

St Gabriel's Church of England Primary School



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Welcome to St Gabriel's CofE Primary School

St Gabriel's school was built in 1861, when many families were moving to the area to work in the factories along the River Thames. The school was originally built for 'the poor of the parish', but now continues to serve all of our local community. St Gabriel's represents our diverse locality, we are a Christian School welcoming children from all religious backgrounds and non.

Excellence with compassion is at the heart of St Gabriel's. We are a Church of England school valuing our strong links with the parish church of St Gabriel's and the Pimlico community. We seek to provide an excellent education for all our pupils, rooted in compassion, understanding, respect and equality for all. Children at St Gabriel's consistently achieve higher than the national average in their end of KS2 SATs and we have recently been recognized twice by the Secretary of State for education as achieving progress that is well above average compared to other children nationally. *(Please see your website for further details on our excellent academic achievement).*

The aims of our school are:

- ◆ To foster and encourage our children's self-awareness, beliefs and spirituality, and develop their sensitivity to other people and respect for other religions,
- ◆ To help children to develop their skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science and ICT through learning which is broad, balanced and inspiring,
- ◆ To help children to fulfil their potential by creating a happy, healthy, safe, nurturing environment,
- ◆ To provide children with the academic, social, emotional and spiritual foundations which will give them the best start to secondary school and which will give them a wide range of opportunities and the chance to pursue their personal aspirations in life



Our school



St Gabriel's Great Hall

St Gabriel's is often described as an 'oasis'. Located at the heart of the Churchill Garden's estate, it's village school appearance, contrasts architecturally with the surrounding buildings.

We are blessed with an abundance of space, with gardens in which the children can grow fruit and vegetables, an orchard currently under development and we have three playgrounds: a playground adjoining Reception, solely for their use, a Key Stage 1 playground and a larger Key Stage 2 playground.

We benefit from a computer room with enough PCs for one per child, iPads and lap tops to use in the classrooms, a separate library, spacious classrooms, a dining room and separate

Great hall. Our spacious Great Hall, means that we are able to have an open invitation and accommodate many parents for our weekly Family Assemblies, enabling our whole community to come together



Reception balance bikes



Art alfresco!

We also have various breakout rooms, where staff are able to carry out one to one or small group interventions and where we are able to provide facilities for some of our partners from outside agencies to work with our community.

At St Gabriel's we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and support children throughout our school with Educational Healthcare Plans and a variety of needs. We have recently converted an area into a sensory room supporting some of our children with special educational needs.

Our pastoral teaching assistant is available to support children with social and emotional needs and our partnership with the Anna Freud Centre enables our families to have access to a trained Family Therapist each week, should the need arise.



Vegetable Patch in the garden



Key Stage 1 Playground

A typical day at St Gabriel's Primary School

8.30-8.45	Fitness Club	For those children wanting to attend—open to any age group
8.45 – 9.00am	Arrive in the playground	You are more than welcome to stay with your child until the bell rings at 9.00am. We always have an adult on each gate until the gates are locked just after 9.00am and Miss Anson is normally in the playground each morning. Teachers are in the playground from 8.55 if you need to have a quick chat or arrange a meeting.
9.00 – 9.10	Registration	To ensure your child has the best start to the day, they need to be in school ready for registration at 9am.
9.10 – 9.30	Assembly with the whole school	Assembly is every day apart from Wednesday, when the Key Stage 2 classes (Years 3,4,5 and 6) take it in turns to have a mass service with Father Owen. Our Parish Priest
9.30-11.00	Lesson Time	In Key Stage 1, this will often be phonics and may be followed by maths or literacy
11.00 – 11.15	Break time	Reception children spend their playtime in the Reception playground, Classes 1 and 2, in the Key Stage 1 small playground and Classes 3,4,5,6 are in the big Key Stage 2 playground. We have many adults on duty at break times, all wearing high visibility vests and lots of toys and games for the children to play with.
11.15 – 12.15 11.15 – 12.30	Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	This lesson is normally either Maths or English
12.15 – 1.15 12.30-1.30	Lunchtime KS1 KS2	Children have their lunch in the main dinner hall. They are supervised at all times by mid-day meals supervisors. Children in Key Stage 2 go in to the dining hall in sittings according to which house they are in.
1.15 – 3.30 1.30 – 3.30	Lesson Time KS1 KS2	Children have all other lessons in the afternoons: Science, computing, PE, Creative Curriculum and RE are often planned for during this time. If you would like to see your child's timetable, all class timetables are in the lobby opposite the computer room.
3.30	School ends	When collecting your child, please wait in the playground. Classes come into the playground with their teacher and children in Classes Reception to Year 4 are directly handed over to the adult picking them up. Children in Class 5 and 6 may go home on their own.



