



# St. Gabriel's C. E. Primary School

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## School Eucharist – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Once again we will be having a School Eucharist service as part of our Easter celebrations in school. This will form part of our daily collective worship and be led by Rev Corbett.

The Eucharist, or Communion, is a special service which reflects Jesus' actions at the Last Supper - the 'breaking of bread' and 'receiving of the cup'. Whilst the act of worship, singing and prayer, is inclusive to all, the actual participation in receiving a token of bread and sip of wine (grape juice) is reserved for adults in school and Junior children who:

- have been formally Confirmed into the Christian church (usually Y6 children).
- have received permission to take Communion (bread and grape juice) from their parents, who in turn are active members of a Christian church which has adopted a policy of encouraging children to receive Communion prior to Confirmation.

It is important that Communion is reserved only for those children stated above, ensuring that those children who actively take part are familiar with and fully understand the purpose and meaning of the service. Infant children would not usually be permitted under church policies due to their age.

Junior or infant children who have not yet been confirmed, but who routinely go forward to receive a blessing, accompanied by a parent, as part of their regular church worship, may also receive a formal blessing in school.

Please return the slip below to indicate whether your child falls into either of the categories above and you wish them to receive Communion or a formal blessing in school. Please note, this permission will also be used for subsequent services in school this academic year.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or Rev Corbett. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

B Haigh  
Headteacher

Rev S Corbett  
Vicar St Gabriel's Church

### Permission to Receive Communion / Formal blessing

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child: (Please tick the appropriate box)

- has been formally Confirmed into the Christian church (*usually Y6 children*).
- has my permission to take Communion, as I am an active member of a Christian church whose policy encourages children to receive Communion prior to Confirmation (*Junior child*)
- has my permission to receive a formal blessing, as this is routine practice at my church prior to confirmation (*Infant / Junior child*)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent) Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: only return this slip if you have ticked one of the boxes above. Thank you.**