



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



A huge thank you must go to Miss Bereza and Year 2 for leading us in today's assembly on the theme of Kindness & Friendship. It was lovely to hear about the difference one kind word can make and how we can be a friend to all – something we definitely show through our actions here at St Gregory's. Year 2 have tasked us with the challenge of spotting those children around school who are showing kindness to others. I have to say I think this will be an easy challenge, as it has been an absolute pleasure to walk around school at the moment and hear how polite the children are when greeting one another or passing one another in the corridors; to witness the positive relationships that the children have with our staff and to feel that sense of community spirit that St Gregory's is so well known for. I have said it before – St Gregory's is such a special place, and it is so lovely to see that that same feeling is shared by our children through their enthusiasm to come into school each day. We really are lucky to work and learn in such a place and I cannot wait to see more of our children showcasing their compassionate, faithful and caring personalities once again next week.

### ☆ Star of the Week ☆

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week! There was a lot to celebrate in our Celebration Assembly today and we are very proud of each and every one of you!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dagmara	Siya	Victoria	Sienna	Alicja	Rufaro	Levi	Nicholas
<b>P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)</b>							
Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday	Monday Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday
<b>Attendance: 94.6% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.</b>							
98.7% 😊	94.6%	98% 😊	93.4%	95.4%	97.3% 😊	92.6%	87%
<b>Class Attendance Winner</b>		Year 1					
<b>House Point Winner</b>		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 203 Points			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 2921 Points		



### Catholic Life at St Gregory's

Last Friday, Paul O'Donnell, Tracy Seery and Fr Des from our Local Academy Committee (governing body) came to visit St Gregory's to complete a Catholic Life Audit to ensure that our Local Academy Company is fulfilling their expected governance oversight of Catholic Life as a key part of the mission and strategic plan at St Gregory's.

It was a rewarding afternoon and the whole school was a hive of fabulous conditions for learning as we visited classrooms to monitor the school environment and see the many changes, we have made to school life and to our RE curriculum. We also had the opportunity to complete a book look with some children from each of our classes and members of the GIFT team came to speak to our Governors to inform them of all that they had been doing to raise the profile of Catholic Life within school too. The children were absolutely stunning in their responses which were both spiritual and reverent.

#### Some headline notes:

- Faith is integral in everything that we do.
- Children are very engaged, especially during prayer.
- Children were able to articulate what they were learning very securely.
- Prayer stations/areas/walls/displays are a very high quality, linked to the liturgical season.
- Children are very respectful and happy to be at school.
- Behaviour and positive relationships between children and staff.
- Wider learning environment and communal areas have been remodelled and offer areas for spontaneous worship.



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### Go Godiva!

Before Christmas, Godiva were crowned as house point winners after securing the highest number of points for the Autumn Term. On Wednesday, they received their winner's treat as they were joined by players and coaches from Coventry Rugby Club who led an experience session for the children. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed meeting the players and trying out a new sport! The competition is now back on to see who will reign victorious for the Spring Term ... Belgrade, Godiva, Herbert or Trinity? We shall have to wait and see!

### Cardinal Wiseman Ofsted Visit 30 November – 1 December 2021

We are delighted to share the Ofsted report from our recent visit led by Her Majesty's Inspector of schools, Jane Spilsbury. Ofsted judged our school to be **'Good'** in **all** areas. Jane was accompanied by a team of four Ofsted inspectors including two serving Headteachers (Dr Peter Kent and Philip Hamilton OBE). The report is available online [here](#).

We feel that this report captures the true experience of our students who come to our school every day to learn, to achieve, to be happy, to be challenged, and to be supported in all areas of their lives. It reflects our school beautifully; it is 'a happy place to be' and a place where there is a commitment to 'inclusion for all'.

We have high aspirations. There are still areas where we want to become even better, so please be assured that we are ambitious to further improve as a 'beacon of excellence for Catholic education'. We will build on the success achieved at the Primary schools in our MAC so our pupils make a smooth transition from Year 6 to Year 7 in their journey of learning and faith.