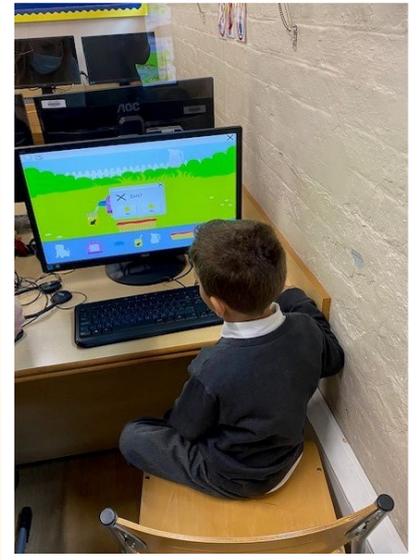
Curriculum at St Gabriel's

The national curriculum consists of:

- * English
- Mathematics
- * Science
- * Computing
- * Religious Education
- * History
- * Geography
- * Art
- * Design and Technology
- * Physical Education
- * Modern Foreign Language
- * Personal Social Health Education



Year 5— 'crime scene' investigators for science.



Reception computing lesson

St Gabriel's curriculum is designed to ensure that our pupils know more and remember more. We have an inspirational creative curriculum where the foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art and DT) are taught thematically, making links with mathematics, science and English, enabling our pupils to immerse themselves in a subject, learn more and develop new skills in an enjoyable and exciting way.

RE, Music, PE, Spanish, Computing and some aspects of the maths and English curriculum are taught as stand alone subjects.



Year 3—using the apparatus for PE.

Year 6— 'excavating chocolate chips like true palaeontologists!



Reception creating creatures for their 'Jungle' topic.

Curriculum: Cultural Capital



Year 6 visiting Horse guards Parade ground.

Our Central London location, next to the River Thames, means that we are a short distance from the many exciting museums, art galleries and parks that London has to offer.

Not to mention the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey being only a short walk away.

Consequently we have a wealth of places to visit and are lucky to welcome specialists visiting us; for example enabling our children

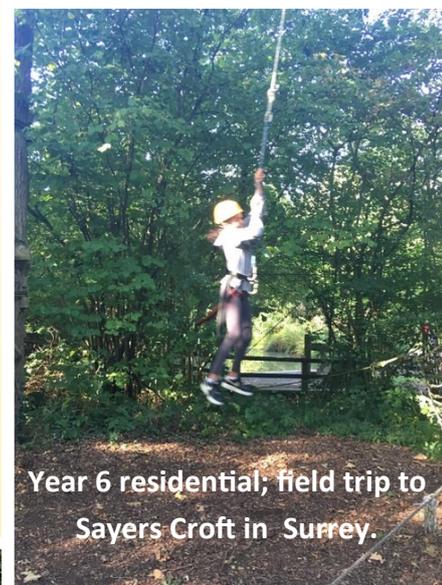
to see first hand works of art to inspire, helping us to bring history alive and to meet real life scientists!

Our links with Pimlico Musical Foundation and Chelsea Football Club has also provided us with specialist teachers and coaches to teach quality sport and music.

Children are also able to access 1:1 music tuition including piano and woodwind instruments.



Year 3 learning about space with a representative from the Interplanetary Society



Year 6 residential; field trip to Sayers Croft in Surrey.



Year 5 visiting Herne Hill velodrome.



Year 4 learning about the Norman Invasion with a local historian.

Homework

In Reception and Year 1, children take home reading books matching the phonics sound they are learning that week. They should be able to read these books independently. To encourage a love of reading, we also encourage the younger classes to take home books they may like from the class library. These would be books that they might like to look at and read with adults at home.

