



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Issue 20:  
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Keeping  
a Holy Lent

Dear parents, carers, children, staff, and parishioners,

This week, the school has been abuzz with excited children as they have had a wonderful week of learning in some extremely creative ways, whilst growing closer to God.

The following things have taken place this week:

- ♥ Year Five and Year 1 held our second Lenten Cake Sale as part of our charitable work and Social Action projects this Lent
- ♥ Children across school have continued to put themselves forward for Leadership roles – we now have our very own Librarians!
- ♥ Year 6 have explored the Rule of Law and taken part in a magistrates workshop
- ♥ Our Rowing Team was in action, with our Girl's Team securing a bronze medal and our Mixed Team securing a Gold and a place in the county finals!
- ♥ We had some extra – special fun in the snow on Thursday!
- ♥ All children have enjoyed their PE lessons this week with a range of sports on offer including gymnastics, cycling and football



Once again, we are extremely proud of the curriculum we provide and the experiences we offer at St Gregory's – we hope the children have had another fantastic week in school and spend the weekend resting ahead of another busy but enjoyable week next week!

**Lent 2023:** Please remember to take the time to look at the Diocesan 'Walk With Me' calendar that the children brought home for ideas. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra. The 'Walk with Me' calendar is a good way to spend some time in reflection during Lent and our children have been enjoying checking this each day.



### ☆ 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) *NEW DATES FOR SPRING TERM*   |           |                                     |                    |                     |                                       |         |                     |
|  | Monday    | Thursday & Friday                   | Monday & Wednesday | Tuesday & Wednesday | Tuesday & Thursday                    | Tuesday | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Attendance: 92.4% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%. |           |                                     |                    |                     |                                       |         |                     |
| 98.4% 😊  | 92%       | 93%                                 | 93.5%              | 89%                 | 95.4%                                 | 90.7%   | 90.7%               |
| Class Attendance Winner  |           | Nursery                             |                    |                     |                                       |         |                     |
| House Point Winner   |           | Weekly Winner: Trinity ~ 136 Points |                    |                     | Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 3292 Points |         |                     |

### Remembering Father Bob

*'Fr Bob, you are never far from our thoughts and always in our hearts. Our children still speak of you with a fondness that displays just how special you were to them and how greatly you are missed. Your memories will never be forgotten.'*

Last Sunday, marked the second anniversary of Father Bob's passing. We gathered as a school community on Monday, to participate in a liturgy entitled 'Our Special Intentions' in which we remembered Father Bob and celebrated the impact he had on our lives. We also have made a Father Bob remembrance wall, in which children can leave their prayers/messages of remembrance for Father Bob. This is open to our community too. If you would like to contribute to our remembrance wall, please visit the following link and leave your thoughts or message: <https://padlet.com/adminsg/sgrememberfrbob>



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## Lent 2023 Cake Sales

During Lent we will be having a number of cake sales to raise money for our Lenten charities. Each week, there will be 2 year groups in charge of organising and running the Cake Sale. If your child is in these year groups, we would appreciate your support by donating cakes for the children to sell. On cake sale days, children can bring in money to purchase cakes (30p/50p in price). Don't forget! All cakes will be sold during break time and any left after school each Tuesday during Lent. Lent is a time for Almsgiving – raising money to give to charity – the cake sales are a one-off the four weeks we run this.

Dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 and Year 4**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 3 and Nursery**



## Mousike Ensemble – Healthy Me

As part of the music curriculum the children in Year 2 and Year 5 will be taking part in a big music event. This is taking part towards the end of this half term, but the children are beginning the practice now – learning songs that are linked to our PSHE curriculum and learning their instrument parts. The children will also be learning a 'school showcase', but this is top secret at this stage! The children will be joining with 200 other children from across our Catholic Schools to perform and celebrate their learning.



## World Book Day – Egghead Winners!

The entries to our Egghead Competition for World Book Day were Eggcellent! We were so impressed with the creativity and knowledge of books to create the perfect egg – it made the judging egg-tremely hard!

Congratulations to the Winners of our Egghead Competition:

**Oliver in Year 5 with Harry Potter and the Quidditch Game**  
**David in Year 5 with Macbeth and the 3 Witches**  
**Emmie in Year 2 with Alice in Wonderland**  
**Etienne in Year 1 with Spider Stories**



During our World Book Day celebrations, we also were treated to a staff character parade – this was so much fun! The staff brought their enthusiasm to reading in catwalk show dressed as one of their favourite book characters! They then received their scores from the judges!

We also unveiled our new Reading Vending Machine! Every fortnight, we will be choosing a child who has been making an effort with their reading and trying to read more at home. They will be given a special token that allows them to visit the vending machine and select a book of their choice!

We hope that parents and carers heard about all of the magical activities we had in store for the children for World Book Day this year and that the children's passion and love for reading was reinvigorated. Thank you also for helping the children prepare their costumes and props - they looked wonderful!