We offer our thanks to pupils, parents, carers, staff, governors, and all associated with our school, both past and present, who have helped us to reach this wonderful milestone.

Mr M Everett, Principal Cardinal Wiseman and Mrs H Quinn, CSEL/ CEO, The Romero Catholic Academy



### Pupil Premium Grant ~ Are you eligible?



Here at St Gregory's, we have just revised our Pupil Premium Strategy. Pupil Premium is a grant that we receive from the Government that allows us to provide additional experiences for those children in receipt of this funding. So far this year, this funding has been used to subsidise the cost of trips, contribute towards the cost of uniform, provide supermarket vouchers during school holidays and has also allowed us to run some additional after school clubs in order to close gaps in learning or social skills for these pupils. Please do check and see if you are eligible for this additional funding, the criteria can be found here: [https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals).

Any families in receipt of Free School Meals automatically qualify for Pupil Premium funding. Even if your child is receiving a Free School Meal because they are in Reception or Year 1 or Year 2, it is important that you still apply for the status, as by not doing so loses the funding for our school. If you have any questions about Pupil Premium funding or require any assistance in applying, please contact Miss Rowlands our Pupil Premium Lead via email at [b.rowlands@romeromac.com](mailto:b.rowlands@romeromac.com) or arrange to speak to Mrs Sweatman.

### Catering Survey – We need your thoughts!

The Catering Team are seeking your feedback in relation to the meals and service they provide. Please do spare 5 minutes to provide your feedback to ensure that are able to self-evaluate and action any areas of development.

Every completed survey by parents and pupils will be entered into a prize draw for a £25 Tesco voucher!

The closing date of the survey is 28th of February.

Click here to access the survey: [Romero Catholic Academy Primary School Catering Survey](#)



### Times Tables – how many do YOU know?



The National Curriculum states that ALL children need to know their Times Tables 1x 2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 7x 8x 9x 10x 11x 12x by the end of Year 4. We know that some children are really quick to learn Times Tables and some children need LOTS of reinforcement to recall facts quickly. Children need to be able to recall facts quickly when using the operation of multiplication or division. If we can make this learning fun at both home and school we can ensure children know their Times Tables.

Here are some websites with games you might find useful! Apple and Android apps – search: Times Tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/numeracy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml)

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## Queen and King Bee ~ Spelling Shed Results are in!

Congratulations to our first ever Queen and King Bee's! These children earned the maximum spelling shed score in their class and were top of their Spelling Shed League this week. Enjoy your prizes 😊



Year 1 ~ Emmie	Year 4 ~ Scarlett
Year 2 ~ Anvi	Year 5 ~ Migel
Year 3 ~ Jaya	Year 6 ~ Harleen



## Year Six Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder that many of our Year Six children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St John Fisher Parish Church. The mass will take place at 11.30am and all children are invited to attend to sing in the choir and support our Year Six children as they take the next step on their Journey of Faith. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers during this special time as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Our Confirmandi are as follows:

Felicia Max Lola Daniel Lily-Beau  
William Jacob Yaseblla  
Koby Curtis Evie Nicholas Ellie Chenge



*Life with Christ is  
a wonderful adventure.*

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

## Week at a glance

A busy week ahead!

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Curious and Active</b>		
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Mission Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	PM After School	Year 6 Confession with Fr Des Football Match vs Sacred Heart AWAY
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10am – 2pm 6.30pm	Year 6 Retreat Day at Cardinal Wiseman *packed lunch needed* Year 6 Service of Light for Confirmandi, Parents and Sponsors at St John Fisher Church
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am Morning After School 6pm	EYFS and Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop Year 3 Educational Visit to Coombe Abbey ~ Orienteering Engineering Club to Coventry Transport Museum EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9am 10am	Celebration Assembly Year 6 Teaching Mass at St John Fisher with Fr Des
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at St John Fisher Church</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher

Have a lovely weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal



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