



50 years of St Gabriel's
1975-2025

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our final half term of Pre-School, we can't believe it!

This half term our overall theme will be 'Animals, Summer and getting ready for Reception'.

In phonics we are still 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. We are recapping on the sounds s,a,t,p,i,n and will be having a go at writing the grapheme (letter shape) and trying to use these sounds to make simple words.

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

Children will also be working on recognising their names.

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 – 01.06.26 – farm animals.

Key text – A Squash and a squeeze – Julia Donaldson.

Rhyme- The wheels on the bus.

Maths – making patterns together – making ab patterns, continuing a pattern, making their own patterns, clapping patterns.

Week 2 – 08.06.26 – jungle animals

Key Text – walking through the jungle – Julie Lacombe

Rhyme- Down at the station.

Maths – making games and actions – holding up a different number of dots and the children hold up the correct number of fingers, rolling a dice and clapping the number of dots we see, rolling a dice and feeding the jungle snake, dropping stones in a bucket and counting the sounds.



Week 3 – 15.06.26 –Sea creatures

Key Text – The Rainbow fish – Marcus Pfister

Rhyme – Row, row, row your boat

Maths – Show me 5 – 5 little ducks song, counting the bears in the story 5 bears in a bed, matching numerals 1 to 5 to the currant bun song, 5 little peas in a pea pod pressed

Week 4 – 22.06.26 –summer and summer holidays

Key Text – Stanley's stick – John Hegley

Rhyme – row, row, row your boat

Maths –My own pattern – ordering big objects in an ab pattern, making 4-sided rock pool for sea creatures, correcting a mistake in a pattern, making an ab pattern pasta bracelet, threading patterns

Week 5 – 29.07.26 – summer and camping

Key text – You can't take an elephant on holiday – Patricia Cleveland-Peck

Rhyme –A sailor went to sea, sea, sea

Maths – stop at 1,2,3,4,5 – 5 little men on a flying saucer song, pass around elephants circle game, skittles game (record how many we knock over), trains, train, trains book

Week 6 – 06.07.26 – summer and icecream

Key text – Should I share my icecream? - Mo Willems

Rhyme –A sailor went to sea, sea, sea

Maths – Match, sort, compare – sorting patterns, using words more, fewer and same.

Week 7 – 13.07.26 – school and transition to reception

Key text – various texts about starting school

Rhyme –1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive

Maths – Consolidation of activities from this half term.

Dates for the diary –

Friday June 12th – Marys Meals- non uniform day, please bring in money for cakes

Tuesday 16th June – Sports day in the afternoon

Tuesday 14th June – Forest school for Pre-School in the afternoon. (Please send your child in comfortable clothing and trainers as we will be outdoors all afternoon.)

Wednesday 15th July- shuffle up day 9.30 – 11.30 am

Friday 24th July – Last day of term and Wheelock farm visit

Sun cream and hats ☺

As we approach sunnier days, children who have consent to use the pre-school's sun cream will have it applied while they are here. If you have not given consent, please provide a clearly labelled sun cream that can be kept in school for your child. On sunny days, we kindly ask that you apply sun cream to your child before they arrive, and we will reapply it at lunchtime as needed. We do have a selection of sun hats available for children to use; however, if you would prefer your child to wear their own, please ensure it is clearly labelled and sent in with them.



Toys/teddies/jewellery from home

As we approach the summer term, we kindly ask that children refrain from bringing personal items from home, such as toys, teddies, or jewellery. This helps support their school readiness for September. Please reassure your child that we have plenty of teddies available at pre-school for them to play with and use if needed for comfort.

We also encourage you to support your child in practising how to put on and take off their shoes, socks, and coats independently, as well as encouraging them to wipe themselves after using the toilet. We will support and reinforce these skills at pre-school as well. Developing these abilities will help your child feel more confident and prepared as they get ready for Reception.

As always, we are available at the beginning or end of the day if you have any concerns or would like to speak to us about anything.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cookson, Mrs Soutar and Mrs Sterio. 😊

