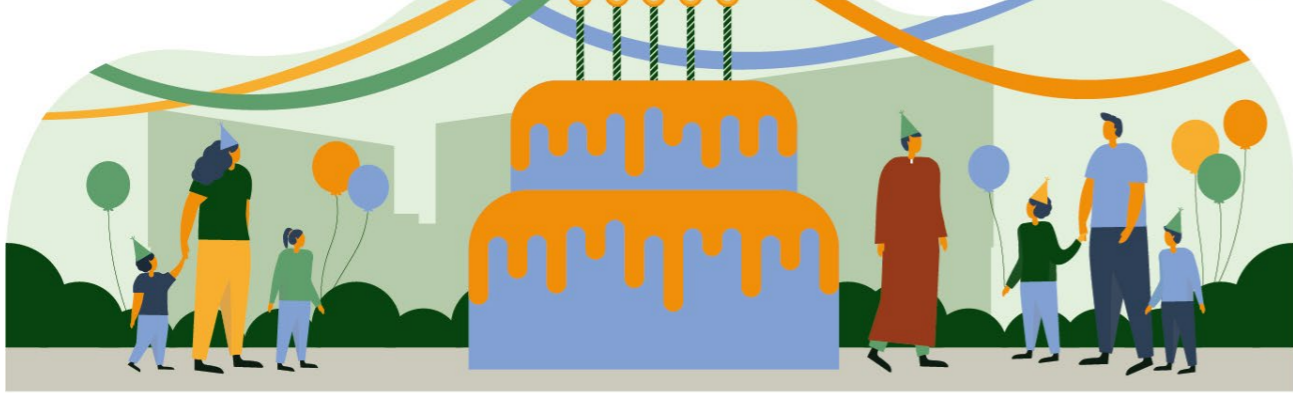


St Gabriel's Fifth Birthday



St Gabriel's Fifth birthday – celebrating with the bishop

The five-year anniversary of St Gabriel's School was marked by a memorable celebration that brought together the school community and notable individuals from education and development. The day started with student workshops, emphasizing creativity and collaboration. The highlight was an assembly led by the headteacher, Andy, featuring student-read poems and reflections on the school's achievements and future. The Bishop of Coventry delivered an address, emphasizing the value of education and community. Church representatives and governors attended, symbolising the school's strong relationships and collaborative support as well as those from Urban&Civic, pivotal in the school's development, reaffirming their ongoing commitment.

Since opening in 2018, we have continually supported St Gabriel's to actively cater to community demand. This includes building two additional classrooms in September 2021 and six more in 2023, reflecting the school's commitment to growth and adaptation. The anniversary event highlighted the school's dedication to fostering an enjoyable educational environment, preparing students for future citizenship, and maintaining partnerships that enhance learning experiences. Looking ahead, St Gabriel's is set to continue evolving and enriching the educational landscape.



Partnerships



Passion



Social

Andrew Taylor, St Gabriel's Headteacher stated; *"For me personally and in the life of our school, the 5th Birthday celebration was a significant moment. On one hand it was an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the culmination of a journey which extends back around seven years and all the work that went in to opening the school and making its first few years a success. There are so many things to be proud of: welcoming our very first pupils, growing to over 400 pupils, opening our Nursery, receiving our first Ofsted inspection, securing fantastic results and much more besides. There are also the many individual successes with each child, member of staff and community member having their own experience of our school in that time. On the other hand, this moment offered the opportunity to look ahead to the next five years and beyond and feel excited for the continued journey St Gabriel's is on, for the lives it will touch and the service it will provide to its community here in Houlton as it further grows and matures."*

