



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

Everyone at St Gregory's is greatly saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her tireless service to our country – from her early days as a dutiful young monarch to her later years as one of the world's longest and most eminent serving heads of state – makes her a source of admiration in all our school. We would like to express our sincere condolences; our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

There will be a ten-day period of national mourning, and as you would expect, our school will participate appropriately in aspects of these. School will be open as usual during this time. As is fitting with a period of national mourning, our school will limit communication, including on social media platforms, to essential information only. Our staff will be providing support to our children and to each other at this sad time.

Special assemblies and class prayer times will focus on helping everyone understand this unprecedented time in our nation's history and, during this time of mourning and beyond, regular time will be dedicated throughout the school day to support our family as we all come to terms with such sad news.

As a 14-year-old princess, Queen Elizabeth II addressed the children of the Commonwealth saying, "And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place."

I hope that we can all find some comfort in these words.

School will close to all year groups (Nursery to Year 6) on Monday 19th September for the whole day as this has been confirmed as a national Bank Holiday for our nation.



We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Her dedication to the UK, other realms & territories is unparalleled & we thank her for her service.

Our Academy, which includes all eight of our schools, will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff.

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On behalf of all the staff, I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff:



Mrs Rebecca Mullen – Reception Teacher and EYFS Leader of Learning
Miss Monique Kenion – Nursery Manager
Miss Ava Bremmer – Teaching Assistant, Year 2
Mr Oliver Duggins – PE Teaching Assistant, Year 3
Mr George Lindley – PE Teacher
Miss Louise Edwards – Teaching Assistant, EYFS and Year 1
Miss Bianca Atack – Teacher Trainee

We ask for God's blessing on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. Today, we are excited to welcome our first group of new Reception and Nursery children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children for their first morning of school – the very best of luck!

Send us your 'first day at school' photographs via email so that we can post on our Social Media: admin.sg@romeromac.com

We want the very best for your children and look forward to continuing with our school improvement. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me if you wish to discuss any element of school life. It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused. What a pleasure it is to work at St Gregory's 😊

Congratulations!

We wish to extend a huge congratulations to Miss Ryan, our Admin Assistant, who got married during the Summer Holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Ryan. We wish her and her new husband a lifetime of happiness! Congratulations!



Romero Catholic Academy

To all our new parents, we belong to a family of schools called The Romero Catholic Academy. We converted on the 1st August 2015, and have successfully completed seven years as an Academy. Our strategic aims this year will be linked to the Romero aims:



Lunchtimes – Romero Academy

Staggered lunchtimes will continue across the school to enable us to get through all the meals!

Nursery 11:40am / Reception 11:30am – 12:30pm / Year 1/2/3 12:00pm – 1:00pm Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 - 12:15pm – 1:15pm

Please do consider putting your child back onto School Meals – they are really tasty and great value for money.

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**Gentle Reminders! **



8.55am Lateness Following the drift in between 8.40am and 8.55am all children will be in school. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be marked late in the register. 8.55am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We are going to be making further steps to reduce lateness working with families who are not ensuring their child is in school by 8.55am.

New end of the daytime School will end at 3:15pm each day. Gates will open from 3:10pm.

Procedures for Absences If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9:10am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. It is imperative that we know by telephone that a child is not expected to be in by 9:10am otherwise we will telephone. If we still cannot make contact, then Mrs Sweatman (Pastoral Team) or Mrs Feeney (Academy Attendance Officer) may make a visit to the family home.

Inset Days (2022 – 2023) – CHANGES

The school will be closed on the following days for staff Inset Days:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023, **Friday 20th January 2023**, Monday 24th July 2023, Tuesday 25th July 2023

School and Parish Masses

This week, we will send out all the school and parish mass dates/times for the whole year, these include all the sacramental programme dates for Yr3 First Holy Communion and Yr6 Confirmation.

Please add these to your diaries – hopefully there will be no changes.



Dates for your diary

Each Friday we have an assembly led by a class (parents will be welcome to these) – the first few are:

Friday 30 th September	Little Way Week – Year 3 – 9:00am
Friday 21 st October	Black History Month – Year 6 – 9:00am
Friday 4 th November	Bonfire Night - Year 2 – 9:00am
Friday 18 th November	Vocations - Year 4 – 9:00am

**** In the next few days, we will send out a full calendar with all the dates for the year ****



Arbor Communications

- Please download the APP and login to ensure you receive all emails/alerts/payments.
- We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via Arbor. We do not print the newsletter – please make sure you register with Arbor to ensure you do not miss important communications from school.
- Letters – the vast majority of letters will not be printed and will be emailed to your Arbor account.
- **CASHLESS** –we are a cashless school and do not accept cash/cheques for school meals, trips, music lessons etc – please use the Arbor APP to pay for activities.

