



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

This week we have received the final version of our Ofsted Inspection Report of which a copy can be found here: [St Gregory's Ofsted Report](#)

We feel that the Inspector really captured the essence of St Gregory's and are delighted with how it reads. Our Curriculum and Personal Development were identified as real strengths of the school, as well as our culture of safeguarding.

As always, there are areas for improvement, and we look forward to working together as a team to achieve these. A huge thank you must go to our wonderful staff who work tirelessly to achieve the best for each child that walks through our doors – they are an incredible team!



Highlights from the report include the following:

- ♥ 'Every day pupils 'create moments that become memories' Staff care deeply and respond effectively to any worries or concerns pupils raise'
- ♥ 'One Parents comment was typical of many when they said: 'My children have thrived at this school over the past few years. The support is incredible and high-quality education is nothing but fantastic'.
- ♥ 'St Gregory's Catholic Primary School is ambitious for all pupils; The school's curriculum is highly ambitious'.
- ♥ 'Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are well supported to learn the curriculum in class. This is because staff quickly identify their learning needs'.
- ♥ 'The school provides exceptional opportunities to broaden pupils' interests and experiences'.

## October Catholic Life Focus ...

### During the month of October, we focus on praying the Rosary to Our Lady

The Gift Team were overjoyed, that on Thursday, their Rosary Club was attended by lots of the children across school. It was wonderful to see! Our faith is important to us at St Gregory's!

## ☆ 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	Klaudia	Oliseka	Emeline	Klaus	Khadija	Sia	Kevon
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 ~ 178			Overall Winner: Belgrade ~ 707		
Gifts and Talents		Emmie ~ an amazing haul of medals and a trophy for her wonderful dance performances					

## Parent Consultations

We were delighted that our first parent consultations were very well attended. As always, our home-school partnership is of vital importance, and we do thank those of you who gave up their time to meet with their child's teacher on Tuesday or Thursday evening. We hope you found these consultations useful and have a clear understanding of how your child has settled into his/her new year group. After half-term, we will be inviting all parents into school to partake in a 'Looking at Learning' session. This will be a set time for you to sit with your child and look through their books with them. Invitations containing dates and times will be with you after half term.

## Winter Uniform

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, all children will be expected to wear their winter uniform please. **No polo shirts please.** Children will need to wear shirts/ties/jumpers/trousers (skirts/pinafore dresses) etc. Ties are compulsory and not optional – so please buy these before half term ends. Thank you.

Our Dress Code

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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 2023. 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 2023.



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

All applications need to be in by **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 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2023. 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.

## Reading Legend Award

A huge well done to all the children, who received a reading award this week! Keep being super stars!

Please make time to read with your child every night - even 10 minutes before bed can make a huge difference.

As well as their school reading book, children can enjoy reading anything they like at home!

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – remember to document this in your reading books.  
For children in Key Stage 2, keep updating the padlet pages – I am loving seeing all of your responses!



## School Collection Arrangements

Please may I remind you that school finishes at 3.20pm. Unfortunately, we have had a increasing number of children who have been collected well-after this time. Staff are not available to care for children after this time due to meetings and other commitments, therefore, our school policy is that children not collected will be placed in Care Club and you will be charged for this provision. Thank you for your understanding.

## Coventry Clothing

### Introducing our School Uniform Swap Shop

After the success of our events last year, come along to our school uniform swap shop next Thursday afternoon!

Saint Gregory's has once again partnered up with Clothing Coventry to help support our families during this difficult financial time. Clothing Coventry are a registered charity which support anyone in need of clothes or shoes in Coventry. The charity aims to make sure that every child in Coventry has the uniform they need. Therefore, on Thursday 26th October at 2.30pm they will be visiting Saint Gregory's with all your uniform needs. They will also bring along a selection of other clothes, shoes, and coats in all sizes for you to access. They also have a range of sports clothes suitable for PE available too!

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## St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	94.49%
RECEPTION	91.43%
YEAR 1	96.45%
YEAR 2	93.33%
YEAR 3	93.23%
YEAR 4	97%
YEAR 5	98.67%
YEAR 6	94.33%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

94.93%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



Please may I just remind you, that we do not authorise holidays in term time. Whilst we appreciate that holidays during the school term are cheaper, we are unable to approve any holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances (where evidence will be requested). For all requests for leave you must complete the appropriate form (available from the school office). Failure to do so will result in a safeguarding concern being raised, which in turn will trigger a home visit being conducted. This may then result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued if it has been determined that you have been on holiday.

### 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.

### Nut-Free School

We are a nut free school. We have several children in school, with severe life-threatening nut allergies. Please do not send any food to school that contains nut – this includes cereal bars, chocolate, cakes etc. Nut butters, such as peanut butter, almond butter and chocolate-nut spreads are also not allowed. Any product containing nuts will be immediately confiscated.

### Father Des

We have been informed from the Diocese that Father Des is to take up a new position of Parish Priest at St John Vianney and Our Lady of the Assumption from the 5th November. Fr Sebastian will now be the Parish Priest for St John Fisher and we look forward to welcoming him and working with him. We have planned to thank Fr Des for his outstanding contribution to developing the Catholic Life of our school next week with the children. Fr Des will be very much missed, and we wish him all the best for the future!

### Next week at a glance

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Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Grateful and Generous		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	11.30am	Y6 Mass of Promises for Confirmation
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.00am	Mission Assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	AM PM 3.30pm	Harvest Rolling Worship Rock Steady Lessons Girl's Football Event at St John Fisher
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day PM	School Flu Immunisation Year 4 to Coombe Abbey – Orienteering
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	Coventry Clothing Uniform Swap Shop
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am 9.15am 3.20pm	Y6 Class Assembly 'Black History Month' & Celebration Assembly Y4 and Y5 Choir attending Mass for Fr Des at St John Fisher School closes for Half Term
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am and 11.30am	St John Fisher Parish Mass

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal

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