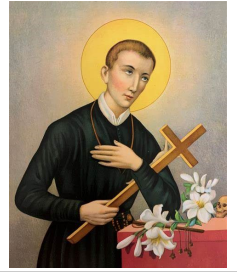


St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Week 5

1st October 2026



Message from Mrs Baxter

Foundation 2– starting September 2027

Do you have a child due to start F2 (Reception) in September 2027? We would like to invite parents and carers to an Open Day where we will share more about starting school, what to expect in F2 at St. Gerard's and how to apply for a school place. Please share this information with friends, family members, and other parents at your child's nursery or playgroup who may have a child starting F2 in September 2027. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you prepare your child for this important milestone!

Please contact the school office if you are able to attend.

Open Day - 20th October 2026 9.30am

Diary Dates

2.10.26; INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL CHILDREN

5.10.26: Y3 GIFT on Monday 5th Oct

5.10.26: Crucial Crew Year 6

12.10.26: Eden Camp Year 6

15.10.26: School Photos

16.10.26: Feast of St. Gerard Mass at 10.00am

16.10.26: Owen's October 5k challenge

20.10.26: F2 Open morning

22.10.26: Year 2 National Emergency service Museum visit

23.10.26: Crazy Hair Day

23.10.26: School Closes for half term

We will update the school calendar throughout the term .

Next School Mass

**Our next school mass will
be held on
Tuesday 6th October**



Friends of St. Gerard's

We have lots of exciting events coming up!

Crazy Hair Day – Friday 23rd October

Get creative with your craziest hairstyle! We

are asking children to bring in chocolate, a bottle or a prize to help with our Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your support!

Friends of St. Gerard's Disco – Friday 13th November

We're excited to announce our next school disco!

- F2, Year 1 & Year 2: 3:00pm – 4:15pm

- Classes 3, 4 & 5: 4:30pm – 5:45pm

Tickets will be on sale soon, so keep an eye out for further information!

Next Friends of St. Gerard's Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd November at 9:00am in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

During October, our school community will come together to pray the Rosary, honouring Mary and reflecting on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout the month, our children will have opportunities to pray together, learn about the Rosary and deepen their faith. We look forward to making this a special time of prayer, reflection and togetherness across our school family.

Little City of Play

We had such a lovely time welcoming Little City into school today! Our FS2 and Year 1 children absolutely loved getting stuck into the role play, using their imaginations and taking on different characters. It was wonderful to watch them play so confidently together, and there were lots of smiles, laughter and fantastic imaginative play throughout the session!

Parking

We do ask that Parents do not drop off/pick up at the side of the school reception. We also ask that once your child has been dropped off/collected that you leave to make space for other cars. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent information meeting

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent information sessions over the last few weeks. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher for more information.

GIFT Meeting

Year 3 families are invited to a GIFT meeting on Monday evening at 3.15pm