



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

As part of their Science Learning, last Friday, Year 1 had a wonderful visit from the Animal Man! They learnt about the similarities and differences between types of animals, and showed how brave they could be by holding some animals! It was such a lovely morning full of learning and fun, and you could see from the children's faces just how much they enjoyed the session!



During the month of November, we focus on remembering those who are no longer with us and who gave their tomorrow for our today ~ we will remember you

Our School Council will be continuing to sell Poppies and badges during the month of November in support of our Poppy Appeal – we hope to raise lots of money for the Royal British Legion.



☆ 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	Ayooluwa	Tinashe	Kaylen	Alan	Harry B	Evie	Renah
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Friday	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 96			Overall Winner: Belgrade ~ 1341		
Gifts and Talents		Ella-Mae for successfully achieving her Grade 5 swimming badge and Lexi in Reception for achieving her Grade 1 swimming badge. Amazing achievements girls!					

Our Dress Code

Winter Uniform

As we enter the second half of the Autumn Term, 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 remember these. Thank you

First Sunday of Advent ~ Whole School Mass

On Sunday 3rd December at 11.30am, we will join with our Sister School, St John Fisher, to celebrate mass in order to recognise the First Sunday of Advent. This is the one Whole School Mass we are able to celebrate in Church each year and it is always a very special occasion. We would like as many children to attend as possible to help sing in the choir and support with readings. Please can all children in attendance wear their winter school uniform and come and sit at the front of church with members of school staff. Your support is greatly appreciated and will ensure it is a wonderful occasion.



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Toy Swap Shop

Our Eco Team need your help! In the coming weeks members from our Eco Team will be hosting St Gregory's Toy Swap Shop. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to swap toys that are no longer needed in your home whilst also being more environmentally responsible and reducing waste. For this event to take place we are asking for donations of toys. If you have toys that are in good condition and are no longer wanted or played with then they would be gratefully received by our Eco Team. Please can you give them to your child's class teacher by Friday 24th November. Further details when the Toy Swap Shop is taking place will follow shortly.

Advent Art Day – Friday 1st December

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, on Friday each child will be participating in Advent Art Day with their class. This will be a day in which they prepare for all things Advent and make crafts, decorations for our school tree and prepare to make way in their hearts to welcome Jesus. We would love for Parents to be involved in Advent Art Day and are inviting Parents to attend the below sessions with their child to partake in some of the lovely ideas the staff have planned. The sessions are below:

EYFS and KS1 ~ 9.15am until 10.15am
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 ~ 2.15pm until 3.20pm



Please note, that children will also be able to attend in a festive jumper on Friday 25th November and any parents attending are also welcome to follow this dress code too 😊 If children could donate a chocolate-themed item in exchange for wearing their Festive Jumper for the Parish Bazaar - Fr Sebastian would be ever so grateful!

St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	96.58%
RECEPTION	95%
YEAR 1	99.03%
YEAR 2	97.04%
YEAR 3	96%
YEAR 4	94.33%
YEAR 5	94.07%
YEAR 6	98%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

96.28%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



We have had a large number of children arriving late this week 😞 Please may we remind you that school begins at 8.50am.

All pupils who arrive late have to sign in on arrival at the office and an accurate log of their time of arrival is made.

At 9.20am the registers will be closed and the morning session will be unauthorised and coded as 'U'.

If your child has 10 or more late 'U' sessions in a 5 week period you may receive a £60 fine per parent per child from the Local Authority.

Please do your best to get your child to school on time so they have the best possible start to their day.

Thank you for working in partnership with us!

