



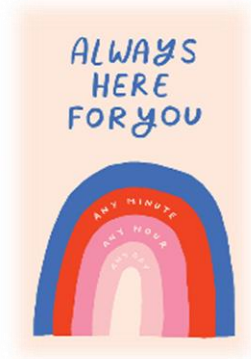
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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



This week marks **Children's Mental Health Week** – something that has a special place in all of our hearts here at St Gregory's. It is no secret that the children are the reason for everything we do here, and it was so lovely to have some dedicated time to remind them of that fact this week. We have used Children's Mental Health week's focus of 'making connections' to explore the connection of friendship, and have completed a whole school writing project based on a video clip entitled 'Lily and the Snowman'. The children have loved exploring the changing friendship of the two unlikely friends and have explored how a special friendship can have a huge impact upon our life. I personally cannot wait to ready the children's final pieces, and some special awards will be distributed to those children who worked hard to present their writing in a wonderful way!

This week we also celebrated '**Safe Internet Day**', and this coupled with Children's Mental Health Week, has been a welcomed opportunity to remind the children that no matter what problems they face, if something has left them feeling unsafe or when they are just simply needing to see a smiling face – there will always be someone who will listen and support them here at school. It is always important for the children to know how much we value them as part of our family of St Gregory's and that their happiness and wellbeing is still fully at the forefront of our minds. There is always a listening ear at St Gregory's should the children need to talk; they only need to ask and someone will be available to listen.

☆ Roll of Honour ☆

It was so lovely to hear about all of the children's achievements during our Celebration Assembly today! Congratulations to all of the children who received an award – we are very proud of you!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lexi	TBA	Oliver	Klaus	Anoushka	Alicja	TBA	Jiya
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday Friday	Wednesday Friday
Attendance: 95.8% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
95%	92%	94%	97.2% 😊	96.7%	98.3% 😊	96.7%	96.7%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 4					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 304			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 3006 Points		

Looking at Learning

Thank you to those Parents and Carers who supported our 'Looking at Learning' events this week. Each session was well attended, and it was so lovely to witness some of the discussions as the children proudly shared their work and achievements. I would also like to thank many of you for the lovely comments we received after you had seen your children's books. Staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure the curriculum at St Gregory's is engaging and presented in a way that all children are able to succeed. It was lovely that so many of you recognised the range of subjects and activities available and the progress your child had made, as well as taking the time to feed this back. Your kind words and supportive nature is very much appreciated.

Your feedback is still welcome, please complete the following form to let us know your thoughts: [Click Here](#)



February Half Term 😊



A polite reminder that school will close for Half Term on Friday 17th February at 3.15pm. We will then return for the second half of our Spring Term on Monday 27th February. I am sure many of the children (and staff!) are feeling the tiredness that this busy half term has brought with it. Please do use the half term to rest and recharge your batteries – everyone has worked so hard, and a break is well deserved!



Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorycoventry>



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Valentines Disco – Wednesday 15th February 2023

The school council will be busy planning and leading a number of events for fun or fundraising across the year. Their next event will be a Disco on Wednesday 15th February 2023. Please confirm your child's place by booking under the 'trip' section of Arbor. All money raised will fund new books for the library – which will be reopening after February half term to help us promote reading for pleasure 😊 Your support is greatly appreciated.

EYFS/KS1 Valentines Disco – 3:15pm – 4:30pm. Tickets are £4 per child (includes snack and a drink) – payable on Arbor

Year 3/4/5/6 Valentines Disco – 4.30pm – 6pm. Tickets are £4 per child (includes snack and a drink) – payable on Arbor



Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 15th February

To celebrate the feast of St Valentine (and to tie in with our Movies and Munchies event), we are allowing all children to come into school in Non-Uniform on Wednesday 15th February. The theme will be 'Share the Love'; therefore, children can wear items of pink/red clothing or anything heart patterned. There is no set cost for this Non-Uniform day, any donation you are able to make would be appreciated. Money raised will also be used to fund an exciting new initiative for our library – watch this space.



Nursery Applications for September 2023 – Now Open!

We are now also taking applications for our Nursery for a September 2023 start. Please contact the office if you would like an application pack 😊

Support Needed ~ Tesco Grant Opportunity!

We are currently in the running to secure a grant from Tesco to help us fund an exciting new reading project!

Teaching children to read but also helping them to develop a love of books is something we are deeply passionate about, and this funding can help us develop this even more!

