



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

This week, our newsletter is dedicated to our children in Year 6. Having departed school on Thursday afternoon, they headed to North Wales where they spent a fun-filled 5 days. Their destination was to Plas Dol-y-Moch, which is an Outdoor Education Centre in Wales. It was the experience of a lifetime for many of our children and I must say, I have returned with such a sense of pride for each and every one of the children in attendance. They were an absolute credit to themselves; their families and St Gregory's and it was such a privilege to accompany them and witness them challenge themselves and achieve things that lay outside of their comfort zone. I hope that they remember many of the things that they have learned about themselves from this experience and are now able to apply this to school life and their own personal development. They truly are an amazing cohort of children and one that, now back in school, will inspire the rest of the children of St Gregory's and set an example of all that we and they can achieve if they only dare to believe in themselves! Year 6 you are stars – continue to shine brightly, you have so much to offer!



### Catholic Life Focus

During December we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."

The **First Week of Advent** has been a very busy one for us at St Gregory's! After we had cleared away the glitter (thank you to our wonderful cleaning team!) from our very successful Advent Art Day last Friday, we have spent the first week of Advent preparing our school and our hearts to welcome Jesus on Christmas day!



It was also lovely to see a number of families and staff members joining with the Coventry Catholic community to sing, reflect and pray together at the **Blessing of the crib** in the town centre last Sunday.



Our **blessing of our Christmas Tree and Advent Wreaths** was a beautiful service on Wednesday. Thank you to Father Des for coming in to bless our tree and wreaths. Advent is a time of joyful preparation and the children in all year groups have been preparing and practising for their Christmas performances. The children are looking forward to sharing these with you in the weeks to come.

### ☆ Information for You ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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: 93% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
98% 😊	92.7%	95.5%	93%	96%	95.7%	95.1%	83.5%
Class Attendance Winner		Nursery					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 137 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 1657 Points		

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## Second Sunday of Advent ~ Whole School Mass

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Non-Uniform Day ~Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate today in exchange for a day in non-uniform!

All donations will be used for the Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Parish Bazaar on Sunday. This will follow our Mass that is taking place at 11.30am.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support – it really does mean a lot!

## Nativity Plays

Tickets are now ready to be booked for our Nativity Plays. Each family are able to reserve 2 seats per performance. Children under 3 years old can sit on your lap and will not be counted as a ticket. We will be selling programmes which will include entry into our raffle (£1 each).

**\*\* You can reserve seats for each performance using the trips section on Arbor \*\***

Once you have registered your child for the performance, you will have reserved two seats

## Nursery/Reception Nativity Plays

Reception supported by Nursery will be sharing their Nativity  
"A Little Nativity"

on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

## Key Stage 2 Carol Service Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm

St John Fisher Parish Church

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! (If you remember, Covid Cancelled the last one 😞)

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.

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## 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.

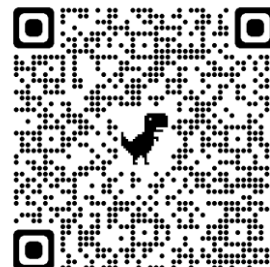
Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation, should contact the school in writing to:

Mrs Megan Scullion  
Consultation on Admissions Arrangements  
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School  
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Coventry  
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Or by email to: [admin.sg@romeromac.com](mailto:admin.sg@romeromac.com)

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



## Welcome to the new member of Team St Greg's – Ralphie!

This week, we welcomed a visitor ... Ralphie the Christmas Elf! He has begun, what could be come to known as, the biggest game of hide and seek the world has ever seen! Each day of December, Ralphie hides somewhere in school and the children have to try and find him. Once they do, they use his special pen to mark their class chart! If they manage to find Ralphie each day in December, they earn a special treat!

We have all been loving this challenge and can't wait for it to continue! Ralphie – ready or not, here we come! 😊



## St Greg's is off to the Panto!

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, children in Reception – Year 6 will be off to watch Cinderella at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington. If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please sign them up via the trip section on Arbor. The cost for this trip is £11 (we have subsidised this by paying for the coaches out of school fund!).

We are very much looking forward to this experience – it is set to be a great afternoon out and something that will get us all in the Festive Spirit!



## Parking – Please Park Safely

Please can we remind you to all park safely when dropping off or collecting your children in the morning and afternoons. We have had some near misses over the last few days, and whilst no one has been hurt, consideration when parking could have prevented this. Please adhere to the yellow lines and remember to be considerate of the Nursery exit and entrance across the road. We also ask you to not park over entrances to garages where possible. Thank you for your consideration!

## Rock Steady Concert!

On Tuesday afternoon, the school was treated to a rock concert from those children who have been involved in our Rock Steady Music Lessons. The children took to the stage in order to share how they have progressed with playing their instruments and really showcased how much they are enjoying the experience of becoming rock stars too! Thank you to those parents and carers who also came along to share their support – it was so lovely to see the children beaming with pride!



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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 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>			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 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	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	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 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	9.00am Key Stage 1 Achievement Awards  9.30am Nursery Festive Drama Workshop	9.00am KS2 Achievement Awards  9.00am Year 5 Dodgeball Competition	All day KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal  PM Father Christmas to visit EYFS & KS1  6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Church	9.00am Reception and Nursery Achievement Awards  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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## 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.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!



*Looking at Learning - with Fr Des*  
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*  
*\*new time\* 3.30pm*



*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.

*Please join us!*

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## Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Faith Filled and Hopeful</b>		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30am	Whole School Mass – Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am 1.30pm After School After School	EYFS Dress Rehearsal – Year 6 and 4 to watch KS1 Dress Rehearsal – Year 5 and 3 to watch Football Match vs Corpus Christi Away Netball Match vs Christ the King Away
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PM PM 2pm 5.30pm	Rock Steady Lessons Sky Blues in the Community – Year 6 EYFS Nativity KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day AM 9.30am 1.30pm 3.30pm	Rolling Worship – Preparing to Welcome Jesus Romero Greater Depth Writing Workshop – Y6 Selected Children EYFS Nativity Choir to sing at Hospital Phonics Parent Workshop
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day 1.30pm	St Gregory's Day of Service – Christmas Dinner for the Homeless Year 4 Teaching Mass at St John Fisher Parish
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PM PM	Pantomime – Cinderella at Royal Spa Centre in Leamington Nursery Festive PE Session
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am & 11.30am	Third Sunday of Advent Mass at St John Fisher Church

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Megan Scullion*

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal



**RED  
OPTION**

**YELLOW  
OPTION**

**BLUE  
PURPLE  
ORANGE  
OPTION**

	RED OPTION	YELLOW OPTION	BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION
<b>MON</b>	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>TUE</b>	Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Quorn Beef Style Burger with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>WED</b>	Chicken Roast Dinner	Quorn Roast Dinner	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>THU</b>	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>FRI</b>	Battered Fish & Chips	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips	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 bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

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