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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

I hope everyone had a restful Easter break. It was so lovely to see everyone back at school last week and all children eager to learn!

Zero Carbon Project:

It feels like a long time ago now, but the final week of term was very busy. In addition to Year 6 going to Kensington Library for the Black and Blue Project, as part of their PSHE, we also welcomed visitors to school from the Zero Carbon Project. Class 5 took part in a session which inspired pupils to think carefully about how we can reduce our school's CO₂ emissions. They focused particularly on energy use, exploring practical ways to lower our energy output and become more environmentally friendly. The children generated some fantastic ideas, which they are looking forward to sharing with the rest of the school. Following this, Key Stage 2 took part in an engaging assembly where they learned more about climate change and the small but important changes we can all make to help protect our planet. It was a thought-provoking experience that has encouraged everyone to take positive action!



School Disco

And on the Thursday we had our school disco! What a fabulous event that was! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who helped to set up and to run different stalls, and to Miss Bell who led on organising the event. And thank you to all parents and carers who came along too. It was so lovely to get our school community together. It was a great success and we raised a fantastic £1186.72!! The most we have raised at any event for many years. After the Christmas fair we had raised a total of £1791. We have now raised £2,977.72! And our so close to our £3000 target.

New Staff

Last week we welcomed 2 new members of staff to our team. Miss Michelle is supporting in Reception Class, and Miss Ashlin has joined us as part of our office team.

Trips

We had two classes out on visits last week. Year 3 visited the Garrison Chapel as part of an art project. The children were given a short tour and then had the opportunity to draw some of the statues they had seen.



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England

Year 4 were invited to attend a session with Venessa Taylor at Chelsea football stadium on Friday. Venessa has written several books including 'Baller Boys vs The Bulldozers' and the children were given several books to take away with them. They had a lovely time meeting and learning more about the author, partaking in football drills, reading some of Venessa's books and even sitting in the football stand!



Attendance:

Congratulations to Class 6 who received their attendance cheque on Thursday.

Every term, Mr Baker and I meet with a member of the attendance team from the local authority. They have written the following for our newsletter:

Dear Parents and Carers at St Gabriel's primary school,

I hope you're all well and keeping warm as Spring approaches. My name is Kasanah and I work for Westminster City Council in the School Attendance Support Team. I work with all the primary schools in Westminster to support them to improve the attendance of their pupils, as we know great attendance has a big positive influence on attainment, as well as emotional and social development.

I meet with Ms Anson and Mr Baker every term to discuss pupils with low attendance (under 90%). We discuss whether the absence is authorised (such as medical appointments or school trips) or unauthorised (such as term time leave or lateness that results in a U code) and explore the barriers to attendance.

It's really important to communicate with the school every day your child is absent, with the reason why so the school is aware and to avoid any safeguarding worries. The school is responsible for the safety of every pupil, even when they're not at school, so will contact you if they don't hear from you every day of your child's absence.

I know term time holidays are a big topic at the moment. I must share that term time holidays are not allowed and cannot be authorised by headteachers. If families do take unauthorised term time leave you might receive a fixed penalty notice fine. For more information on this please view St Gabriel's attendance policy on the school website.

If you have any questions around attendance or would like some support to improve attendance or lateness, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher or Ms Anson.

Dates coming up:

<p>April 2026 Mon 20: Yr 5 Bikeability Tur 21: Yr 2 to Garrison Chapel Thur 23rd: 9-9.30 Pimlico secondary school drop in for parents in ICT suite – see Yr 6 newsletter. Yr 1 to Kensington Palace Thurs 30 Yr 3 to Planetarium</p>	<p>May 2026 Mon 4th May Bank Holiday – School closed Thurs 7th Yr 4 to Pimlico secondary for science lesson, Yr 1 to Horizon 22 at Bishopsgate Mon 11th – SATs week Fri 22nd – last day of term – break up for half term holidays</p>
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Awards

Mentions	Yaqub and Laith	Archie and Yousef	Jasmine and Mutaz	Rumaysah and Zakaria	Travis and Elharia	Jalal and Telma	Noel and Ayan
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Have a lovely week!

Rebecca Anson
 Headteacher