



16th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are well. Like me, you may have enjoyed the past few weeks watching our national men's football team compete with such determination in the European Championships. Whilst football didn't quite 'come home', I certainly took pleasure from their performances, reaching a final for the first time in my life! Yet far more than their play and results, what really made me proud was to see the strength of character of this group of players who reflected the values of love, respect, community, growth and integrity which we hold dear here at St Gabriel's. The eloquence and dignity shown by our three young lions in response to hateful racist abuse was truly inspirational. We are blessed to have a group of role models for our young people who are showing what it means to care for each other and the wider community and be a force for good in the world. Something we should all strive to emulate.

End of Year

We have had a busy and successful few weeks in school as we look to finish the year strongly. Children in Years 5 & 6 did themselves and the school proud on their recent residential visits to Viney Hill Adventure Centre pushing themselves in outdoor and adventurous activities and showing great teamwork and growth. This past Wednesday, the whole school performed fantastically at Sports day engaging in lots of sporting activities and taking part in group races. Children have completed their end of year assessments and should be congratulated for making great progress. It has been a pleasure to report on their success and engage in parent consultations this week. If you would be kind enough to offer feedback on your school experience, may I please ask for your support by sharing your views with Ofsted via their [Parent View](#) portal.

It has been lovely to welcome families with children starting the school for the first time in September over the past two weeks. Don't forget for any families with a

three-year-old joining our new Nursery provision with Miss Henderson, we have a teddy bear's picnic on the field on 24th July from 11am-2pm.

Next week, our Year 2, 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to take part in an educational visit before we break up for the summer, ensuring that even in a challenging year, we have been able to offer enriching activities to everyone. Our Year 6's will be taking part in a Leaver's service on Tuesday and we will be taking the opportunity to say goodbye and wish them well on their journey to secondary school. A reminder that term finishes on **Wednesday 21st July at 2pm.**

Nursery and Wraparound club

We are very much looking forward to opening our Nursery and Angels Wraparound care in September. The software that we are using for all registrations and bookings has now been finalised and all parents who have expressed an interest in either the Nursery and/or Angels will receive an email today with the link to register and instructions and guidance on how to complete the required information. We have a designated email for these two services so for all queries, please email childcare@stgabrielscofeacademy.org in the first instance.

As we end the year, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Adair-Whitell, Miss Keegan and Madame Simmons who are moving on to pastures new. Thank you for all your hard work for our children!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you personally for all your amazing support this year. You have coped with continued disruption to daily life, faced the challenge of remote learning and responded so positively to our work as a school. Thank you again and I pray you have a wonderful summer break with your family.

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

Yours sincerely,



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Family information and support

The Family Information Service (FIS) is a helpful, friendly service which supports families with a wide range of needs including childcare, finance, housing, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and family relationships. They are available every Monday to Friday (except bank holidays) 9am to 5pm by phone 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk. You can also message on Facebook [WarwickshireFIS](#).

FIS are available when school is closed over the summer break, so please don't hesitate to contact them if you need any sort of support.