



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

It has been a busy week here at St Gregory's with the children (and staff!) settling down into their new routines and enjoying their new learning. This week alone we have achieved the following: we held a lovely mission assembly exploring the question – 'what makes us great?'; we opened up our school for the first time in a very long time to our Parents and Carers as part of our curriculum evening; we welcomed Mrs Quinn, CSEL for the Romero Academy, to showcase our new school environment; we put the finishing touches in place for our newly refurbished reception building; we welcomed our new cohort of Nursey Children for their first days of school; we selected our school councillors for the academic year of 2021/2022 and, if that wasn't enough, we celebrated another week of successful learning during our Celebration Assembly today. All in all, it may have been a busy week – but it has also been a successful one. We are immensely proud of how the children have been working since being back at school, but I would also like to say how proud I am of all the staff at St Gregory's who have worked hard to ensure that the school not only looks like an amazing place to learn but for also making it feel like an amazing place to learn. Team St Greg's is well and truly back and we now can't wait to see what the future has in store 😊

## ☆☆ Star of the Week ☆☆

Our Celebration Assembly was full of joy this week as we were told of all of the children's fabulous achievements. Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
n/a	n/a	Klaus	Jason	Marylove	Nevaeh	Ava	Daniel
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday Wednesday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday
Attendance: 97% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
n/a	99.6% 😊	95.2%	94.1%	98.6% 😊	97.9% 😊	97.9% 😊	96.9%
Class Attendance Winner		Years Reception					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 174 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 447 Points		



Nursery

### Welcome Nursery

This week, we welcomed our Nursery children and their families. We are so thrilled with how they have settled during their sessions this week and we now can't wait to watch them learn and grow.

This week, the children have learnt some new nursery rhymes and have painted their first picture to take home with them!



### School Council

On Thursday, we inaugurated our new School Council for this academic year. This year we asked children to apply in any way they wished to present their application. The results are as follows:

We extend our congratulations to ...

Year 3: Amelia & Louis Year 4: Poppy & David  
Year 5: Ava-Jade, Tio, Poppy, Jiya & Godwin  
Year 6: Lilly-Beau, Lacie, Ellie, Yasbella & Oliver

We are planning a special induction assembly in which the children will be presented with a new School Council Tie and a metal badge so that our school community will recognise the members of our School Council. The School Council will be meeting weekly with Mrs Swiadek to plan events and discuss ideas that will improve the school. We are very proud of our School Council and value their input and opinions both in school and to the Local Governing Body.

### Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all of our Parents and Carers that attended our curriculum evening on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to showcase the changes we have made to our school environment as well as discuss our aims and school improvement priorities for the year! Thank you so much for coming and for all of your positive feedback ~ it really is appreciated.



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### House Vice-Captains

We now have our new House Vice-Captains for the year - congratulations to:

Belgrade	Godiva	Herbert	Trinity
Ava	Cameron	Isaiah	Lily

### Head Boy & Girl Elections

WATCH THIS SPACE.....next week we will be holding our own whole school elections for the first Head Boy & Head Girl at St Gregory's. We introduced this to support the children in learning about the 5 key British Values. Today, all of the children who wish to run for election read out their speeches and the children voted. We have now selected 2 boys and 3 girls to go forward to the main election. These children will then deliver their letters to the whole school during the Monday Mission on TEAMS and subsequently, each child in the school will vote for one girl and one boy who they think should be given this very prestigious status – good luck children 😊



### Visit from Mrs Quinn – CSEL of the Romero Academy

Yesterday morning, I visited Saint Gregory's to see how the pupils and staff have settled into the new academic year.

Suffice it to say I was not disappointed - wow what a visit! The school was just wonderful and the recent improvements have led to a vibrant place of learning where children are thriving! The children were all very happy to be back in school and the term has started very well. Talking to Mrs Scullion, she has ambitious plans for you all but first there is a very important celebration - the 50th anniversary of the school!

I am confident that anyone visiting/returning to the school will absolutely love the changes as much as I did; many parents could not recognise the classrooms after the much needed updating. The highlight was the newly refurbished Reception classroom; it is unrecognisable! The new pupils will thoroughly love exploring and learning in the larger space and many happy memories will be made in EYFS! I now wish you all a very happy 50th birthday year!

### St Gregory's Celebrates 50 Years

We are fifty! St Gregory's is officially in its fiftieth year of operation and we couldn't let it pass us by without a celebration. Next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will be having a special day full of celebrations to mark the occasion. In the morning we will celebrate mass with Archbishop Bernard and many staff members from over the years will be in attendance too. In the afternoon, staff have planned some lovely lessons for the children to mark the occasions and we have a few treats in store for the children to really celebrate in style. Please keep an eye on Social Media so that you are able to be involved in the celebrations too.



