid further problems with congestion. If a car comes 'down' Well Lane at this time it does cause further headaches. We try really hard to keep disruption to a minimum, thus helping our residents and neighbours. The car parking in Alsager is still free currently with two car parks on Station Road which can be accessed. Thank you for being considerate in what can be very stressful situations.

LUNCH NEWS

Please note the new menu sent out on 30th September starts on Monday. It can also be found on our website :-

[St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School: Our Lunch Menu \(stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk\)](http://stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)

New snack prices:- Toast 20p, Bagel 60p, Drinks 50p.

WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

The Whole School Panto Trip payment is now overdue, if you have not yet paid please make payment by school spider asap or speak to Ali Stevenson in the office

FUNDRAISING NEWSFLASH

Thanks to those who have signed up to the Asda Rewards App we have raised over **£274** now for school, please add St Gabriel's to your Asda Rewards if you haven't already done so and help raise money for school each time you shop.

We're also using a great website called Easyfundraising to help raise money for St Gabriel's.

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and will turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for us.

All you need to do is sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website or App when you're shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Just Eat and more!

Your online **shopping won't cost you any extra** and we'll be really grateful for your donations.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-gabriels-catholic-primary-school>

or scan the QR code on the attached leaflet to sign up.

Our next meeting is on 17th October at 6pm, where we will share the fundraising calendar for the year with lots of exciting events.

Starting with our end of half term disco on 24th October followed by non-uniform on Friday 25th to end the half term. Information to follow.

Thanks to those who supported our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday we raised £255.34 for Macmillan and £152.42 for school fund with the book sale.

St Thomas More Catholic High School

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Designated Safeguarding Lead: E J Byrne

Deputy DSL: Mrs C Stevenson

Chair of Governing Body: Gerard Silverlock

Governor responsible for Safeguarding: Mrs Katie Poole

Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership (CESCP weblink)