



# St Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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**Excellence with Compassion**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Our Curriculum

In the meet the teacher meetings, you will have heard about all your child will be learning across the year. For those of you that may have missed the meetings, you can see the class's curriculum on this page: [www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/curriculum-overview/](http://www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/curriculum-overview/)

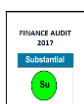
At the meet the teacher meetings, teachers will have spoken about the change we have made to our curriculum. We continuously review our curriculum offer for our children. We have included a diversity audit in our subjects, working towards ensuring the heritage of our children and different genders are represented in our curriculum. For example, in history global majority historical figures are introduced, we study a historical nation that represents part of our community and we ensure female scientists are studied and scientists from different ethnicities.

We have also reviewed how we present the subjects within the national curriculum. Previously we had many exciting topics that covered the national curriculum, and we taught subjects via themes connected to each other in a thematic creative curriculum. However, this academic year we have refined our curriculum and moved away from a topic based approach, where subjects are taught through a theme (e.g. geography, history, Art & Design and Design and Technology being taught through a 'topic' such as the 'Egyptians' or 'The Great Fire of London'), to now teaching the subjects discretely. Please take a look at the website link above, where you can see the subjects the children learn in each class and throughout their time at St Gabriel's. Art and DT now alternate, so that Art is taught over one half term, and DT is taught the next half term. Similarly during a half term either history or geography is taught. Learning is brought in from other subjects and links are made with previous learning, however the focus for a lesson, will be on that specific subject.

With support from the Pimlico Musical Foundation, we are also welcoming Miss Clover back this year. She will be continuing to teach music to Years 1-6.

## Flu Vaccinations

You will have received a letter about the nasal flu vaccinations. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who have indicated whether they would or would not like their child to receive the nasal flu vaccine. This year, parents can only register on line via the link. The office have also sent the link in a text message to all of our parents registered mobile phone numbers. We are absolutely more than happy to support parents who are finding the link tricky to navigate – please do drop in and see us. If you are yet to access the site, please do follow the link and indicate if you would like your child to have



the vaccine. If you don't want them to have it, please also follow the link and indicate this. It really helps the vaccination team in understanding our pupil population and understanding why some families may opt not to have the vaccine. We understand that for some families the fact that the vaccine is gelatine based can be a barrier. If this is the case, the vaccine team would encourage you to opt for the vaccine administered via needle injection. They can arrange for this to be administered in school or you can make an appointment at your GP.

### The Passage Harvest collection

We were delighted to host a special guest from The Passage in collective worship on Tuesday. The Passage is a well-established homelessness charity based in Westminster. As you may know, The Passage has been dedicated to assisting people who are homeless since its establishment in 1980. Their unwavering commitment to providing support has helped countless individuals to lead safe, happy, and fulfilling lives. Through education, accommodation, and employment initiatives, The Passage assists those in need to regain independence and dignity.



In light of our upcoming harvest celebrations, we have made arrangements with The Passage to collect donations of food and toiletries. These essential items will greatly assist them in their work. We kindly request that families contribute items from the following list:

Food:	Toiletries:
Baked beans	Shower gel
Basmati rice	Shaving foam
Tinned soup	Soap
Cereal	Shampoo
Tinned tomatoes	Conditioner
Sauces such as Ketchup, Mayo, and BBQ	Deodorant
Tea and coffee	Women's sanitary products
	Toothpaste
	Toothbrushes

Donations can be brought to school and handed to the class teachers the school from Monday, 25th September. This is an invaluable opportunity for our students to gain insight into the importance of supporting those less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We are confident that, together, we can make a meaningful contribution to The Passage's efforts in assisting homeless individuals.

**Experiment Saturday ages 6-12**  
7th October - 2nd December (not 28th Oct)  
13th Jan - 24th March (not 27th Feb)  
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM The Abbey Centre  
34 Great Smith St, London SW1P 3BU

**Experiment Sunday ages 6-12**  
8th October - 3rd December (not 29th Oct)  
14th Jan - 25th Mar (not 19th Feb)  
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM The City of Westminster College  
25 Paddington Green, London W2 1NB

**Performance Company ages 13-19, Sunday**  
8th October - 3rd December (not 29th Oct)  
14th Jan - 25th Mar (not 18th Feb)  
1:00 PM - 4:00PM The City of Westminster College  
25 Paddington Green, London W2 1NB

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### Dream Arts

This morning we welcomed Angela and Graham from Dream Arts. She came to tell us all about the new series of workshops they have on offer for children from 6 to 12 yrs old. Dream Arts are a charity that work with young people. In the past few years we have worked closely with them on projects in school, but have also enjoyed signposting families to the singing and drama Saturday activities they provide. Please see the flier for more information.