### Food Bank

During our focus on Harvest we are supporting Coventry Food Bank to help families who are less fortunate within our city and don't have enough food to eat. They have set our school a challenge for every child to bring in at least one item of food to donate on behalf of the food bank items needed: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, UHT Milk, Sugar, Juice or diluting drink, Packet Rice. Therefore, if you would like to donate to the cause, please send items into school and we will package them up over the next couple of weeks.



### Secondary School Admissions (current Year 6) for September 2022

All applications need to be in by **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

You can apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions).



### Primary Admissions for Reception September 2022 - Rising Fives

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2022. Apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions). Closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.

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## SEN Parent Meetings with Mrs Williams

Mrs Williams, who is Principal of St John Fisher and the Romero Lead for SEND, will be working with us at St Gregory's from now on to support us with our Special Needs provision. If your child is on the SEN register, Mrs Williams would love to meet you and understand how we here at St Gregory's can further support your child. Also, if you have any concerns she will be able to discuss these with you. Please remember, no worry is too big or small! Mrs Williams will be making contact with parents to book a meeting on either 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> September during the school day. She looks forward to meeting you all and working with your children.



## Go Green for Macmillan

Thank you to those who dressed up in green today for Macmillan and donated to such a worthwhile cause. Thanks to your donations we raised £131.50 so far. Thank you also to those parents who joined us for our coffee afternoon hosted by our newly appointed School Council – it was lovely having you 😊

## Giselle

We are excited to announce that we have been able to secure tickets for **Years 5 and 6 to go see the ballet Giselle at the Royal Opera House in London on November 5th.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to watch a professional ballet in the famous setting of the Royal Opera House. We have secured heavily discounted tickets as well as a travel grant, meaning that we're able to put on this trip for an extremely low price.



**An Arbor was sent out on 13th September with all the details of the trip and how to pay for the trip. The payment deadline is 29th September.**

## Music Lessons

Music is once again filling the halls at St Gregory's and we have lessons on offer for those children who are wanting to learn a new skill.

Mr and Mrs Perkins, our music teachers, are offering private tuition in the following instruments:

**Mrs Perkins – teaching recorder, flute and clarinet ~ [Suzafone1@gmail.com](mailto:Suzafone1@gmail.com)**

**Mr Perkins – teaching violin, piano / keyboard, guitar ~ [perkisound@googlemail.com](mailto:perkisound@googlemail.com)**

If you would like your child to receive lessons, please do email the teachers to finalise the arrangements.

## Toileting Information Session delivered by the Coventry School Nursing Team

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (10:00 – 11:00)

This session has been devised to address toileting concerns that many parents/carers are experiencing across the city. It is packed with lots of information, advice and tips in this hour slot to support families who feel they need support with their child/children's toileting needs. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toileting-tickets-168700595021>

## Secondary Admissions – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2022. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website:

<https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/chooseWisemann> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a rapidly improving school (Ofsted May 2019). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2022.



Please be advised that for pupils who are in Year 7 for the 2022- 2023 academic year, free bus passes will be available for eligible pupils for their first year attending Cardinal Wiseman. Eligible pupils are children who meet all three criteria:

- 1) On the application form Cardinal Wiseman was their **first choice as a secondary school.**
- 2) Pupil has attended one of the partnered Catholic **primary** schools within **Romero.**
- 3) The pupil has a home address which is **2 miles or more** from the school.

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Please continue to join us online via our website and social media, to find out more about our dynamic and ambitious Catholic Secondary school, led by Mr Everett, Principal.

## Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful</b>		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am	Head Boy and Head Girl Presentations
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Day PM	Flu Vaccinations Y4 Greek Food Tasting Session
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Day 6.30pm	SEND Reviews with Mrs Williams Y6 Confirmation Parents Meeting at St John Fisher Church
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Day	One Life School Retreat
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.45am	St Gregory's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Bernard
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30am & 11.30am	St John Fisher Parish Mass

Megan Scullion

Have  
a  
lovely

weekend!

Mrs Scullion  
Interim Head of School



RED  
OPTION

YELLOW  
OPTION

PURPLE /  
ORANGE  
OPTION

MON

Sausage Roll &  
Wedges

Quorn Chicken  
Burger & Wedges

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese/Beans

TUE

Cottage Pie &  
Roast Potatoes

Veggie Cottage  
Pie & Roast  
Potatoes

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese/Beans

WED

Gammon Roast  
Dinner

Quorn Fillet Roast  
Dinner

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese/Beans

THU

Lasagne &  
Seasoned Potatoes

Cheese & Tomato  
Pizza with  
Seasoned Potatoes

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese/Beans

FRI

Salmon Fishcakes &  
Chips

Vegan Nuggets &  
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All meals are served with vegetables and cake or fruit of the day.  
Our self-serve salad cart is also on offer which contains bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

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