

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 02: Friday 15th September 2023



Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

What a wonderful first FULL week. It has been a delight to see the children coming into school with smiles and enthusiasm. It was particularly wonderful to see all our new cohort of Reception children walk through our gates for the first time this week; you all looked so smart and grown up. The children have settled in really well to their routines and are busy making new friends and enjoying the wonderful learning opportunities provided by the staff. Also, a special congratulations goes to the children that received an award this morning in our first Celebration Assembly. Certificates will be sent home!

Reception – Mrs Tate & Miss Mullen

For some children, their St Gregory's journey began this week. We are looking forward to watching them grow and to supporting them on their educational journey.







Our Celebration Assembly was full of joy this week as we were told of all of the children's fabulous achievements. Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
n/a	n/a	Evelyn	Oliver	Crystal	Lila	Myla	Millie
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Thursday	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 152 Points			Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 229 Points		
Gifts & Talents		Jude (Year 1) has excelled in Gymnastics — he competed in a competition at the weekend and wowed us all with his talents! Well done Jude!					

Uniform

Thank you to everyone for looking really smart. Just a few reminders:

- 1) If your child wears a blue shirt, then they also need to wear a school tie.
- 2) Trousers and skirts must be grey please.
- 3) Hair if your child's hair is longer than their shoulders it must be tied up.
- 4) Please ensure earrings are removed on PE Days

Names Needed - please, please label your children's uniform...we already have so many jumpers and

cardigans piling up 🙁

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<u> St Gregory's Curriculum Evening ~ Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September</u>

Next week, we will be giving you chance to meet your child's teacher, learn of the curriculum expectations and uncover what you child can expect to look forward to as the year unfolds!

This year, we have amended the way we are doing things:

- Parents/Carers of children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are invited to attend school on Tuesday 19th September at 6pm
- ♥ Parents/Carers of children in Key Stage 2 are invited to attend school on Wednesday 20th September at 6pm

Upon arrival, please head to your child's classroom where you can meet your child's class teacher and listen to the class presentation.

After, please take a seat in the hall as we present our curriculum workshops so that you know how to best support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to visit our Kitchen, where Mrs Mockford will be providing some samples of our food offerings!

Workshops will focus on:

- ♥ Phonics and Reading 🚝
- ▼ Maths

We hope that you can join us and we can't wait to share our plans for the year ahead! 😌

* We are aware that many of you have more than one child attending St Gregory's and may be worried about only being able to attend one class presentation. Please do not worry, many of the class presentations contain the same messages. We would recommend attending your youngest child's class presentation, or if you have a child in Year 6, attending this so that you have all relevant material regarding their upcoming residential to Plas Dol-y-Moch.

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Dates for your diary

On set Friday's we have an assembly led by a class (parents will be welcome to these) – the first few are:

Friday 29 th September	Little Way Week – Year 3 – 9:00am
Friday 27 th October	Black History Month — Year 6 — 9.00am
Friday 17 th November	Anti-bullying Week – Year 5 – 9.00am

** In the next few days, we will send out a full calendar with all the dates for the year **

Pupil Leadership

Here at St Gregory's, we are keen to grow leaders of the future and want to involve the children in our decision making as much as possible — it is their school after all! Next week, it will be Election Week in school! All children will have the opportunity to apply for the various pupil leadership roles we have in school. These are as follows:

- ▼ Head Boy and Head Girl (Year 6 only)
- ♥ House Vice-Captains (Year 5 only)
- ♥ School Council (Year 3 6)
- ♥ Choir (Year 1 6)
- ♥ Eco Team (Year 2 4)
- ♥ Sports Leaders (Year 4 6)



The application process will be outlined to all children in a special assembly on Monday where will focus on the qualities of leaders and the British Value of Democracy. We look forward for an election week where children are showcasing their leadership qualities and are working to make a difference for our school community.

Fruit/snack at break time

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that children bring in a healthy snack of fruit/dried fruit at break time. Some children are bringing in cereal bars, yogurts, chocolate; these are not allowed, and children will be asked to put them back in their bags. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two receive a piece of "free" fruit every day from school.

We also have a number of children in school with **nut allergies**, therefore, please can I remind you that we are **a nut-free school**. Therefore, please avoid sending children in with nut-based products. This also applies to any birthday chocolates sent in – for example, please ensure chocolates from multipacks such as celebrations has 'snickers' chocolates removed.