In the older years, children take home spellings to learn and there may be number facts (such as multiplication tables).

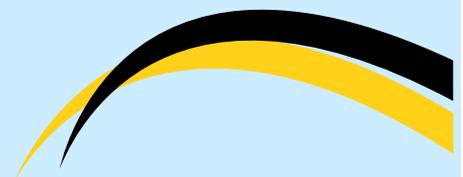
Children also take part in Genius Work. Each term, children are able to choose a project that they are interested in, with the expectation that they update their teacher weekly on Google Classroom, showing how they are getting on. Then at the end of term, they share with their class and other classes what they have been learning about or creating at home. We have had some wonderful creations from solar systems to model cities, lego creations to cook books. Children may also choose to do further work on the topics they have been learning about in school. It is wonderful to see how eager children are to share their creations!

Extended Provision

Every morning, we have a Breakfast Club from 8—8.30am then a free of charge before school fitness club, to which all age groups are invited.

At the end of the day, we have after school care. This service is between 3.30pm and 5.45pm every day. Parents can book their child into this provision the week before at a cost of £2 per half an hour up to 5pm, then an additional £5 after 5pm.

We also have a range of after school clubs for different age groups. Clubs on offer, vary each term, but typically consists of a mix of sporting and non sporting clubs. For example, we have recently had netball, basketball, football, girls football, ball games, computing for KS1, KS2 homework, KS2 homework, KS1 art and KS2 art. In the Spring term we often run a Year 6 club for additional maths and English.



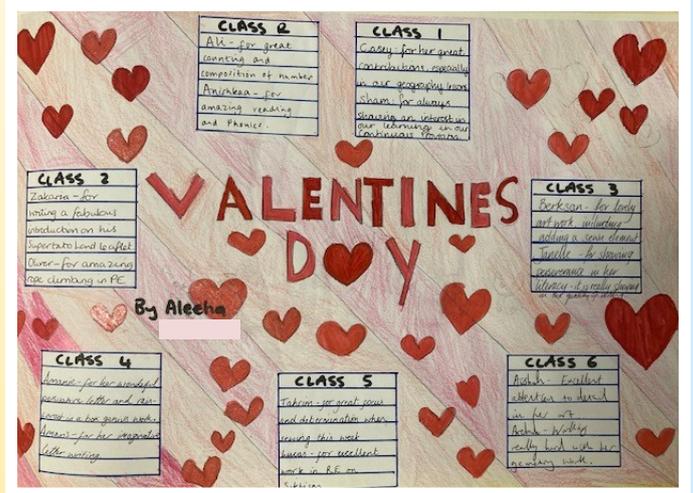
St Gabriel's Collective Worship

At St Gabriel's we hold a daily act of worship. We gather together as a whole school 4 times a week and an act of worship takes place once a week in classrooms.

Acts of worship are led by the Headteacher, Assistant Heads and St Gabriel's Parish Church clergy. A mass service is held once a week and a different Key Stage 2 Class takes part each week. Children and adults who have been confirmed are welcome to take communion. St Gabriel's Parish clergy lead a Friday assembly, and this is often linked to the teachings to be shared in church on the following Sunday.

Assemblies follow a theme throughout the year, mirroring the church calendar, but also focusing on our 6 values of Friendship, Peace, Service, Wisdom, Endurance, and Justice.

Parents are invited to Thursday assembly, when our theme for the week also includes a celebration of pupils' achievements from throughout the week. Children share good work, we have a mentions book celebrating achievements from each class, a sports award and a music award. Our mentions book is created by the previous year's Class 6, enabling us also to remember previous members of our school community.




Our star of the week has worked incredibly hard over the last term. They have a very good attitude to work and will consistently try their best. On top of that, they are wonderfully behaved. They listen carefully in class and will always contribute great ideas to class discussions.

Our star is artistic and creates beautiful pieces of artwork with their very own style. They also excel in music; they have great rhythm and are able to clap accurately to the beat. She also has a lovely singing voice and fabulous dance moves.