You are currently able to vote for St Gregory's to access this funding at the **Tesco Store on Clifford Bridge Road, Tesco Crosspoint and the Tesco at the Arena Shopping Park.**

Once you have finished your shopping, collect your blue token, and pop it in our voting box!

Please do spread the word to your friends and family too. This is a great opportunity and a chance for us to create something really special with the money granted 🌟🌟



Scholastic Book Fair

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has visited our book fair this week – it has been a huge success and really showcases our love of reading! Thank you also to the School Council Sales Team, Mrs Swiadek, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Carpenter who have helped with the running of this too 😊

For every sale, as a school, we receive money towards funding new books for our library - so your support really is appreciated. We will reveal the total raised next week, once we have finished totalling the payments! We will then be ordering the new books for our library! The children have been busy putting their requests in already!



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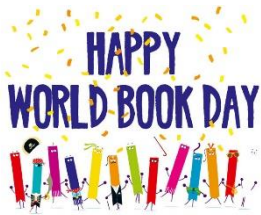




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Save the Date – World Book Day

St Gregory's will be participating a World Book Day celebration on Thursday 2nd March – so please save the date! Further information will make it's way to you next week, however, we can tell you that this year we will embracing the theme: **'Reading is Deaming with your eyes open'** and asking all children to come in their finest PJs/Bedtime clothes! As well as this, there will be other exciting things on offer to make the day extra-special and remind the children just how special books can be. After all, *everyone is a reader; some just haven't found the right book yet!*

Rainforest Explorers

Year 4 had a wonderful time at the Living Rainforest yesterday to enhance the knowledge of their current Geography theme 'falling forests'. They explored all that this rainforest had to offer including the different species of plants, animals and even learnt about how some of the species had adapted to survive the climates and conditions found in a rainforest!



Year 6 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, some of our Year 6 children will be taking the next step on their Journey of Faith as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special celebration will take place at our Parish Church of St John Fisher at 11.30am. The children have been prepared for this Sacrament exceptionally well by Miss Downing and Fr Des, and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their time and commitment in doing this.

A reminder that children are invited to attend to sing in the choir and support our Year Six children as they take the next step on their Journey of Faith. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers during this special time as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.




*Life with Christ is
a wonderful adventure.*

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

Our Confirmandi are as follows:

Jiya Fremah Evie Alfie Evie Ava Migel
Lily Cameron Tyler Bryan Poppy Remy Ava-Jade

Enkindle in us your love... 

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Protective Behaviours Scheme of Work

A reminder that as part of our PSHE Curriculum Programme of Study, before half term all classes will be completing a series of lessons based on Protective Behaviours. These lessons are modelled on the NSPCC programme 'PANTS'

During these lessons, children will be partaking in discussions and completing activities which aim to teach them the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils about protective behaviours, using the 'PANTS' acronym taken from the NSPCC programme:

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will be delivered in a way that are fully age-appropriate.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule



Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful		
Saturday 11 th February	11.30am	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday 12 th February	9.30am 11:30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
Monday 13 th February	9am AM AM 4pm – 5.30pm 6pm	Celebration Assembly & Year 1 Class Assembly 'I Love to be Loved' Year 6 Health Questionnaire – School Nursing Team Reception visiting St John Fisher Parish Church Nursery Open Evening St Gregory's Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 14 th February	PM	Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 15 th February	All Day AM PM 3.30pm – 4.30pm 4.30pm – 6pm	Non-Uniform Day – Red/Pink Year 5 Alton Castle Retreat GIFT Team to visit Cardinal Wiseman to plan Lent Liturgy EYFS/KS1 Valentine's Disco KS2 Valentine's Disco
Thursday 16 th February	AM	Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day
Friday 17 th February	9am All Day PM 3.15pm	Mission Assembly – Bury the Alleluia Lent Liturgy Day Year 5 Return from Alton Castle Break up for Half Term
Sunday 19 th February	9.30am 11:30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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ST GREGORY'S NURSERY OPEN EVENING

SECURE YOUR
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COME AND SEE US IN ACTION!



MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
4PM - 5.30PM

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU & YOUR CHILD TO COME AND VIEW OUR NURSERY SETTING SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO SCHOOL LIFE AT ST GREGORY'S AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD!

STAY & PLAY - MEET THE STAFF - PIZZA PARTY



WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO JOIN OUR NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2023*

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE EVENING OR CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OUR OFFICE

*CHILDREN AGED 3+
15-HOUR AND 30-HOUR PLACES AVAILABLE

WRAPAROUND PROVISION AVAILABLE FROM
7.30AM UNTIL 5.30PM

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