



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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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.



## ☆ Star of the Week ☆

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, please label your children's uniform...we already have so many jumpers and cardigans piling up 😊**

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

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 <sup>th</sup> September	Little Way Week – Year 3 – 9.00am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Month – Year 6 – 9.00am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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](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: [St Gregory's Pupil Premium Application Request](#)



## Secondary School Admissions (current Year 6) for September 2024

All applications need to be in by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

You can apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions). Closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Learning	Nursery, Reception Miss Mullen	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Mrs Webb	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Mrs McCormick
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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

Autumn Term 2023			
Event	Date	Time	Venue if not school
INSET Training Day	1st September 4 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	
School opens for all children Y1-Y6	5 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am	
Nursery Stay & Play Session	5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am & 2.00pm	
Mass for the Blessing of the New School year	7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am	
Clothing Swap Shop	7 <sup>th</sup> September	2.30pm – 3.30pm	
Reception Intake	11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am	
Y4 Roman Food Tasting	TBC	PM	
Y5 Macbeth Workshop	19 <sup>th</sup> September	1.15pm	Sacred Heart Primary School
St Gregory's Curriculum Evening & Subject Workshops ~ Key Stage 1 & EYFS	19 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	
St Gregory's Curriculum Evening & Subject Workshops ~ Key Stage 2	20 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	
Year 4 & Year 5 London Visit	27 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	London
RISE Theatre God's Planet Whole School Retreat	28 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	
Cardinal Wiseman Open evening	28 <sup>th</sup> September	5.00pm	Cardinal Wiseman
Y3 Class Assembly – Little Way Week	29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	29 <sup>th</sup> September	2.30pm	
Individual School Photographs	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Day	
KS2 Dogs Trust Workshops – PSHE	5 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	
Year 6 Plas Doly-Moch	7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> October		
SEND Coffee Morning	18 <sup>th</sup> October	9am – 10am	
Parent Consultations	17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm – 6.00pm	
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Y1 lead Whole School Mass – Feast of St John Paul II	19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15pm	
School Flu Immunisation	25 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	
Y2 Journey of Faith Presentation and Blessing	26 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	
Y6 Class Assembly – Black History Month	27 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	

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## St Gregory's Attendance



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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal

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## ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

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



### RED OPTION

### YELLOW OPTION

### BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

**MON**

Toad in the Hole  
with Mashed  
Potato

Vegetable & Lentil  
Curry with Boiled  
Rice & Naan Bread

Jacket Potato  
with  
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

**TUE**

Pepperoni Pizza  
with Tomato Pasta

Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
with Tomato Pasta

Jacket Potato  
with  
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

**WED**

Chicken Roast  
Dinner

Quorn Roast Dinner

Jacket Potato  
with  
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

**THU**

Spaghetti & Beef  
Meatballs with  
Garlic Bread

Macaroni Cheese  
& Garlic Bread

Jacket Potato  
with  
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

**FRI**

Battered Fish & Chips

Vegan Sausage Roll  
& 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  
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