



Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



Wow! Festive spirit is most definitely in the air at St Gregory's, and after having to simplify things due to COVID last year, we are definitely ready to embrace all of the glitter, all of the sparkle and, more importantly, all of the joy! Today was a very special day as we hosted our Advent Art Day. Advent is a very special season in the liturgical calendar as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. We were so excited to welcome some of our parents into school to share in today's activities with us and we thank you for your support and assistance with the activities today. Throughout today, the children have been working hard to create decorations for our school Christmas tree in our theme of Blue and Silver — Team St Greg's all the way! And have been resilient when working on their Christmas Craft Project from their Design and Technology curriculum. When you take a step back and look at all the teaching of new skills that has taken place today, it really is amazing! We have had all sorts going on: from sewing in Year 6 to tie dying in Year 2 to Cooking in Year 3 — it has been an ambitious day but a worthwhile one at that, and I must thank our staff for their planning, resourcing, and sheer determination in ensuring that all children achieved their learning outcome today!

Each class has also spent the day making their own Advent Wreath, which they will use during Advent to help them count down the weeks until Christ's birth on Christmas Day. These wreaths will be blessed in a special assembly on Monday with Fr Des. Finally, preparations have been well underway for the children 's nativity performances and Christmas Carol Service that are scheduled to take place in December. The halls of St Gregory's have been alive with the sound of wonderful melodies and the children's beautiful singing, and it is making us all very excited indeed for the next few weeks in school as we celebrate the magical season of Christmas with the children. It really is the most wonderful time of the year and we at St Gregory's cannot wait to embrace all the festive cheer that comes our way!



#### ☆ Star of the Week ☆

Well done to all of our children who were awarded Star of the Week in our Assembly today! It was lovely to see how proud you were of your achievements — keep up the hard work!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
n/a	Dennison	Ronnie	Ollie & Molly	Ella	Myla	Chase	Ava-Jade	
	P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	
Attendance: 95.5% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.								
97.3% 😊	96.8%	95.4%	95.9%	97.6% 😊	93.7%	96.6%	90.9%	
Class Attendance Winner		Year 3						
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 142 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 1535			

#### **CSI Inspection**

On Wednesday and Thursday, we were delighted to welcome inspectors from the Birmingham Diocese. We were so proud to showcase all that St Gregory's has to offer and how we are able to offer such a faith-filled experience to each and every one of our children. The children shone over the two days and represented our school beautifully - as of course we knew they would. We cannot wait to share the outcome with you all, and will do so as soon as the report has been finalised.

#### Second Sunday of Advent ~ Whole School Mass

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Whole School Mass On Sunday 4th December at 11.30am, we will join with our Sister School, St John Fisher, to celebrate mass in order to recognise the Second Sunday of Advent. This is the one Whole School Mass we are able to celebrate in Church each year and it is always a very special occasion. We would like as many children to attend as possible to help sing in the choir and support with readings. Please can all children in attendance where their winter school uniform and come and sit at the front of church with members of school staff. Your support is greatly appreciated and will ensure it is a wonderful occasion

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#### Blessing of the Crib

Father Tom has written to invite all our Catholic Schools to gather with our Deanery Parishes for our annual 'Blessing of the Crib' service in the city centre on the first Sunday of Advent — Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. As usual, there will be a short service of readings, prayers, and carols to bless the Crib which stands as witness to our faith in the city centre. We hope you will be able to join us in Broadgate.

#### Nursery/Reception Nativity Plays

Year 1/Year 2 Nativity Plays

Year 1 and Year 2 will be sharing their Nativity

"Little Angel Gets Her Wings"

on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.



#### <u>Key Stage 2 Carol Service Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm</u> <u>St John Fisher Parish Church</u>

All children in KS2 (Yr3 4 5 6) will be taking an active part in our annual Carol Service "One Night; One Moment." We want all the children to be present to share with us the real meaning of Christmas and the staff are working hard to make this a very special reflection as we journey towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diary. It is an expectation that all children attend. If in exceptional circumstances your child is unable to attend, we request this in writing please.

They Key Stage Two Carol Service will hopefully become something that is known as a key event in the life of the school and we are excited to welcome you to its premiere!

The service is open to families of St Gregory's and our St John Fisher Parish Community, and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

# St Gregory's Present ... ONC OWLEV A Key Stage Two Carol Service 3. John Fisher Church Join us as we lead you through prayer and song, to help you pause & reflect upon that one night, that one moment when everything changed; the night when Christ entered the world.

#### Admissions Policy 2024/2025 Consultation

The Governing Body of St Gregory's Catholic Primary School are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for the Academic Year 2024-2025. The Consultation will run from 31st October 2022 until 12th December 2022.

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation, should contact the school in writing to:  $\mbox{Mrs}\mbox{ Megan}\mbox{ Scullion}$ 

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements St Gregory's Catholic Primary Wyken

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Or by email to: <a href="mailto:admin.sq@romeromac.com">admin.sq@romeromac.com</a>

To view the policy, either scan or click on the QR code to the right!



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#### Non-Uniform Day ~ Friday 3rd December

In order to help us create hampers to raffle during our nativity performances, we are asking all children to donate some chocolates in exchange for wearing non-uniform next Friday! We are very grateful for your support

#### Year 1's Amazing Animal Afternoon!

As part of their Science Learning, on Tuesday, Year 1 had a wonderful visit from the Animal Man!