**The amount a child reads is the biggest factor affecting their academic success!**

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## Lent Dates

| Lent 2023                             | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Mission Assembly<br>Year 5 Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher Church                                     | Staff Lenten Prayer Time<br>Year 2 and Year 4 to bring in cakes for their Cake Sale (breaktime/after school)<br>Whole School Liturgy 'Hope, Trust, Mary'  | Year 3 Passover Celebrations 2pm<br>Year 3 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm    | Gift Team Lenten Prayer Time (Lunch)<br>Whole School Mass St Patricks Day 2.15pm | Celebration Assembly 9am<br>Moments with Mum and those who Matter Craft Afternoon 2pm – 3pm          |
| Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Mission Assembly<br>KS1 Mousike Ensemble Performance<br>Year 4 Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher Church | Staff Lenten Prayer Time<br>Year 3 and Nursery to bring in cakes for their Cake Sale (breaktime/after school)<br>Whole School Liturgy 'Joy, Rejoice, Happiness'<br>Reconciliation Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6<br>Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 7:30pm | Parent Consultations 3:30pm – 7:30pm   | Reception Mother's Day Mass 10am<br>Gift Team Prayer Time (Lunch)                | Celebration Assembly 9am<br>Year 5 Social Action Project Hospital Visit<br>Parent Prayer Time 2:45pm |
| Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> March | KS2 Achievement Awards 9am  | Staff Lenten Prayer Time<br>Whole School Liturgy 'Reconciliation, Forgiveness, Returning to God'  | EYFS Achievement Awards 9am<br>Year 3 and 4 Holy Week Reflection 6pm at Cardinal Wiseman | KS1 Achievement Awards 9am<br>Gift Team Prayer Time (Lunch)                      | Whole School Mass Holy Week 9.15am<br>Parents Welcome  |

## Industrial Action – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

School will be open to **ALL YEAR GROUPS** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## St John Fisher Parish Youth Group -This Wednesday!

Your child has been invited to be a part of the St John Fisher Parish Youth Group! This is a brand new youth group which is being set up to help young people grow in faith, make new friends and have a great time. Staff and students from Cardinal Wiseman will be running the Youth Group every other Wednesday in the St John Fisher Parish room from 6:30pm – 8:00pm and is for students in years 6-8.

**ST JOHN FISHER PARISH YOUTH GROUP**  
FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 8  
**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 6.30 - 8.00PM**  
NEXT SESSION - 15TH MARCH  
ST JOHN FISHER PARISH ROOM  
£1 per session  
For more information contact: [b.mitchell@romeromac.com](mailto:b.mitchell@romeromac.com)

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## Nursery's Lenten Journey

This week, Nursery have been gathering and talking about Lent and exploring the meaning of saying sorry. The children have been listening to each other talk about what sorry means and how to show your sorry for something you may have done. To respond the children were asked to enter their heart rooms and express whom they may have liked to have said sorry to and in turn offer their hearts and love as a symbol of being sorry. They go forth with more understanding of being sorry



## Week at a glance

| Date  | Time                           | Activity   |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic</b> |                                |  |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 9.30am & 11.30am               | Third Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass)   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 9:00am<br>1.30pm<br>3.30pm     | Mission Assembly<br>Year 5 Stations of the Cross<br>Netball Match vs Good Shepherd - Home              |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March                      | 9.00am<br>Break time<br>1.15pm | Y4 & Y5 Cricket Lessons<br>Year 4 and Year 2 Cake Sale<br>Rock Steady Lessons                          |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                    | 2.00pm<br>6.30pm               | Year 3 Passover Celebration<br>Year 3 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting                              |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                     | 11.00am<br>2.15pm<br>5.00pm    | Athletics Practice – AT7 Centre<br>Saint Patrick's Day Whole School Mass<br>Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 9:00am<br>2.00pm till 3.00pm   | Celebration Assembly<br>Moments with Mum/Those who Matter Craft Afternoon                              |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                       | 9.30am & 11.30am               | Mother's Day<br>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass)  |

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

*Megan Scullion*

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal

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ST GREGORY'S  
*Spring 2*  
P.E.

**RECEPTION**  
*Dance*  
MONDAY



**YEAR 1**  
*Gymnastics & Healthy Lifestyles*  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY



**YEAR 3**  
*Cricket & Cross Country*  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY



**YEAR 2**  
*Tri Golf & Dance*  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY



**YEAR 4**  
*Cricket & Athletics*  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY



**YEAR 5**  
*Cricket & Healthy Lifestyles*  
TUESDAY



**YEAR 6**  
*Cycling & NFL Flag*  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY





Please send your child in wearing their PE kit in on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

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## St Gregory's Extra Curricular Clubs Spring 2

### Monday

FITNESS - REC, YEAR 1, 2 & 3

DANCE - REC, YEAR 1, 2, 3 &

4

### Tuesday

BOYS' AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

### Wednesday

BREAKFAST INDOOR FOOTBALL

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

FOOTBALL - REC, YEARS 1, 2 & 3

### Thursday

BOARD GAMES - REC, YEARS 1,

2 & 3

MINECRAFT CODING - YEARS 4, 5 & 6

### Friday

### Booking ...

BOOKING AVAILABLE

VIA ARBOR IN THE 'CLUBS' SECTION  
OF YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT



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## RED OPTION

## YELLOW OPTION

## BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

|            | RED<br>OPTION                     | YELLOW<br>OPTION                           | BLUE<br>PURPLE<br>ORANGE<br>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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