



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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He is Risen

Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

As another half term comes to an end, it presents us with the perfect opportunity to look back upon all of the opportunities offered and reflect upon the achievements that have occurred as a result of these opportunities. It has once again been a busy term, but it has been lovely to witness the work of our children and hear the fun they are having within school. For me, there have been many highlights, but the following stand out for each of year groups as memorable moments this half term. Each of these has played a small part in creating a moment that will become a memory during the children's time here at St Gregory's and has assisted the children in their development in some way, whether that be growing spiritually; succeeding academically or flourishing in their personality. This half term's memorable moments are as follows:



**Nursery** continue to amaze us! They are our youngest children but still achieve so much. They have been enjoying reading the 'Little Red Hen' this half term and have been able to retell this using some actions. They also made bread this week and carefully followed instructions and worked together to ensure that they got this right.



**Reception** have participated in their first ever school trip! Today they visited Ash End Farm and have had a wonderful time taking their learning outside of the classroom.

**Year 1** have begun to lead Collective Worship within their classroom. On rotation, two children are chosen to deliver a special liturgy to their classmates each week to help them grow as a family of faith. Mrs Scullion and Miss Downing were invited to this on Wednesday and it was beautiful! Well done Year 1 ~ you are definitely liturgy leaders of the future!



**Year 2** have had some wonderful learning experiences this half term. Miss Bereza has been working hard to plan active learning experiences that allow our Year 2 children to learn without a pen or paper in sight! These have included dramatizing the Pentecost story, complete with flame headpieces; developing their understanding of biodiversity by participating in an eco-walk and they also performed their Mousike Ensemble performance pieces to their family and friends in a wonderful class assembly!

**Year 3** took an important step in their Journey of Faith and received the Sacrament of Holy Communion this half term. A beautiful mass was held to celebrate this special occasion and the children performed a poignant Sacred Dance to remind the congregation of their newly strengthened relationship with Jesus



**Year 4** went on their first residential and had a wonderful visit to Conkers. They threw themselves into the challenges and their teamwork and communication skills were strengthened. The children relished in the opportunity to take on something new and shine brightly in a different setting!

**Year 5** have participated in a 'Teach Make' project this week which has seen them work creatively to look at sustainable ways to provide water to those in need. The project is steeped in engineering opportunities and has allowed the children to develop their design skills as well as to think critically to problem solve.



**Year 6** have had one of the hardest half terms as they have completed their SATs tests. They worked tirelessly each day to showcase the knowledge they have acquired in recent years and made us all so proud. They are now embracing 'West End Life' as rehearsals are well underway for their end of year production of 'Pantastic' which will be performed at the Albany Theatre on the 5<sup>th</sup> July – what an opportunity!

We look forward to seeing what the last half term of this academic year will bring when we return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June!**

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## ☆ Roll of Honour ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance: 96% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
92.4%	89.7%	97.9% 😊	99.3% 😊	93.3%	97.9% 😊	96.3%	99.2% 😊
Class Attendance Winner		Year 2					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 135 Points			Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 5614 Points		

## Parent/Carer Survey – Your Voice Matters!

Here at Saint Gregory's, we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our fifth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

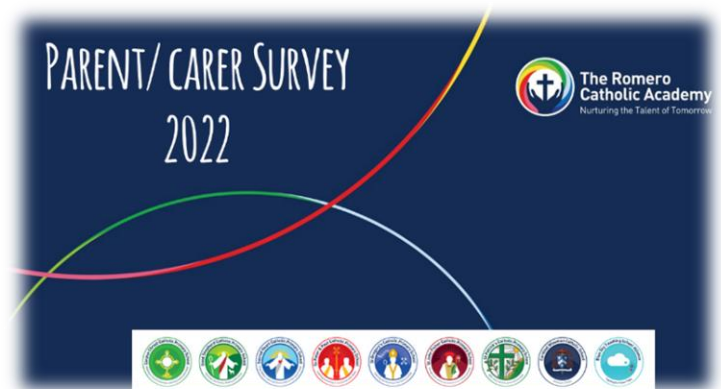
The link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2022>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have included a question specifically on the recent Ofsted at Cardinal Wiseman as we are interested in your view in the school now confirmed as 'Good' in all areas. The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete and comments are optional.

You can provide your details or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we would appreciate you bringing it directly to the attention of staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' in advance for completing our survey. As always, the survey will be analysed at school level and across Romero, as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in Autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter. We will include the FAQs on the website – [www.romeromac.com](http://www.romeromac.com)



## St Gregory's Celebrates!

On **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**, as a school we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We have a special day of activities planned for the children and will be embracing all that this celebration has to offer. A special lunch menu has been set for the day – think traditional fish and chips, and ice cream! We will also be hosting 'St Gregory's got Talent' in the afternoon and ending the day with an afternoon tea, family picnic style! Should you wish to join us, the gates will be open at 1.30pm for 'St Gregory's got Talent' and you can join us for our afternoon tea from 2.30pm. Fingers crossed the sun shines and we can enjoy our festivities outside!

Children are welcome to come into school dressed in red/white/blue or party clothes or kings/queens/princess fancy dress for the day too!



## Top of the Rocks

Congratulations to those children who have been battling it out on times table rockstars this week! Those children who have been crowned 'top of the rocks' are as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	Ikem	Sophie	N/A	Henos	Akshajan



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### Romero Awakens

In response to the call to action from Pope Francis, 8 children from the Eco team attended the Eco conference at Corpus Christi School. We listened to talks about what Coventry is doing to help the environment from the Lord Mayor and Severn Trent. Each school then presented on what they were already doing to help the environment and their plans for the future. Our students spoke about the exciting projects they have started within school such as our wild flowers, vegetable garden and sunflower planting for Ukraine. We then spent the afternoon completing different activities such as making seed bombs, plastic bricks and experiencing the 4D room.

### Rising Four/Five Information (New Nursery and Reception Children 2022)

There will be a meeting for parents of children allocated a place in Nursery and Reception on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm in the school hall**. During this meeting you will meet the staff and have an insight into being a Nursery/Reception child at St Gregory's. We will confirm the starting date in September shortly and a letter and admission pack will be sent to all parents/carers soon. We have invited the school nursing team, along with our care club, uniform examples and samples of food to try from our Romero caters.



### Year 2 Free School Meals

If your child is currently Year 2, their entitlement to Universal free school meals will end at the end of this academic year (July 2022). If you think you are eligible for free school meals, you will need to apply before they finish the school year to ensure you do not need to pay anything in September. You can apply via [www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

## Happy Half Term!

Please let me take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and safe half term with your families. Hopefully the sun makes an appearance so that we are able to make the most of some 'down time' from school. I also would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff at St Gregory's – this half term has been full of highs and many memories have been made for and with the children. I know that all of these things require many people to go 'over and above' and this is very much noted and appreciated.

So whatever your plans, have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** for some Summer fun!

### Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Attentive and Discerning</b>		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am & 11.30am	Pentecost Sunday ~ Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day 1.30pm 2.30pm	St Gregory's Celebrates – Jubilee Day! St Gregory's Got Talent – Parents and Carers Welcome Afternoon Tea Picnic – Parents and Carers Welcome
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Catholic Sports Athletics Team Practice at Warwick University
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	AM 9am 1.15pm	Year 6 Takeover Day Group 3 Celebration Assembly and Year 1 Class Assembly <b>*New Date*</b> Introducing the Lunchtime Supervisors Assembly
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am & 11.30am	The Most Holy Trinity – Parish Mass at St John Fisher

Have a wonderful break! See you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for Jubilee fun!

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