At the beginning of the year, our star found writing to be quite difficult because she had some trouble remembering to use finger spaces. However, the progress she has made in her writing has been incredible. She is now independently remembering to use finger spaces and using her phonics to help her sound out tricky words. Her recent writing sample on the story of Rapunzel amazed the adults in her class and we felt extremely proud of her.

Our star also works particularly hard in phonics, she is always paying attention and uses her robot arms expertly to help her to sound out words and she even uses them outside of phonics to help her write!

Our star is a joy to teach, she has a great sense of humour and she is a fantastic friend to others. She is always polite and courteous with fantastic manners to all both children and adults. She will try to cheer children up if they are sad and often makes the adults in our class laugh with the delivery of her jokes and comments.

The progress our star has made over the last few months is outstanding and she is very



Lunches at St Gabriel's

All of our meals are cooked in our own kitchen. Children can choose from a meat or vegetarian option and can choose salad from the salad bar. The menu is designed by nutritionists to ensure a healthy balanced diet. Children in all year groups receive the Universal Free School Meal. A typical menu:



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato Light filo pastry, hearty chicken centre	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Beef Bolognese ** A classic Italian beef Bolognese in a yummy tomato sauce	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy Fish Fingers and scrummy chips
Alternative Dish	Macaroni Cheese (V) Cheesy Macaroni Pasta	The Incredible Burger with Potato wedges	Quorn Roast With Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Hotdog With Potato Wedges	Quorn Dippers and Chips (V) Crispy Quorn nuggets with their fav sauce – ketchup
Third Choice		Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise ***			
Salads	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot, Sweetcorn and Potato Salad				
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Fillings				
Pasta	Tomato Pasta ** (V) A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta				
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Raspberry Ripple Ice-Cream	Secret Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices*	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble* with Custard	Fruit & yoghurt
Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily *Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian					



If you are not working, or are in receipt of benefits, you may also apply for a free school meal for your child, regardless of that year they are in. Free school meal status also has the additional benefit of attracting further funding to support your child in school.

Playtimes at St Gabriel's

We benefit at St Gabriel's from lots of outdoor space, with each key stage having their own playground to play in. Both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds have climbing equipment to play on and we ensure that the children have lots of games and other equipment to play with, so playtimes are never dull!



Reception class have their own outdoor area attached to their classroom, solely for their use.



Uniform

Every day Uniform:

- * Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- * White shirts
- * Grey jumpers or cardigans
- * School tie
- * Blazers
- * Blue checked summer dress
- * Black school shoes (no sandals)



PE Kits:

- * Yellow St Gabriel's polo shirts
- * Black shorts
- * Black jogging bottoms
- * Black St Gabriel's Fleece
- * Black St Gabriel's Waterproof jacket

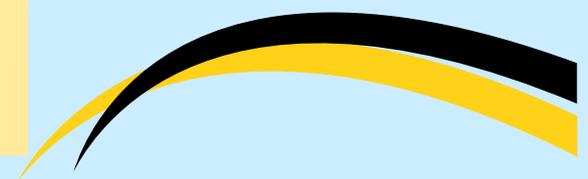


Other Accessories:

- * Knitted Hat
- * Summer Cap
- * School book bag (infants)
- * School back pack (juniors)

Available to buy from our school office:

St. Gabriel's Waterproof/Reversible Jacket	
St. Gabriel's Fleece Jacket (P.E)	
St. Gabriel's Blazer (Embroidered)	
St. Gabriel's Yellow Polo Shirt (P.E) ages 3-13years	
St. Gabriel's Yellow Polo Shirt (P.E) adult S, M, L	
Black jogging bottoms (Winter P.E)	
St. Gabriel's Tie	
St. Gabriel's Knitted Hat	
St. Gabriel's Summer Cap	
St Gabriel's Back Pack (Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)	
St. Gabriel's Book Bag (Classes R, 1 and 2)	
St. Gabriel's Tote Bag (P.E.)	
St. Gabriel's Water Bottle	



Special Events at St Gabriel's

Throughout the year, we have many special occasions at St Gabriel's.

