



St Gabriel's C of E Primary School
Friday News
Friday 13th September 2024



A very warm welcome back to everyone. I am delighted to be the new Headteacher at St Gabriel's and I am really excited to get to know you all over the coming weeks and months. This is our first Friday News! Every Friday, we will send out a newsletter which will give you important information as well as the latest news from St Gabriel's. We hope you will find this useful. This will also be available on the school website and on Facebook. Mrs Chubb.

Attendance

Whole school – 96%
Class winners- Year 1- 98%

Dismissing children at the end of the day

We want make sure that your children are dismissed safely. Please bear with us over the next few weeks as it may take a little longer to hand over as we get to know you and your children. If someone else is collecting your child, please ensure that the office are aware and that school and the person picking up know the password.

Reminders

PE days are as follows:

Nursery - Monday
Reception - Tuesday
Year 1 - Tuesday
Year 2 - Monday
Year 3 - Wednesday
Year 4 - Friday
Year 5 - Thursday
Year 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Thank you to all parents and carers who have made sure that children have come into with their correct PE kit.



Parking

To keep everyone safe, **only blue badge holders** may drive up to school.



Packed lunches

If your child is on a packed lunch please ensure that your child does not bring in sweets or chocolate bars. We are also a nut free school.

Absence

If your child is absent, please ensure that you contact school before 9.15am.

Please read the updated attendance information from the Government. A copy is attached for your attention.

Anyone requesting term time absence must meet with the Headteacher.

Awards

Headteacher Gold- Heidi A- Year 5
for exceptional knowledge of R.E

Star of the week

Nursery - Camie
Reception - Reuben
Year 1 - Aria
Year 2 - Rachel
Year 3 - Alfie M
Year 4 - Zenn
Year 5 - Marley
Year 6 - Muhammad

Reverend Cook award

Nursery - Jaxon
Reception - Delilah
Year 1 - Thea
Year 2 - Henley
Year 3 - Noah O
Year 4 - Frankie
Year 5 - Lilly-Mae
Year 6 – William C

Lunchtime award

Pablo Year 1 Maisie Year 5

Dates for your diary



Macmillan coffee morning and meet the new Headteacher- Thursday 26th September 9.15-10.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us to help raise money for this charity as well as meeting the new Headteacher, Mrs Chubb. There will also be a raffle. If you would like your child to purchase a cake, please send in 50p with your child.

Parents evening- Tuesday 15th October - further details to follow

School Photographs- Monday 11th November

Film night- Tuesday 12th November

Foundation Stage Curriculum Meeting – Thursday 19th September

Open evening for Reception intake 2025- Wednesday 20th November

Christmas Fair – Wednesday 4th December

Homework

We have made some slight changes to our homework arrangements. Homework will be handed in every Thursday and new homework given out on a Friday.

Children will have homework folders and will need to keep these safe.

We really need the support of parents and carers to help ensure that your child completes their homework. Not only does it promote independent learning but it will also consolidate learning in class.

Reception- Little Wandle activity and a number or phonics task

Year 1- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Maths or English alternate weeks. English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.

Year 2- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Maths and English tasks. English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.

Year 3- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Times Tables Rock Stars online, alternative Maths and English each week. Spellings, English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.

Year 4- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Times Tables Rock Stars online, alternative Maths and English each week. Spellings, English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.

Year 5- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Times Tables Rock Stars online, Maths and English each week. Spellings, English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.

Year 6- Weekly spellings, reading-minimum 3 times a week, Times Tables Rock Stars online, Maths and English each week. Spellings, English and Maths will be paper based in their homework folder.



Updated attendance information from the Government

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 10th August 2024

What is a penalty notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution. The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold met – in each individual case, the school must consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent (even if they do not reside together) for each child that was absent. **For example:** 2 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

First offence

First Offence The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. **10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Rochdale LA have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

A school day has two sessions:

1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.