



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of our summer term. It has been fantastic to see our children settling in and working so hard this week with our brilliant staff. We're all enjoying longer days, warmer weather and a few more freedoms and as we look ahead with expectation for a great term to come.

### **Important notice – School Growth**

No doubt you will have noticed the building work underway at the east end of our school. This is happening to enable two extra classrooms for September to accommodate our growing intake of Reception pupils. St Gabriel's was designed to grow in a modular fashion, as the development of Houlton and therefore, number of pupils, grows. I'm pleased to see good progress already, the foundations are in and the steel frame is being erected this week. Our pupils have been interested to see a crane working in the playground!

Thank you all so much for your help so far in this project by following the directions at drop-off and pick-up times. It is fantastic to see so many families walking and cycling to school this week to help ease the volume of parking on site. Cyclists please dismount as you approach the main gate to ensure the safety of pedestrians passing through.

### **Parent Survey – last chance to win a £10 book voucher!**

Thank you to everyone who has completed so far! This is a great opportunity to help us learn more about your experience at St Gabriel's and to aid our future planning, so please, if you haven't already, **take ten minutes to complete [this parent survey](#)**. We greatly appreciate your feedback and it will really help us make this the best possible school for our children. We will be closing the survey next week and drawing the winner of the voucher on Wednesday.

## **St Gabriel's Church restart**

After a long pause due to COVID-19, the St Gabriel's Church community is delighted to be restarting regular Sunday services in the school, beginning this Sunday (25th April) at 4pm. We will be meeting every 2 weeks with a mixture of services in the building and services outside in the school grounds.

Our services are oriented around families, with something for all ages, and you'll find familiar faces from the school community. We would love to welcome you. For more information contact Rev'd Steve on [steve@stgabrielschurchhoulton.org.uk](mailto:steve@stgabrielschurchhoulton.org.uk) or 07711 240227 - or see our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stgabrielshoulton>

## **National Walking Month**

The month of May is National Walking Month and Warwickshire County Council have put together resources to get pupils and the whole family walking through a range of fun activities. We hope the children, young people, families and staff connected to St Gabriel's enjoy the resources and find that they inspire activity, get people outdoors and helps to improve mental wellbeing.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/national-walking-month-family-materials>

I wish you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

*May all who come to You be glad and joyful. May all who are always thankful for your salvation always say, 'How great is the Lord!' - Psalm 40:16*

Yours sincerely,



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