School Dinners

As most of you are aware now all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. Do you meet the criteria for Free School Meal status? It's important to fill in this application even though your child is getting a free school meal under the government scheme. By applying you could raise an extra £1300 for our school from central government, to fund valuable support like teaching assistants, after school clubs and school trips. Please see Mrs Carpenter in our school office for further information or speak with Mrs McCormick who is our Pupil Premium Lead. Parents of current **Year 3 children**, please remember that if you are entitled to a "free school meal" you can apply online at http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals or we can apply on your behalf if you provide us with the following information: https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals or we can apply on your behalf if





Secondary School Admissions (current Year 6) for September 2024

All applications need to be in by Monday 31st October 2023
You can apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions.



Primary Admissions for Reception September 2024 - Rising Fives

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2018 and 31.08.2019 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2024. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.

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Secondary Admissions - Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2024. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website: https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school. Cardinal Wiseman is a GOOD school (Ofsted 2022). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2024.

We welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on **Thursday 28th September at 5-7pm**.

Homework: Year 2 - 6

Homework will be starting for Years 2 — 6 from today and for Year 1 next Friday. This will begin with homework based on Maths and English. Once we have delivered our reading workshops, you will then receive a letter next week informing you of our approach. We have once again purchased two workbooks for each child in the school and these will need to be returned to school by the Wednesday of each week. Please encourage them to keep them safe as they will need access to these for the full year.

Children in all year groups are expected to be heard read at home 3 x per week and will be set a maths challenge to complete at home too! Again, details of this will be provided during our curriculum evening.



Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with your child's class teacher by either phoning or emailing the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance — the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the Leader of Learning. If a matter is then not resolved — an appointment can be made with a member of the Leadership team — Assistant Principal (Mrs Priest), Associate Principal (Mrs Scullion) or Executive Principal (Mrs Williams).

Leaders of	Nursery, Reception	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Learning	Miss Mullen	Mrs Webb	Mrs McCormick

This is the procedure, and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

Dates for the Term Ahead







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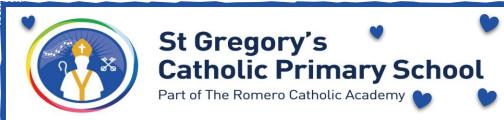
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St Gregory's Attendance

Attendance There are 190 days in a school year \$\circ{1}{2} \circ		
	100%	>>> Perfection
% equates to	0004	
		>>> Impressive
8 Missed school days	96%	>>> Good
9 Missed school days	95%	>> Nearly there
11 Missed school days	94%	>>> Needs to improve
19 Missed school days	90%	Concerns
29 Missed schoot days	85%	>>> Serious concern

NURSERY	N/A
RECEPTION	N/A
YEAR 1	96.5%
YEAR 2	94.1%
YEAR 3	96.6%
YEAR 4	95.3%
YEAR 5	97%
YEAR 6	96.3%

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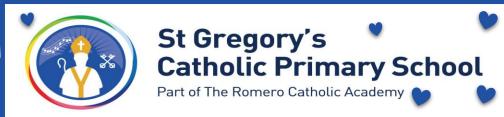


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THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

95.4%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%

Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity		
Value and Virtue — Grateful and Generous				
Sunday 18 th September	unday 18 th September 9.30am & 11.30am Parish Mass at St John Fisher Catholic Church			
Monday 19 th September	All Day	Pupil Leadership Week		
	9.00am	Mission Assembly		
Tuesday 20 th September	PM	Rock Steady Lessons		
	PM	Year 5 Macbeth Workshop at Sacred Heart		
	6pm	Curriculum Evening for EYFS/KS1		
Wednesday 21st September	9.00am	International Day of Peace Assembly		
	6pm	Curriculum Evening for KS2		
Thursday 22 nd September	All Day	International Day of Peace — in school focus		
Friday 23 rd September	9.00am	Celebration Assembly		
Sunday 25th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher Catholic Church		

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal

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ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

'Cooking with love; Providing food for the soul!'



Satis Catholic Arings School

MON

WED

THU

R E D O P T I O N

Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato

TUE

Pepperoni Pizza
with Tomato Pasta

Chicken Roast Dinner

Spaghetti & Beef Meatballs with Garlic Bread

FRI Battered Fish & Chips

Y E L L O W O P T I O N

Vegetable & Lentil Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta

Quorn Roast Dinner

Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread

Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans

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Tuna/Cheese/Beans

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All meals are served with vegetables and

cake or fruit of the day.

Our self-serve salad cart is also on offer which contains x

bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

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