



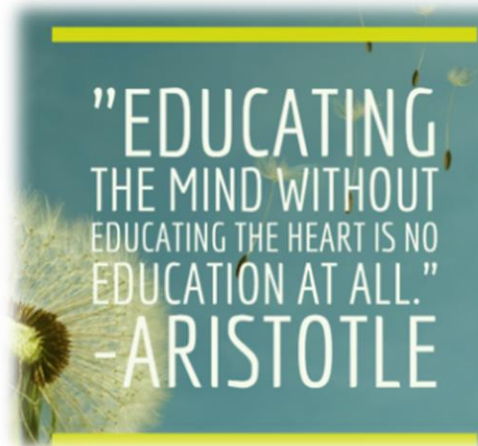
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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



Over the last two weeks, we have had some important visitors come and look around our school. Mrs Carter, from the Local Authority visited and completed a deep dive into our English and Phonics curriculum and was so impressed with the curriculum offer; children's books and how hard they work in lessons. Last week, Mrs Lomas paid a visit from the diocese to check our attendance, behaviour and safeguarding procedures and was really happy with everything she saw. We also had a visit from Mr Ledgard today, the Head of Education for the Local Authority. He loved looking around our school and was so complimentary about the children's manners and behaviour. Well done children – we are very proud of you!

As we approach the end of another half term (time really is flying by!), it is always nice to look back and celebrate the achievements of our children, appreciate the work of our staff and to thank our St Gregory's families and wider community for their support. This half term has been a busy one – but that being said, we have enjoyed all that it has brought with it and relished the opportunity to create some wonderful memories for our children. With all of this said, I am very aware that such hard work often brings a tiredness only a real break can cure. I therefore wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Take time to slow down, try something new or spend time with your loved ones – we will see you ready to go again on Monday 28th February! Have a good one!

☆ Roll of Honour ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance: 93% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
81.6%	92.7%	94%	95%	88.6%	95.8%	94.6%	97.3% 😊
Class Attendance Winner		Year 5					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 177			Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 3164		

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>



February Fundraiser

Thank you for those of you who supported our fundraising events this week. Your support is most appreciated, and all money raised will help us to purchase some new resources for a class prayer boxes to develop child-led Collective Worship across school. In total we were able to raise the following:

Valentine's Disco - £444

A massive thank you to all of you who also supported our Book fair over the last week. Because of your support, we have earned **£603** worth of free books to enhance our class library. Staff will be conducting pupil voice after half term so that the new purchases are reflective of our children's wishes.

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. A time when we embark on our own personal journey with Jesus as he prepares himself to make the ultimate sacrifice and take up the cross. As a school, we have some special activities planned during Lent that the children will be partaking in to travel on their own Lenten Journey with Jesus. Many of these will take the form of social action projects, reflective opportunities for prayer and our environment will be given a makeover to ensure that there are areas we can visit should we want some quiet time alone in the present of the Lord. We look forward to what we will discover about ourselves during our Lenten journey.



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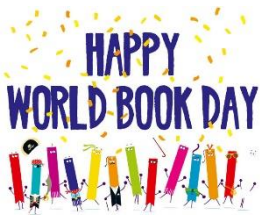
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Swimming Success

Last Friday, Team St Greg's had a fantastic day at the Coventry Catholic Schools Swimming Gala. We were absolutely blown away with the children's sporting spirit, commitment and perseverance! It was also amazing to watch our swimmers thrive and celebrate their success in the pool! We finished in 3rd place during the morning's Coventry East Trophy competition. And then ... we only went and qualified for the finals! All children then raced amazingly well against some amazing talent! We finished overall in 4th place, which we were absolutely delighted with as we were up against some phenomenal competition! All in all, it was a great day filled with so much success, pride and happiness! A huge thank you to the parents who came along for support and to our amazing swim team who have represented St Gregory's so well! Trials will take place again for the Swim Team next academic year in November! Keep Swimming and let's build on this next year!



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 early 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!*

Our eggciting Egghead competition is back – where we ask all children to decorate a hard boiled egg as a well known book character!
Why not get creative during half term?



Secondary School Places (YEAR 6 Parents)

All parents and children in Year 6 will receive official notification on Wednesday 1st March, on which Secondary school you have been allocated, either by e-mail or through the post. We will be supporting Year 6 in transition to Secondary school over the next 5 months as we work in partnership with Cardinal Wiseman and the other secondary schools. If you have any immediate queries, then please speak to Mrs Scullion or Miss Downing.

Teacher Training Day – Friday 3rd March 2023

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 3rd March as we have a Romero Staff Training Day.

Year 6 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. The Mass was celebrated by Canon Paul and Fr Des and was a lovely, spiritual service. A huge congratulations goes to our newly Confirmed Year 6 children; you remain in our prayers as you embrace the Holy Spirit and live your life with the Spirit at work in you.

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...

Strike Action

At this present moment in time, we are unable to confirm the arrangements for Wednesday 1st March's Strike Day. As soon as I know, I will communicate this out.

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Dates for your Diary

So that you are aware of what's to come in the half term ahead, here are some key dates for your diary. Further details can be obtained via social media or an email will be sent as a reminder.

Half Term 20 th February – 24 th February			
Y6 & REC Cake Sale	28 th February		
Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation	1 st March	6.30pm	St John Fisher Church
World Book Day	2 nd March	All Day	
Romero Inset Day ~ School Closed	3rd March	All Day	
Y1 & Y5 Cake Sale	7 th March		
Parent Prayer Time	10 th March	9.00am	
Y2 & Y4 Cake Sale	14 th March		
Y3 Passover Celebration	15 th March	2.00pm	
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting	15 th March	6.30pm	St John Fisher Church
St Patrick's Day Mass	16 th March	2.15pm	
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting	16 th March	5.00pm	
Moments with Mum/Those who matter Craft afternoon	17 th March	2.00pm-3.00pm	
Y3 & Nursery Cake Sale	21 st March		
Parent Consultations	21 st March & 22 nd March	3.30pm-7.30pm	
Reception Mother's Day Mass	23 rd March	10.00am	
Parent Prayer Time	24 th March	2.45pm	
KS2 Achievement Awards	27 th March	9.00am	
KS1 Achievement Awards	30 th March	9.00am	
EYFS Achievement Awards	29 th March	9.00am	
Y3 & Y4 Holy Week Reflection	29 th March	6pm	Cardinal Wiseman
End of Term Mass - Holy Week	31 st March	9.15am	
Easter Holidays 3rd April – 14th April			

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term!

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