Pupil Leadership

Here at St Gregory's, we are keen to grow leaders of the future and want to involve the children in our decision making as much as possible – it is their school after all! We cannot wait to implement our **pupil leadership** structure leading on from the success of our roles of House Captain and Vice-Captains. Over the next few weeks, children in Key Stage Two will have the opportunity to apply for a place on our school council. The children will be asked to submit an application (the format is up to them) detailing why they should be a member of our **School Council**. They will then be elected and enrolled for their term of office.

Last year's House Vice-Captains have now stepped up to their senior position of House Captain, meaning that we are looking for four new **Vice-Captains** from our Year 5 pupils. Application forms will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Finally, we have two exciting positions available for our Year 6 children to undertake. We are looking to recruit next **Head Boy and Head Girl**. Those who wish to be considered will write a manifesto and deliver this to the children within school. We will then host a school voting week where each child will vote for who they wish to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl and represent our school and vocalise the children's thoughts.

This is a very exciting time for us as we hope that these initiatives will help develop confidence and independence within the children who apply and give a voice to the rest of the children at school so that we can make changes for the better.

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P.E. – Autumn Term 1

**ST GREGORY'S
Autumn 1
P.E**

- RECEPTION**
Gymnastics
FRIDAY
- YEAR 1**
Playground games +
Dance
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
- YEAR 2**
Athletics &
Healthy Lifestyle
WEDNESDAY + THURSDAY
- YEAR 3**
Athletics +
Endball
WEDNESDAY
- YEAR 4**
Cross Country &
Healthy Lifestyle
THURSDAY
- YEAR 5**
Indoor Athletics &
Dance
MONDAY & THURSDAY
- YEAR 6**
Indoor athletics &
Netball
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Please send your child in wearing their PE kit in on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

Arbor

Parents should have received an Arbor message last week, detailing your child's arrangements for PE for this half term. If you missed this, please the document on the left hand side which informs you of the days your child has PE and which units they will be covering. Please also use the Padlet QR codes to look at your child's learning within the subject and add any sporting success they have outside of school too 😊

Birthday Gift!

Reminder - for children on their birthday or the nearest school day to their birthday – they can come to school in non-uniform. This way, everybody within the school community who sees them, will know that it is their special day. To clarify, if a birthday is on the weekend or within school holidays the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards. Please no birthday cakes into school, as it takes the staff too long to cut up and detracts from the children's learning.



Make Time for Breakfast!

Even on the first few days back we are aware that there are some children who are coming to school without having breakfast. It really is important that the children have something to eat in the morning before they come to school in order to feel energised and ready to concentrate and learn. It is a long time to wait until lunchtime! If on the odd occasion your child has missed breakfast eg. due to running late, please do let us know and then at least we can make sure that they have had something to eat before lessons.



Extra-Curricular Club Offer

Please do also keep an eye on your inboxes for communication regarding our Extra-Curricular Club Offer. Mr Lindley has been working hard to formulate this for us, and these clubs will be available to book via Arbor towards the end of the week. All information will be provided in an email.

Secondary Admissions – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2023. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website: <https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a GOOD school (Ofsted 2022). 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 2023.

We warmly welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on **Thursday 22nd September at 5-7pm**. There will be a formal presentation to families by Mr Everett in our state-of-the-art hall, along with tours around the classrooms and facilities on offer.

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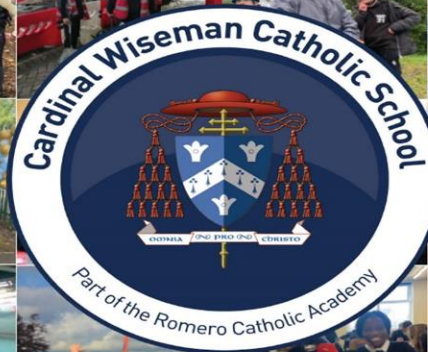




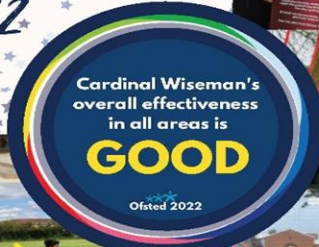
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Prospective Year 7
Open Evening
Thurs 22 Sept 2022



**JOIN US AND SEE WHAT OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU AT
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WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

5 PM - 7 PM

#BelIncredible #WeAreWiseman

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How do I know what my child is learning?

All curriculum information for your child's year group will be detailed in a Curriculum Overview Sheet that will be handed out during our Curriculum Evening which will take place on Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 6pm. Please do make an effort to attend, as it is a chance to meet your child's teacher and learn of all that the year group has to offer your child.

I am learning about...

Autumn Term Whole School Overview

Autumn	Coventry Week – D&T	English – Writing	Foundation Subjects	Science
Year 1	Weaving Project	The Tiger Who Came to Tea Labels and captions, letter, story retell, recount Beegu Story retell, non-chronological report, setting description	Me and My World	Animals including Humans (Human Body) Animals including Humans (Animals)
Year 2	Coventry God Cakes Project	The Gingerbread Man Retell, innovation, instructions The Great fire of London Non-fiction Non-chronological report	The Great Fire of London	Uses of everyday materials
Year 3	Coventry Flag Project	Leon and the Place Between Innovation, character description The Egyptian Cinderella Narrative retell, Instructions	The Ancient Egyptians	Forces & Magnets Animals including Humans
Year 4	Wooden Frame Project	Escape from Pompeii Emotive first-person narrative, non-chronological report The Firework Maker's Daughter Coming soon	The Roman Empire	Animals including Humans Sound
Year 5	Night Light Project	Macbeth Setting description, narrative, diary entry, motivational speech Romeo and Juliet Formal Letter, Newspaper Report	The Tudors	Living things & their Habitats Properties of Materials
Year 6	Motorised Buggy Project	Letters from the Lighthouse Setting description, missing person report, persuasive letter Rose Blanche Diary over time Beyond the lines Narrative retell, poetry	World War 2	Electricity Light



Saint Gregory's Social Media

Please do remember to follow or like us on our Social Media Channels. These are used to further enhance our communication with you all, as well as share and celebrate your children's learning with you. All sites are monitored by school staff and are a lovely way to share all of the great things happening at St Gregory's with you all 😊

Facebook: Head over to <https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorycoventry> and give us a like!

Instagram: Visit Instagram and follow us now ... <https://www.instagram.com/stgregoryscoventry/>

Twitter: [Click here](#) to visit our Twitter Page!



Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with **your child's class teacher** by either phoning or emailing the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance – the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the **Leader of Learning**. If a matter is then not resolved – an appointment can be made with a member of the **Leadership team** – **Assistant Principal (Miss Downing), Associate Principal (Mrs Scullion) or Executive Principal (Mrs Williams)**.

Leaders of Learning	Nursery, Reception Miss Mullen	Year 1 & Year 2 Miss Rowlands	Year 3, Year 4 Year 5 & Year 6 Miss Downing
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This is the procedure, and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

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Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Compassionate and Loving		
Monday 12 th September	8.40am – 3.00pm All Day	Reception Children Group 1 begin school Nursery Children begin school
Tuesday 13 th September	8.40am – 3.00pm PM	Reception Children Group 2 begin school Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 14 th September	All Day 8.40am – 3.00pm	One Life Whole School Retreat Day Reception Children Group 3 begin school
Thursday 15 th September	All Day	Catholic Social Teaching: CAFOD Workshops
Friday 16 th September	9.00am	Celebration Assembly!
Sunday 18 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Fr Des
Monday 19 th Sept	All Day	School Closed – Bank Holiday

I hope you have a lovely week ahead.

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal



**RED
OPTION**

**YELLOW
OPTION**

**BLUE
PURPLE
ORANGE
OPTION**

MON

Chicken Burger
with Wedges

Vegetable Burger
with Wedges

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

TUE

Chicken Curry
with Rice & Naan
Bread

Quorn Sausage &
Mashed Potato

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

WED

Roast Dinner of
the day

Quorn Fillet Roast
Dinner

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

THU

Spaghetti
Bolognese with
Garlic Bread

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza with Diced
Potatoes

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

FRI

Battered Fish & Chips
with Beans or Peas

Vegetable Fingers
& Chips with
Beans or Peas

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

All meals are served with vegetables and
cake or fruit of the day.
Our self-serve salad cart is also on offer which contains
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