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St Gregory's Advent Calendar

FOR THOSE IMPORTANT DATES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>4th – 8th December</p> <p>1st Week of Advent</p>	<p>2.15pm Blessing of the Advent Wreaths and 'Nativitree' Assembly</p>		<p>Nursery – Year 6 Break the rules Jingle Jog</p>	<p>Years N/R/1/2/3/4/5/6 Advent Class prayer times (9:00am) for parents to join us in Prayer</p>	<p>Day of Service: Whole School Social Action project - feeding the homeless</p>
<p>11th – 15th December</p> <p>2nd Week of Advent</p>	<p>9:30am EYFS Dress Rehearsal</p> <p>1.30pm Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal</p>	<p>9am KS2 Achievement Awards</p> <p>2pm EYFS Nativity Performance</p> <p>5:30pm KS1 Nativity</p>	<p>9:30am EYFS Nativity</p> <p>1:30pm CAFOD World Gifts Assembly</p>	<p>9:30am KS1 Nativity</p>	<p>9am EYFS Achievement Awards</p> <p>1.30pm Year 2 Christingle Workshop</p>
<p>18th - 22nd December</p> <p>3rd Week of Advent</p>		<p>9:00am KS1 Achievement Awards</p> <p>PM Father Christmas to visit EYFS & KS1</p> <p>All day KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal</p> <p>6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Church</p>	<p>Rec – Y6 Pantomime Visit to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk'</p>	<p>AM Rolling worship morning</p> <p>11:30am – 1:15pm St Gregorys Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Christmas Jumper Day!</p>	<p>9.15am Final Mass of Term</p> <p>2pm Step into Christmas</p> <p>3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)</p>



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Cas Performances at St Gregory's

The children are busy learning songs, lines and where to stand (!) for their Christmas Performances. A letter will be sent out next week informing you of our final arrangements and how you can reserve your tickets. Please see our Advent Calendar later in the newsletter for important dates for your diary including the dates of our performances!

Blessing of the Crib

Father Tom has written to invite all our Catholic Schools to gather with our Deanery Parishes for our annual 'Blessing of the Crib' service in the city centre on the first Sunday of Advent – Sunday 3rd December at 4pm. As usual, there will be a short service of readings, prayers, and carols to bless the Crib which stands as witness to our faith in the city centre. We hope you will be able to join us in Broadgate.

St Greg's is off to the Panto!

On Wednesday 20th December, children in Reception – Year 6 will be off to watch Cinderella at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington. If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please sign them up via the trip section on Arbor. The cost for this trip is £12 (we have subsidised this by paying for the coaches out of school fund!).

We are very much looking forward to this experience – it is set to be a great afternoon out and something that will get us all in the Festive Spirit



Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Attentive and Discerning		
Assessment Week		
Sunday 26 th November	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher Church with Fr Sebastian
Monday 27 th November	9am	Mission Assembly
Tuesday 28 th November	All Day PM	Year 4 visit to Lunt Fort Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 29 th November	TBC 3.30pm 6pm	Toy Swap Shop Football Match vs Good Shepherd Away St Gregory's and St John Fisher Local Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 30 th November	All Day	St Andrew's Day – Special Lunch Menu
Friday 1 st December	All Day 9.15am 11am 2.15pm	Festive Non-Uniform in exchange for Chocolate donations EYFS and KS1 Advent Art Day One Life Advent Live Stream Retreat KS2 Advent Art Day
Sunday 3 rd December	11.30am 12.30pm	Whole School Mass at St John Fisher Church with Fr Sebastian Parish Bazaar at St John Fisher Church

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

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ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

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Providing food for the soul!'



RED OPTION

YELLOW OPTION

BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

MON

Sausage and Mash,
with Vegetables and
Onion Gravy

Vegan Sausage Roll
with Mash and
Vegetables

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

TUE

Chicken Curry with
Rice and Baby Naan

Vegetables Samosas
with Rice and Baby
Naan

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

WED

Traditional Roast Meat
with Roast Potatoes,
Veggies and Gravy

Quorn Roast Fillet
with Roast Potatoes,
Veggies and Gravy

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

THU

Beef Cottage Pie
with Vegetables and
Gravy

Macaroni Cheese,
Mixed Seasonal
Vegetables and Garlic
Bread

Jacket Potato
with
Tuna/Cheese/Beans

FRI

Battered Fish or
Salmon Nuggets, Chips
and Beans or Peas

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza and Chips with
Beans or Peas

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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