They learnt about the similarities and differences between types of animals, and showed how brave they could be by holding some animals! It was such a lovely afternoon full of learning and fun, and you could see from the children's faces just how much they enjoyed the session!









#### Special Educational Needs Parent Survey

Parents of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) - Please could you take five minutes to answer the following questions in our Parent Voice Survey to help us celebrate our strengths and help us to improve our SEND provision at St. Gregory's.

St Gregory's Parent Voice SEND 2022 Survey (surveymonkey.co.uk)

Thank you in advance – Miss Mullen and Mrs Grainger



#### Messages from Fr Des

#### St John Fisher Christmas Tree

Fr Des has ordered a new Christmas Tree for the Church and it needs to be decorated. He would like to ask if each family could donate one decoration/bauble to decorate the tree. Your family will then be represented in our Church each Christmas for years to come. If you would like to make a donation, please send these to the office ©

#### St John Fisher Parish Bazaar

On Sunday 4th December we will celebrate a joint school Advent Mass with St John Fisher at 11.30am. All families are invited to attend and Fr. Des will bless our Advent Wreaths as both school communities prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. After Mass all families are welcome to attend our Parish Christmas Bazaar. This will be the first time since the pandemic that it has been possible for the Bazaar to take place. This will be a lovely celebration bringing our Parish community together, whilst doing good for our local community. All proceeds made from the Bazaar will go to the Coventry Food Bank.

If you have any **toys or teddies** in good condition to donate to the Bazaar, please could you drop them into the school Office by Thursday 24th November and we will make sure they go to a good home.

Thank you in advance for your support! Hopefully we can make a small difference to the people in our community who need it.

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#### WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!





Jooking at Jearning - w.b. 7th November From 2.455m

Come and spend some time with your child looking at their books and discussing their learning. Celebrating your child's learning and achievements can have such a positive impact upon their progress so please do come along!

#### Behaviour Workshop-37th November 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Join us to hear all about our new approach to behaviour. Based on research, learn about our rationale for behaviour management and browse the resources we use in school. Mrs Waters will be leading this session - and she is keen to share our vision with you all.

Childcare will be provided in order to allow you to attend the session!



### Phonics Workshop- 7th Jecember 4.30pm - 5pm

We know that lots of you are keen to support your child with their reading and we want to help! This session will talk you through our phonics programme 'Phonics Shed' and provide you with an overview of some takeaway resources you can use at home to support your child. This session will be led by Miss Rowlands.

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## St Gregory's Advent Calendar FOR THOSE IMPORTANT DATES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 <sup>th</sup> — 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent			10.15am Blessing of the Nativitree and Advent Wreaths (all welcome!) KS2: Reconciliation with Fr Des 1.15pm Year 2 Christingle Service	9.30am Light of the World National Assembly - CAFOD	Years N/R/1/2/3/4/5/6 Advent Class prayer times (9:00am) for parents to join us in Prayer
5th_ Qth December  2nd Week of Advent	9:30am EYFS Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal	2pm EYFS Nativity Performance 5:30pm KS1 Nativity	Rolling Worship: Preparing to Welcome Jesus 9:30am EYFS Nativity 1:30pm Choir to sing at the Hospital TBC: Festive Film Night	Day of Service: Whole School Social Action project - feeding the homeless  9.30am KS1 Nativity  1.30pm Year 4 Teaching Mass  3.30pm Staff Spiritual Reflection: Advent	PM: Reception — Year 6 visit to the Pantomime
12th - 16th December  3rd Week of Advent	9.00am Key Stage 1 Achievement Awards 9.30am Nursery Festive Drama Workshop	9:00am KS2 Achievement Awards 9.00am Year 5 Dodgeball Competition	9.00am Reception and Nursery Achievement Awards  All day KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal  PM Father Christmas to visit EYFS & KS1  6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Church	11:30am — 1:15pm St Gregorys Christmas Dinner 2pm Final Mass of Term including Virtue and Values Awards	Christmas Jumper Day ~ Donation 2pm Step into Christmas 3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)



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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity				
Value and Virtue – Learned & Wise						
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am Mission Assembly		Mission Assembly				
	1.15pm	Y6 Return from Plas Dol-y-Moch				
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm	Rock Steady Lessons				
	PM	Rock Steady Concert				
	PM	Sky Blues in the Community — Year 6				
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Romero Christmas Writing Workshop				
	10.15am	Blessing of the Advent Wreath/Navitree Assembly				
	11.30am	Y4 Reconciliation				
	1.00pm	Y2 Christingle Service				
	1.00pm	Y5 Reconciliation				
	2.00pm	Y6 Reconciliation				
Thursday 1st December	9.30am	Light of the World National Assembly CAFOD				
	After School	Netball Match – St Gregory's vs Corpus Christi Away				
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	ALL DAY	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for bottle/chocolate				
	9am	Parent Prayer Time Advent				

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal

#### <u>Prayer of the Month ~ Eternal Rest</u>

As November is the month of remembrance, all children have been set a challenge to learn the Eternal Rest prayer. Can you help them at home?



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