Before Christmas we hold our annual nativity play, to which all parents are invited. Reception Class act out the nativity story, whilst our Year 6 class narrate. The rest of the school join with wonderful singing!

In the summer, Class 6 perform their annual production. In recent years we have had a variety of different musicals including Joseph and His Technicolour Dream Coat, Aladdin and Jungle Book.



We hold an annual sports day on the Chippendale Astro turf pitch. During the day children compete against others from different houses.

For World Book day the whole school (adults included!) dress up as their favourite book character.

At the end of the year we hold an annual Prize Day. This is a fabulous occasion, when the whole community get



together to celebrate the achievements of the school. Children who are moving on to new schools, receive a prize awarded by a special guest. In recent years, we have welcomed our local MP Rachel Blake and The Archbishop of Canterbury: The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE. Parents, children, teachers and governors join together after the ceremony for a tea party in the Key Stage 2 playground. This is another wonderful opportunity for our school community to join together.



Behaviour

Excellence with compassion is very much reflected in our behaviour policy. Children at St Gabriel's have a clear understanding of the excellent behaviour adults and other children expect in the classroom, throughout the school and at playtimes.

We have three rules which cover all areas of behaviour at school:

1. We come to school to learn
2. We care about our school
3. We are courteous to others

Our expectations in behaviour are reflected in the latest Ofsted report:



'The behaviour I saw, throughout the school, in and outside lessons, was exemplary. Pupils are welcoming, well-mannered and polite. Their positive attitudes to learning make a notable contribution to their progress in the classroom. In an assembly on the theme of 'compassion', I saw how pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, including their understanding of British values, is an intrinsic part of the work of the school. (Ofsted July 2018)'

When children join St Gabriel's they are allotted a house. We have four houses (St Elizabeth, St Edward, Our Lady and St Peter), each with two Year 6 House Captains leading their houses. House captains are children who have proven to set good examples to their peers. Similarly, our school council has representatives from each class who 's behaviour is exemplary and who reflect our values and high standards.

Children receive house points for good behaviour and good work and there are weekly courtesy awards for children who have demonstrated good behaviour and manners. We also have our weekly 'Star of the Week'; this is when one child who has demonstrated an excellent attitude or change in attitude, made good progress, has shown excellent behaviour and demonstrated our school values is chosen out of all of the other children in the school.

In the lunch hall, we have the Top Table Award. This is given to 1 child from each key stage, who has demonstrated good manners. They are able to sit at the special Top Table with their friends and be served by the adults.

Incidences of poor behaviour, such as being physically violent, swearing or showing disrespect to staff or other children, bullying, sexual harassment, racism or victimisation of any individuals including those with protected characteristics is not tolerated, and school will contact and work with parents immediately should this happen.



St Gabriel's School Council meet to decide their latest fund raising activity

Join Our School: Admissions

Choosing the right primary school for your child is a really important decision and we welcome and would encourage parents to come and visit our school. Tours can be arranged at any time of year. To arrange a personal tour with our Headteacher, please call the school office on:

020 7186 0080

Reception Class Admissions

To register a place for your child for the coming September, applications need to be completed on the Westminster Schools Admissions website: www.westminster.gov.uk/children-and-families/education/school-admissions. The deadline for admissions for the coming September, is normally the middle of January (around the 15th). Parents should access this website to rank their preference for primary schools. If you need further support or guidance the admissions department phone number is:

020 7745 6433

Because we are a Church School, you will also need to complete a supplementary form, and this should be returned to the school before the application deadline. We welcome applications from families of all faiths and non.

Further information and a copy of our Supplementary Form is available on our school website: www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/about-our-school/join-our-school

In Year Admissions

We welcome applications from families who's child or children are already in a school, but would like to join St Gabriels. Please do contact the school office for an application form or if you would like a tour of the school with our Headteacher.

SEND admissions

If your child has an EHCP, the admission process is slightly different. Please contact the admissions department and your child's SEN caseworker to enable the local authority to consult with St Gabriel's first.



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Nearest Tube: Pimlico (7 minute walk)

Nearest Train: Victoria Station (10—15 minute walk)

Nearest Bus: 24 (Grosvenor Rd & Lupus St), C10 & 360 (Lupus St)