### St Gabriel's Patronal Festival

St Gabriel's church is celebrating St Gabriel's saint's day. This is next weekend and the church has several events taking place in the church as part of the festival. Please see the poster on the next page for more information:

## Patronal Festival

You are invited to join us to celebrate St Gabriel  
on  
Sunday, 1st October, 2023

**8.00 a.m. Traditional Language Mass**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Mass**

Bob Chilcott,

**'A Little Jazz Mass'**

with St Gabriel's Choir & The Harry Baker Trio

**5.00 p.m. Organ Concert**

with David King, music by J. S. Bach & Guilment

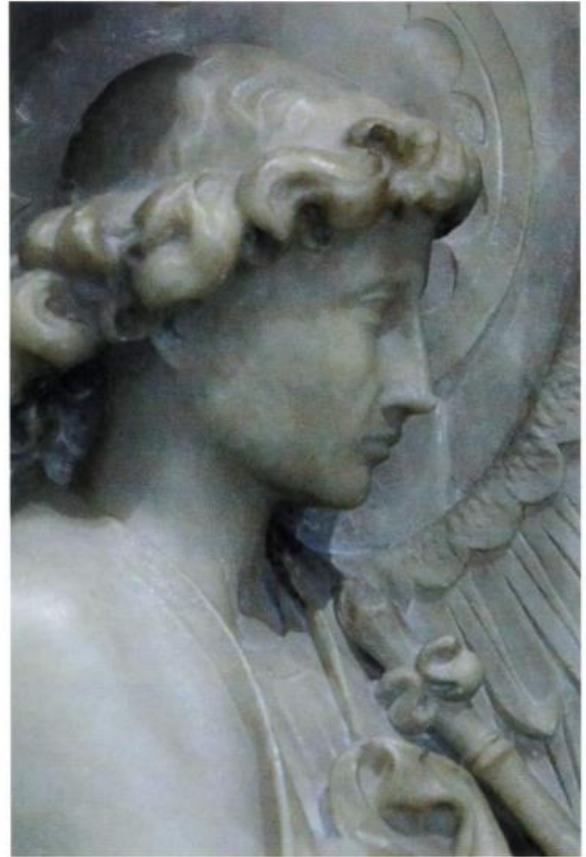
**6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong & Benediction**

Preacher: Rev'd Roderick Leece,

Rector, St George, Hanover Square

Stanford in A, with orchestra & St Gabriel's Choir

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m. services,  
and at 5.40 p.m.



## St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square

As part of our St Gabriel's Festival

**Opera Gala & Songs from the Shows**

6.00 – 7.00 p.m., Friday, 29th September

**Helena Moore & Johannes Moore**, with songs by  
Mozart, Donizetti, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim.

**Jazz by Candlelight**

8.00 – 9.30 p.m., Friday, 29th September

**Harry Baker & Liselotte Östblom**

For the above, tickets on the door or

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-gabriels-concerts>

**Dixit Dominus**

7.00 p.m., Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Laudate Choir & Endelienta Baroque,**  
**dir. Howard Ionascu**

Baroque Choral & Instrumental music by Blow, Handel & Purcell

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/laudatedixit>

For weddings, christenings & funerals contact:

Vicar: Fr Owen Higgs 020 7834 7520

Sunday services as overleaf. Other services include,

Choral Evensong (term time):

Sunday 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

All services are livestreamed  
[www.stgabrielspimlico.com](http://www.stgabrielspimlico.com)



## Awards:

**Star of the Week:** Nathaniel      **Top Table:** Rishan and Vanessa

**Music Award:** Esra      **Sports Award:** Dorela

**House Points winner:** **Our Lady**

<b>Mentions</b>	Carter and Zahra	Ruwaid and Safina	Walid and Ridwan	Oliver and Maryam	Shreya and Mohamed	
<b>Courtesy</b>	Teddy and Rumaysah	Elioenai and Luis	Yezin and Cecilia	Baneen and Hadi	Ayla and Kaya	Modar and Vanessa

## Attendance:

We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year are on the website and the dates for next academic year (2024-25) will be available this week.

## Dates for this half term:

September	October
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b> first swimming for Yr 3 <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b> Yr 5 to British Museum <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Yr 4 trip – sustainability workshop	<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b> Nasal Flu for all year groups <b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Parents Evening <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b> Parents Evening <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup>:</b> Louise Wannier children's author visiting Yr 1 and Yr 3 <b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b> Individual photos <b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> break up for half term <b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b> School starts – children in school  <b>(last day of term Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December)</b>

With very best wishes

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher