



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

What a wonderful first FULL week. It has been a delight to see the children coming into school with smiles and enthusiasm. It was particularly wonderful to see all our new cohort of Reception and Nursery children walk through our gates for the first time this week; you all looked so smart and grown up. The children have settled in really well to their routines and are busy making new friends and enjoying the wonderful learning opportunities provided by the staff. Also, a special congratulations goes to the children that received an award this morning in our first Celebration Assembly.

Certificates will be sent home! 😊

Reception – Miss Mullen

For some children, their St Gregory's journey began this week. We are looking forward to watching them grow and to supporting them on their educational journey.



Well done Reception for settling in so well during your first week of school! We are so proud of you!



☆ 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	Bianca	Victoria	Azeez	Jessica	Renah	Levi
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Friday	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday and Thursday	Wednesday and Friday
Attendance: 91.9% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
n/a	n/a	92.5%	85.9%	95.8%	97.7% 😊	95.4%	95.3%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 4					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 152 Points			Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 229 Points		

Uniform

Thank you to everyone for looking really smart. Just a few reminders:

- 1) If your child wears a blue shirt, then they also need to wear a school tie.
- 2) Trousers and skirts must be grey please.
- 3) Hair – if your child's hair is longer than their shoulders it must be tied up.

Names Needed - please, please, please label your children's uniform...we already have so many jumpers and cardigans piling up 😞

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St Gregory's Curriculum Evening ~ *New Date – 28th September*

Come along for a special evening and see all we have in store over the next twelve months on **Wednesday 28th September 2022**. The evening will begin in the hall, where we will inform you of our school priorities for the coming year. After that, we will then give parents an opportunity to wander down to classrooms to meet their child's class teacher and pick up useful packs. It will also be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and ask any questions you may have.

Please note that the timings are as follows:

6pm ~ Whole School Welcome in the Hall
6.20pm ~ School Tour
6.30pm ~ Meet the teacher class presentations*

** We are aware that many of you have more than one child attending St Gregory's and may be worried about only being able to attend one class presentation. Please do not worry, many of the class presentations contain the same messages. We would recommend attending your youngest child's class presentation, or if you have a child in Year 6, attending this so that you have all relevant material regarding their upcoming residential to Plas Dol-y-Moch. After this presentation, you are then welcome to visit other classrooms to speak with your child's class teacher and pick up any relevant documents and ask any questions you may have.*

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Bank Holiday Reminder – School is Closed on Monday 19th September

Please do remember that we will be **closed on Monday** due to the Bank Holiday granted upon the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral. We will open once again on Tuesday 20th September.

Head Boy & Girl Elections

Over the next fortnight we will be holding our own whole school elections for the 2nd Head Boy & Head Girl at St Gregory's. We have introduced this to support the children in learning about the 5 key British Values. All children in Year 6 have the opportunity to apply and need to create their own manifesto (key values and beliefs). We will then select 3 boys and 3 girls to go forward to the main election. These 6 children will then deliver their letters to the whole school during the Monday Mission and subsequently will vote for one girl and one boy who they think should be given this very prestigious status – good luck children ☺



Fruit/snack at break time

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that children bring in a healthy snack of fruit/dried fruit at break time. Some children are bringing in cereal bars, yogurts, chocolate; these are not allowed, and children will be asked to put them back in their bags. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two receive a piece of "free" fruit every day from school.

School Dinners

As most of you are aware now all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. Do you meet the criteria for Free School Meal status? It's important to fill in this application even though your child is getting a free school meal under the government scheme. By applying you could raise an extra £1300 for our school from central government, to fund valuable support like teaching assistants, after school clubs and school trips. Please see Mrs Ryan in our school office for further information or speak with Mrs McCormick who is our Pupil Premium Lead.

Parents of current **Year 3 children**, please remember that if you are entitled to a "free school meal" you can apply online at http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals



Secondary School Admissions (current Year 6) for September 2023

All applications need to be in by **Monday 31st October 2022**

You can apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions.



Primary Admissions for Reception September 2023 - Rising Fives

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2018 and 31.08.2019 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2023. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.



Year 1 and 2 have asked for any unused or unwanted shirts that the children could wear to protect their clothing when painting. If you have any shirts that you are able to donate, please see Miss Bereza in Year 2.

Thank you in advance! ☺



Payment via Arbor is Back!

We apologise for the technical difficulties many of you have been experiencing when trying to pay via card using the Arbor App. We thank you for your patience and are delighted to inform you that this feature is now back up and running. If you require any assistance with your use of Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carpenter or Mrs Ryan in the school office – they are always happy to help ☺

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Homework

All homework will be starting from next Friday and you will receive a letter during the week informing you of our approach. We have once again purchased two workbooks for each child in the school and these will need to be returned to school by the Wednesday of each week. Please encourage them to keep them safe as they will need access to these for the full year. During Half Term Holidays, your child will now be set a piece of 'project style' homework based on a wider curriculum subject. This will ensure that they are able to creatively evidence their knowledge acquired and showcase their learning in a way that suits them.

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.

One Life Retreat Day – Let all Creation Sing

On Wednesday, the whole school participated in a retreat delivered by Dan and Emily from Onelife Music. The retreat was called 'Let all creation sing', and it allowed us as a family of faith to celebrate all that God has made. We reflected on Pope Francis' letter which encourages us to care for our common home by showing love, care and respect for all of God's creation. We learnt some beautiful hymns to help us to understand the above message and came together as a whole school to celebrate through prayer and liturgy in the afternoon. We would like to say a huge thank you to Dan and Emily from all the staff and pupils at St Gregory's for a wonderful thought-provoking and inspiring retreat.



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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Compassionate and Loving		
Sunday 18 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Fr Des
Monday 19th Sept	All Day	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20 th Sept	9am 9am PM	Year 5 – Macbeth Performance by Royal Shakespeare Company at Sacred Heart GIFT Team Mission Assembly – Compassionate and Loving ... Parents Welcome 😊 Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 21 st Sept	All Day	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Experience Day – History off the Page
Thursday 22 nd Sept	5pm – 7pm	Cardinal Wiseman Open Evening
Friday 23 rd Sept	9am	Celebration Assembly
Sunday 25 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Fr Des

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal

St Gregory's Extra Curricular Clubs Autumn 1

<p><i>Monday</i></p> <p>MULTI SPORTS - YEARS 1, 2 & 3 DANCE - YEARS 3, 4 5 & 6</p>	<p><i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>BOYS' AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL YEARS 3 & 4</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>MULTI SPORTS - YEARS 4, 5 & 6 NETBALL - YEARS 5 & 6</p>	<p><i>Thursday</i></p> <p>RUGBY - YEARS 4, 5 & 6 BOYS' AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL - YEARS 1 & 2</p>
<p><i>Friday</i></p> <p>BOYS' AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL YEARS 5 & 6</p>	<p><i>Booking ...</i></p> <p>BOOKING AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR IN THE 'CLUBS' SECTION OF YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT</p>

Booking for our Extra Curricular Clubs is now Live!

All clubs will begin week beginning 19th September

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