



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

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**April 2026**

**Facebook**—We will be using our new facebook account to celebrate all things St Gabriel's – to **showcase events, trips and children's work**, that you otherwise may not get to see. Please ensure you follow us at: [www.facebook.com/stgabrielsceprimaryblackburn](http://www.facebook.com/stgabrielsceprimaryblackburn). If you haven't already done so, please complete the Google form allowing permission for your child to be photographed. We never include names. **If you don't give permission, any photos including your child will have smiley emojis discreetly positioned to ensure your child is not identifiable.**



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**SIAMS**— We are expecting our SIAMS inspection at some point in the summer term. A SIAMS inspection is an assessment of a Church of England school to evaluate how it's Christian vision drives its work and enables pupils and adults to flourish.

Inspectors evaluate schools using seven Key Questions that measure the impact of the Christian vision on areas like curriculum, worship, culture and justice. Specific focus is placed on the effectiveness of Religious Education and spiritual development. We will contact you when we get the visit call!

## **Attendance H-E-R-O (Here Every day Ready On time)**

**Our attendance target is 95%** - that's **no more than 9.5 days absent across a whole year**. Plenty of our children achieve that and lots never miss a single day! Absence is always difficult, because children can miss vital learning that can't easily be caught up. Being frequently late is also problematic and isn't a good start to the day.

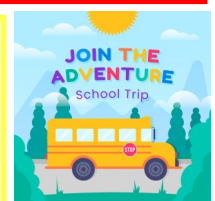
Our **gates open at 8.45am and our school day starts straight away... no delays**. The gates close at 8.55am. Please be on time!

We have set procedures to respond to persistent lateness and attendance that falls below our 9.5 days target. **Please see the page at the end of the newsletter.**



**SATS Week**— Y6 will be taking the National KS2 SATS on week commencing **11th May**. Early bedtimes for this week - we wish all our students the very best of luck!

**Class Trips**— Year 2 had a wonderful time on their trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve this week. The sun shone for the children to enjoy their walk around the reserve to learn about the different habitats. **[Click here to see the photos on Facebook!](#)**



**Decorate an Egg Competition**— We are incredibly proud of all the children who put in such great effort over the holidays creating their "decorate an egg" creations for this year's competition. A big congratulations to this year's winners, who featured on our Facebook page.

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## **Regular Activities during and after school for SUMMER 1**

<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime Ukulele Club 12-12.30pm	<b>Thursday</b>	Reception PE
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Maths Club 7.45-8.45am		Brass Music Lessons
	Gym Intervention (selected children)		
	Reception PE	<b>Friday</b>	Choir 3.30—4.30pm
	Violin Music Lessons		Y1, Y2, Y5, Y6 PE
	Gymnastics Club 3.30—4.30pm		Y5/Y6 Lunchtime Cricket
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Maths Club 8-8.55am		Multi—Sports 3.30—4.30pm
	Y3, Y4 PE		
	Violin Music Lessons		
	Woodwind Music Lessons		

## *Dates for Diaries...*

Thu 23rd Apr	Y2 Class Trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve
Tue 28th Apr	Y4 Class Trip to Lancaster City Museum and Castle
<b>Mon 4th May</b>	<b>School Closed—Bank Holiday</b>
W/C 11th May	Y6 National KS2 SATS WEEK
Tue 13th May	Friends Meeting @ 6pm —Fun Day arrangements
Wed 13th May	Reception School Trip—details to follow
Thu 21st May	Year 6 Trip—details to follow
Thu 21st May	Governors SEC Meeting @ 2.30pm
<b>Fri 22nd May</b>	<b>School Closes @ 3.30pm for half-term</b>
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>School Closed—Inset Day</b>
<b>Tue 2nd June</b>	<b>School re-opens as normal</b>

### **Summer 2 Important Dates... (details to follow)**

Fri 5th June — Fun Day	Thu 18th June — Y1 Class Trip
Thu 11th June — Y3 Trip	Mon 29th June — KS1 + KS2 Sports Day
Thu 11th June — Summer Music Concert	Thu 9th June — Y2 Visit Blackburn Cathedral
Wed 17th June — Y5 Trip	Thu 9th July — Y6 Show

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## School's Response to Absence and Late Arrivals

### Universal Level

All parents - **TERMLY** attendance reports:

- Sent first week in January
- Sent first week back after Easter
- Sent last week in July (with reports)

### Stage 1

**Triggers:**

- **9 days absence** (cumulative attendance from the beginning of the school year)
- **5 late arrivals** (cumulative late arrivals, before/after register closes)

**Action:** First alert to parents with attendance/late report, requesting improvement

### Stage 2

**Triggers:**

- **15 days absence** (cumulative attendance from the beginning of the school year)
- **10 late arrivals** (cumulative late arrivals, before/after register closes)

**Action:** Second alert to parents with attendance/late report, requesting improvement

Attendance below 90% is classed as 'Persistent Absence' (19 days absent in a single year)

### Stage 3 – Persistent Absence Threshold

**Trigger:**

- **19 days absence** (cumulative attendance from the beginning of the school year)
- **15 late arrivals** (cumulative late arrivals, before/after register closes)

**Action:** Request for **Attendance Review Meeting** in school to discuss impact of absences/late arrivals and offer support from outside agencies, if applicable.

### Stage 4

**Trigger:**

- **absence shows no sign of improvement**
- **continued late arrivals, no sign of improvement**

**Action:** Request for **second Attendance Review Meeting** to discuss a formal **Attendance Contract** and possible outside agency involvement.

Formal advice sought from BwD Inclusion Team (eg use of Fast Track Pathway)

### Stage 5

**Referral to BwD Inclusion Team** (formal warning/notice to improve; legal action) when:

- Previous Stages have failed to improve attendance
- Attendance Contract has been breached

Any of the thresholds for legal action have been met