



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

Vocations Day – How can I answer God's Call?

Yesterday, we hosted our very own Vocations Day exploring our theme of 'How have I answered God's Call?'

We had a range of guest speakers who visited school in order to share the details of their job and answer some of the children's questions. The children absolutely loved hearing from a range of speakers that included a lawyer, dentist, stunt-man, dirt bike racer and several business owners, but to name a few! Not only did it give the children chance to learn about different careers, the skills needed to carry these out and how these people are able to make a difference to society; we are hoping that it also inspired the children to look at a future career for themselves now they have been exposed to so many new possibilities.

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our visitors who made our day such a success 😊



Year 4 Assembly ~ Vocations

We were treated to a wonderful assembly from our Year 4 children today, who informed us of the meaning and helped us further our learning on all things Vocations! There was singing, acting and some wonderful drama on display too. We also celebrated highlights from our Vocations Day yesterday and reflected upon who God is calling us to be! Thanks Year 4!

☆ Star of the Week ☆

Our Celebration Assembly was truly joyful this morning, and it was lovely to celebrate all of our Stars of the Week and their achievements. Thank you to the parents that joined us – your support means a lot!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
n/a	Iniubong	Zuriel	TBA	David	Louie	Millie	Lily Rae
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Friday	Wednesday and Friday	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday and Thursday	Thursday
Attendance: 97% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
91%	96.6%	97.6% 😊	100% 😊	98.8% 😊	98% 😊	98% 😊	93.6%
Class Attendance Winner		Year Two					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 140 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 1400 Points		

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World Cup Football Fever!



As we all know the Qatar FIFA World Cup kicks off on Sunday 20th November! To celebrate all the countries competing in the competition we are holding a year group sweep stake. Each year group will pick out 4 teams, the winner of the competition will receive a special prize! Each class will be doing research around the countries that they have chosen and looking at different footballing cultures from around the world 😊

England's first game is on **Monday 21st November** at 1pm. To mark the occasion, on this day all students and staff will be invited to wear their football kits to support The Three Lions! We will also be showing the game in the hall and in classrooms during the afternoon to cheer on England!

**We will not be asking for any donations for this non uniform day.*

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 wear 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.

Advent Art Day – Friday 25th November

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, on Friday each child will be participating in Advent Art Day with their class. This will be a day in which they prepare for all things Advent and make crafts, decorations for our school tree and prepare to make way in their hearts to welcome Jesus. We would love for Parents to be involved in Advent Art Day and are inviting Parents to attend the below sessions with their child to partake in some of the lovely ideas the staff have planned. The sessions are below:

EYFS and KS1 ~ 9.30am until 11am

Year 3, 4 and 5 ~ 1.30pm until 3pm

**Year 6 are in Plas Dol-y-Moch on this occasion*



Please note, that children will also be able to attend in a festive jumper on Friday 25th November and any parents attending are also welcome to follow this dress code too 😊

Christmas Performances at St Gregory's

The children are busy learning songs, lines and where to stand (!) for their Christmas Performances. A letter will be sent out next week informing you of our final arrangements and how you can reserve your tickets. Please see our Advent Calendar later in the newsletter for important dates for your diary including the dates of our performances!



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:

Mrs Megan Scullion

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Coventry

CV2 5AT

Or by email to: admin.sg@romeromac.com

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



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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 th - 4 th December 1 st 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
5 th - 9 th December 2 nd 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
12 th - 16 th December 3 rd 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 Gregory's 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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WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU

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 \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

Thank you in advance – Miss Mullen and Mrs Grainger

National Anti-bullying week

This week, we have been reflecting on the theme of anti-bullying. During our assemblies and lessons, we have shared with the children issues around bullying and how to deal with this. Here are some ideas:

- ♥ TELL, TELL, TELL
- ♥ If you are being bullied, you can do something about it. You can make a difference!
- ♥ Practise what you want to say
- ♥ Keep a note or diary of what is happening
- ♥ Don't give up
- ♥ Ask your parents to talk to someone at the school - the class teacher
- ♥ Talk over what to do with a friend, a teacher, your mum or dad or someone you trust



Remember that teaching staff have to listen carefully when a child tells them about being bullied.

Remember - it's right to tell an adult that you are being bullied and to ask for their help. You can talk with them about what you would like to happen and how the situation can be resolved.

What Is The Definition of Bullying?

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is. Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. We have told the children it is not a one-off incident – it is Several Times On Purpose and we want it to STOP!

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumours about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

- The Childline Schools Service aims to give children:
- An understanding of abuse in all its forms including bullying, and an ability to recognise the signs of abuse
 - Knowledge of how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
 - An awareness of how to get help and sources of help

We all want to make St Gregory's a place where bullying does not happen.



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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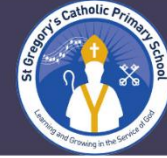
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WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!



*Looking at Learning - w/c 7th November
From 2.45pm*

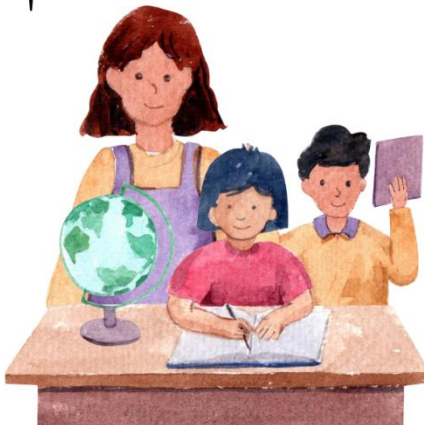
Come and spend some time with your child looking at their books and discussing their learning. Celebrating your child's learning and achievements can have such a positive impact upon their progress so please do come along!



*Behaviour Workshop - 30th 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 December
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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**WORLD CUP
MENU**
MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

MAIN MEAL
WORLD CUP HOTDOG
SEASONED WEDGES
&
MEDLEY OF VEGETABLE FOOTBALLS

VEGETARIAN MEAL
WORLD CUP VEGIE HOTDOG
SEASONED WEDGES
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DESSERT
WORLD CUP CAKE

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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Faith Filled and Hopeful		
Assessment Week		
Sunday 20 th November	9.30am & 11.30am	Year 3 Mass of Enrolment for First Holy Communion at St John Fisher Church
Monday 21 st November	9.00am 1pm	Rights and Responsibilities Assembly World Cup Football Fever
Tuesday 22 nd November	9.00am PM PM 6.30pm	Year 1 Animal Visit Rock Steady Lessons Sky Blues in the Community – Year 6 Year 6 Penitential Service for Confirmandi
Wednesday 23 rd November	After School	Girls Football Match - Saint Gregory's vs Sacred Heart Away
Thursday 24 th November	All Day 9.30am	Year 6 Residential to Plas Dol-y-moch Year 2 Bread Making
Friday 25 th November	9.30am till 11.00am 1.30pm till 3.00pm	Advent Art Day EYFS & Key Stage 1 Advent Art Day Key Stage 2
Sunday 27 th November	9.30am & 11.30am	First Sunday of Advent Mass at St John Fisher Church

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal

Prayer of the Month ~ Eternal Rest

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?

Eternal Rest
grant unto them,
O LORD,
and let
perpetual light
shine upon them.
MAY THEY
Rest in Peace
Amen

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