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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents and carers,

Bikeability

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed taking part in Bikeability sessions, and it was lovely to see so many of our children growing in confidence! This week it is the turn of Year 4s.

Year 5 visit to Westminster Under School Planetarium

Last week, Class 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit the inflatable planetarium at Westminster Under School. Led by students under the guidance of Professor Kevin Walsh, Westminster's Astronomer-in-Residence, the session introduced our children to the wonders of the universe in a truly memorable way.

Inside the dome, pupils were taken on a fascinating journey through space – learning about how stars are born, the different shapes people have seen in the constellations, the phases of the Moon and exploring planets in our solar system. We looked closely at Mars, Saturn with its impressive rings, and the vast planet Jupiter, where they discovered the Great Red Spot – a powerful storm larger than Earth.



Don't forget, **Friday is pyjama day!** Children (and staff!) are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas. We will be collecting money on the gate in aid of Children With Cancer UK. This is a very special charity that our school council have chosen to support. If children would prefer, they are also welcome to come to school wearing something other than pyjamas!

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

This Friday, St Gabriel's will be welcoming Shaun Burns. He will be carrying out our SIAMS inspection. This is a statutory inspection which all Church of England Schools have, and focuses on how our Christian vision enables our pupils and community to flourish. We are looking forward to sharing with Mr Burns, all of the fantastic things we do here at St Gabriel's! Further information can be found on the attached letter.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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Parent Sessions

Further to last week's newsletter, we shared details of parent sessions that are coming up. We have had a request for a parent workshop for E-safety and the use of AI. We are looking at a facilitator for this as it is such a crucial topic. However, in the meantime, we have attached an information sheet, which we hope will be useful for parents in this ever changing climate! Please do also look back at our Wakeup Wednesday communications, which also provide information about different platforms that children may have access to.

We have arranged for the school nursing team to deliver a parent session tomorrow morning, as a follow up to what the children in Yr 2 have been discussing recently, focusing on keeping ourselves safe, the NSPCC 'PANTS' campaign and how to have those tricky conversations with your child. This is aimed at Yr 2 parents, but all are welcome.

Parents Evening

Please do sign up for this, for this Wednesday and Thursday. A crèche will be available in the computer room. If you are unable to make these dates/times, please do arrange an alternative date with your child's teacher.

Dates coming up:

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	Parent Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tues 20th January Parents Phonics Session 9.15 – 10.15am – primarily aimed at Reception Class parents •Fri 30th January: MIND workshop (mental health awareness) •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
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Awards

Star of the Week: Aras **Class of the week:** Class 3 **Top Table:** Poppy E and Jacob

Courtesy	Emma and Ocean	Ruhaan and Kayla	Divine and River	Khadeeja and Tatiana	Danielle Ruwaid	Doa and Skylar	Fred and Lawen
Mentions	Elliot and Maliha	Archie and Preston	Beelen and Jasmine	Casper and Samira	Luis and Ortek	Anayah and Avani	Leila and Yearsema

Have a lovely week!

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher