



# The Messenger

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*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is SATs week next week for our wonderful Year 6 children. Unfortunately for them, they get to sit the tests for the first time since 2019! They have worked so hard and prepared brilliantly and I am sure they will each do their very best. Please see the wonderful poem at the end of the newsletter. This time next week they can all breathe easy again, and work can focus on their transition to high school. We wish them well.

The following weekend, our Y3 children will be making their Holy Communion at St Gabriel's church. They too have been preparing all year with Mrs Metters and Mrs Stevenson and are ready to receive the Holy Sacrament in what is one of the most special moments in their young lives. Please keep them all in your prayers this week. Wishing you all a warm and sunny weekend!

E J Byrne

## Sports News Headlines

A belated Super Congratulations for our Girls Cross-Country team who took to the track at Alsager school last week. Believing they hadn't won; they were pleased with their overall performance. However, it was the following day we received news that the girls team did in fact win the whole event! Another excellent all round team effort. It should also be noted we had compliments from parents of other schools, who had noticed how supportive we were of each other, demonstrating a wonderful team ethic in encouraging each other. A fantastic achievement by all of our runners.

## REMINDER: Earrings

We are noticing some children have had their ears pierced, please note our sports coaches request earrings are removed for PE lessons. The child should do this/or parent as staff are not permitted to remove them. On a PE day it will be easier to remove them before school and insert immediately after. We always promote piercings are carried out during the summer 6-week break so that on return to school they can be removed easily.

## Forthcoming Dates for diary

<b>2022</b>	
Monday 9 May	<b>SATS Week (Year 6)</b>
Saturday 14 May	Holy Communion Mass 10:00 at St Gabriel's Church
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	<b>School Closed-additional Jubilee bank holiday</b>
Wednesday 25 May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch
Friday 27 May	School closes
Monday 6 June	School opens. Phonic Assessment Week (Year 1)
Wednesday 29 June - 1 July	Y4 residential visit to Savio House. Detail to follow
Thursday 30 June	Full Governors meeting
Wed 6 July- 8 July	Y5 residential visit to Standon Bowers. Detail to follow.

**Please note the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee is next Monday. On Monday 16 May 2022, school will be closed.**

### Update: Absence and Photographs

If your child is **absent** please report on the school absence phone line, leaving a message or by emailing [astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:astevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Photographs...** we are experiencing a delay in the class/team photographs taken before Easter. They will be with us shortly for you to purchase. Please bear with us. Thank you.

**Driving around school:** At times of high volume, drop off and pick up times...

- Please do not drive down Well Lane towards school. PLEASE use the informal I-way system to access and depart from school, along Cedar Avenue and up out of Well Lane. Thank you.
- PLEASE drive carefully and slowly when accessing the car park adjacent to school, there may be a child running from behind a parked car.
- If you are collecting your child from Whizz Kids, please do not drive onto the school car park before 5pm. Thank you.

## A SATS Poem

SATs don't measure sports,

SATs don't measure art,

SATs don't measure music,

Or the *kindness* in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,

SATs don't know your worth,

SATs don't see the reasons,

*You* were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see *your* magic,

How *you* make others smile,

SATs don't time how quickly,

You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear *your* laughter,

Or see you've come this far,

SATs are just a tiny glimpse,

Of *who* you really are.

So, sitting at your table,

With a pencil and your test,

Remember SATs aren't who you are,

*Remember you're the best.*



## *Funny Friday'*

Doctor, Doctor! Everyone is ignoring me.

'Next Patient please!' (*James Woby Y6*)

Q. What did the boulder say at the concert?

A. Let's Rock and Roll. (*Celine Eze Y6*)

Knock Knock.

Who's there?

Cows go.

Cows go who?

No, they don't, they go moo! (*Helena Wierzbicka Y6*)

