



50 years of St Gabriel's
1975-2025

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

This half term our overall theme will be 'People that help us, Signs of Spring and Easter.'

In phonics we are focusing on hearing the initial sounds in words, clapping syllables, rhyming words, filling in the missing words in rhymes and copying voice sounds (fast/slow/loud/quiet).

We use the pure sounds to say each letter sound which will continue through school. Whilst we do show them the grapheme (the letter shape), there's no expectation at this stage to recognise the letter, it's all about hearing the sound. Each week we will stick guidance in their home news book on how to say each pure sound.

We will also be focusing again on name writing, starting with their initial capital letter and then moving on to the lowercase subsequent letters.

Please see below a link to the nursery rhymes we will focus on each week.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabNurseryRhymesVideos>

Week 1 – 23.02.26 – Firefighters

Key text – Car, Car, Truck, Jeep

Rhyme- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Maths – Take and give 1, 2, 3. Counting 1, 2, 3 with pointing to each object with a magic counting stick.

Children being able to take 2 and 3 items and give 2 and 3 items.

Week 2 – 02.03.26 – Vets and Pets

Key Text – Amazing

Rhyme- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Maths – Take and give 1, 2, 3. Counting 1, 2, 3 with pointing to each object with a magic counting stick.

Children being able to take 2 and 3 items and give 2 and 3 items.

Week 3 – 09.03.26 – Doctors, Dentist and Mother's Day

Key Text – Funny Bones

Rhyme – Hey Diddle Diddle

Maths – Talking about dots 1, 2, 3. Holding up 1, 2, or 3 fingers.



Week 4 – 16.03.26 – Police and Signs of Spring

Key Text – All Through the Night

Rhyme – Hey Diddle Diddle

Maths – Talking about dots 1, 2, 3. Holding up 1, 2, or 3 fingers.

Week 5 – 23.03.26 – Teachers, Support staff and Easter.

Key text – Tessa the Teacher, The Story of Easter.

Rhyme – Humpty Dumpty

Maths – Match, talk, push and pull. Matching 3d shapes, making tunnels for trains, using positional language – through, under, on, over.

Dates for the diary –

Monday 2nd March – Fire engine visit Pre-School.

Friday 6th March – World Book Day, dress up or pyjamas.

Friday 13th March – Dress as scientist day.

Friday 20th March - non-uniform (rainbow/colourful theme) for neurodiversity week.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cookson, Mrs Soutar and Mrs Sterio. 😊

