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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families!!

We had a busy end of term before we broke up for the Christmas holidays.

A massive thank you once again to all of our parents, carers and staff who helped with the Christmas Fair and to Miss Bell, who organised the event. It was a really fun evening and we managed to raise **£626!**



We also had our second performance of Angel Express (our Reception and Year 6 Nativity production). Please do take a look at our Instagram account, where you will see lots of fantastic photos and videos.

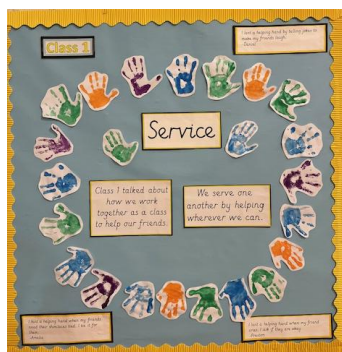
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Towards the end of the week, we had our Christmas dinner, a visit from Santa for our Key Stage 1 Christmas party and a genius assembly, during which time the children shared some of the fabulous projects they had been working on.

Our value for this term: Service

Last week, all of our classes spent time discussing our value for this term.



All of our 6 values link closely with our ethos of Excellence with Compassion. And this term's value is service. The children learnt about some of the bible verses referencing service: *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.* (1 Peter 4:10) and *'for even the son of man came not to be served but to serve'* (Matthew 20:28) and applied this to how we can serve one another as another way of showing compassion to all. All classes came up with some lovely ideas of how we can help others, not just in school, but at home and in our wider community.

Parent Workshops:

We are keen to develop our parent workshops and are in the process of booking in some different parent information sessions. We currently have the following sessions lined up. Please do save the dates!



- **Tues 20th January** Parents Phonics Session 9.15 – 10.15am – primarily aimed at Reception Class parents
- **Fri 30th January:** MIND workshop (mental health awareness) - this is a provisional date and is to be confirmed.
- **Tues 3rd February** Parents follow up session for NSPCC ‘Pants’ session – Yr 2 focus, but all parents are welcome. The aim for this session is to give parents the tools to have *the more tricky* conversations with children about their bodies and about relationships
- **Wed 4th :** February Parents Evening
- **Thurs 5th :** February Parents Evening

Operation Encompass:

St Gabriel’s is working in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service as part of their legal commitments under Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This includes incidents where the child/young person was not present but is part of the household. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Parent governor

We still have a position available for a parent governor. Please do look out for another letter about this. It is a truly valuable way of supporting our school. If you are interested in applying for this role, please do talk to me and look out for the new parent governor letter coming out shortly.

Dates coming up:

January 2026 Wed 14th: Yr 5 on sports trip Tues 20th Reception Parents Phonics Session 9.15 – 10.15am Thurs 22nd: Yr 5 online author session Thurs 29th Yr 5 visit to Westminster planetarium Fri 30th MIND parent workshop 9.10 – 10am	February 2026 Tues 3rd: Yr 4 level 1 bikeability Tues 3rd Parents follow up session for NSPCC ‘Pants’ session – Yr 2 focus, but all parents are welcome Wed 4th : Parents Evening Thurs 5th : Parents Evening Fri 6th : Charity Pyjama Day (more info to follow!) Thurs 12th Peter Daniel working with Yr 5 in school, followed by..... Fri 13th Yr 5 Docklands visit and last day of half term (school closes normal time) Mon 16th – 20th School closed for half term Mon 23rd: School starts back
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Awards

Top Table:

Courtesy	Hunter and Laith	Rayaan and Amelia	Karma and Caroline	Alion and Amaiyah	George M and Anishkaa	Talia and Anayah	Amar and Zak
Mentions	Laith and Kleian	Koen and Era	Jimmy and Zahra	Rumaysah and Evie T	Elharia and Omari	Aron and Evie P	Lawen and Bora

With very best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher