

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



1st November 2024

Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed the half-term break. This half-term is always a very busy one as we work through Advent in preparation for Christmas celebrations.

Weekly Theme

This week we have had a focus on Diwali, the festival of light and the story of Rama and Sita. We also discussed Jesus as 'light of the world' and the importance of light to many faiths and religions as it represents light over dark, good over evil and lights guiding us to make the right choices on our journey of life.

All Saints Day

Today, 1st November, we celebrate the Feast day of All Saints. Key Stage 2 attended Mass in school. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended. It was lovely to have you with us.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

We have discussed both Halloween and Bonfire night this week. We know that they can be occasions which children enjoy and have fun. However, we have discussed the responsibility for our actions and keeping ourselves and others safe. We were joined by Greater Manchester Fire Service to lead assemblies today for Key Stage 2 on the safety messages related to fire and fireworks, including the 'stop, drop, roll' technique if clothing was to catch fire.

Mini Blue Lights Project

On Tuesday morning, we were joined by representatives of the emergency services: fire, police and ambulance with their emergency vehicles. Our year 6 children are taking part in a pilot project involving partners from the emergency services. It is a really exciting addition to our curriculum which will help to develop life skills such as CPR and first aid, an understanding of the work of the emergency services and the impact of anti-social behaviour on services and the potential consequences. The focus this week was on fire safety. We were also joined by our local councillors, the mayoress and several departments from the local authority. Year 6 are really excited to be part of this project and received hoodies and other goodies.

Early Years

Children in pre-school and reception enjoyed workshops to learn about Diwali this week. They made diva lamps, took part in dance activities and found out more about this celebration of light.

'With You Always' Year 4

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the meeting with Fr Paul to find out more about the sacramental programme, 'With You Always.' If you were unable to attend, please speak to Mrs Williams to find out more.

Fr Paul

It was announced in the parish that Fr Paul will be moving on in January after 9 years serving our school community. He will be greatly missed but we wish him the very best in his new parish in Wigan.

Anti-bullying Week

Next week, our theme will be on Anti-bullying in preparation for the following week.

It is important to distinguish between falling out and unpleasant words/actions with bullying. Bullying is defined as happening 'several times on purpose.' We will talk to children about this and what they should do if they, or a friend, is being bullied. This will be reinforced through our Core Values of Love, Respect and Responsibility and the line in our school prayer, 'treat others as you would like to be treated yourself'.

Class Assembly

Mrs Cooper's class will lead assembly on Anti-bullying on Friday 8th November. Parents/carers are welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Key stage 1 visits to Worsley RHS

As part of their learning in Science, Key stage 1 classes will be visiting Worsley RHS over the next couple of weeks.

Next week, on Tuesday 5th November, Class 4 and Class 6 will be visiting.

On Monday 11th November, Class 3 and Class 5 will visit.

(Please note the change of date for Class 3 and Class 6)

Parent Election

There is still time to put yourself forward for the vacant parent governor roles. Please submit your nomination form by Wednesday 6th November at 12pm.

Open Evening

If you have family or neighbours with children due to start school in September 2025, please invite them to our Open Evening to find out more about our school. This is scheduled for Thursday 14th November at 4pm.

British Legion - Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies are available for a donation of your choosing. In addition, we are also selling: Pin Badges - £3.00, Wooden Cross - £3.00, Zip Poppy - 50p, Snap Bands - £1.00 and Festival Bands - £1.00. These are all available from the main office.

After School Club

On Friday 8th November, after school club will finish at the earlier time of **5:30pm**

Complaints

A positive working relationship between home and school is important for your child's education. There may be times when you wish to raise concerns or need clarification on specific matters.

Please rest assured that we want to work with you to address your concerns. If you wish to raise a concern, it is necessary to follow the complaints procedure.

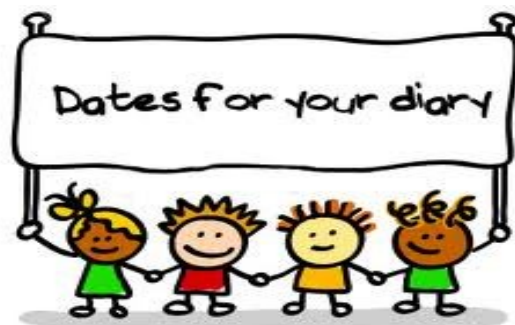
In Short:

1— Speak to class teacher

2— Speak to a member of SLT with responsibility for your child's year, or for pastoral matters ask for Mrs Ashurst.

3— If the matter cannot be resolved, arrange to meet with Mrs Williams.

4— At this stage, your concerns may be escalated to our Chair of Governors.




Tuesday 5th November	Class 4 and 6 visit to Worsley RHS
Friday 8th November	Class 12 assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.
Monday 11th November	Class 6 assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.
Monday 11th November	Class 3 and 5 visit to Worsley RHS
Thursday 14th November	Open Evening at 4:00pm
Friday 15th November	Fit Friday - sports clothes or PE kit for a £1 donation please.
Monday 18th November	Class 11 assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.
Wednesday 20th November	Flu jabs to be administered.
Friday 22nd November	'With You Always' session in church. School will transport children during the school day.
Wednesday 27th November	Class photographs
Thursday 28th November	Judaism workshops
Thursday 5th December	Y5 visit to Liverpool Cathedral
Friday 6th December	Fit Friday - sports clothes or PE kit. Please send in a prize for our tombola stall. For example - unused gift sets, bottle of drinks, candles etc
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas markets 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Everyone welcome to attend. More information to follow.
Thursday 12th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. (to be worn with school skirt or school trousers)
Friday 13th December	KS2 Advent Mass in school. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 10am start.

Tuesday 17th December	Key stage1 Christmas performance at 9:15am and 2:15pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 18th December	Key stage 1 Christmas performance at 9:15am. More details to follow,
Wednesday 18th December	Pre-school Christmas performance at 2:30pm. More details to follow.
Thursday 19th December	Reception nativity at 9:15am and 2:30pm. More details to follow.
Friday 20th December	KS2 visit to church
Friday 20th December	KS2 Carol singing for parents/carers at 2:00pm. More details to follow.
Friday 20th December	School closes at the earlier time of 2:30pm.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK


This week's certificates are awarded to:


 **Aisha, Elara** for showing **COURAGE**

 **Daisy, Aleia, Asa and Xannder** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

 **Aiden, April and Daisy** for showing **RESPECT**

 **Deion, Molly, Jessica** for showing **LOVE**

 Class 3 - Alex

 Class 4 - Alannah

 Class 5 - Oscar

 Class 6 - Willow


 Class 7 - Rory

 Class 8 - Raya

 Class 9 - Miki

 Class 10 - Matthew

 Class 11 - April

 Class 12- Kaira-May

 Class 13- Stacy

For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

Congratulations and Well Done!

