



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 10:
Friday 1st
December
2023



Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

Advent Loading

Wow! Festive spirit is most definitely in the air at St Gregory's, we are definitely ready to embrace all of the glitter, all of the sparkle and, more importantly, all of the joy! Today was a very special day as we hosted our Advent Art Day. Advent is a very special season in the liturgical calendar as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. We were so excited to welcome some of our parents into school to share in today's activities with us and we thank you for your support and assistance with the activities today. Throughout today, the children have been working hard to create decorations for our school Christmas tree in our theme of Blue and Silver – *Team St Greg's all the way!* – and have been resilient when working on their Christmas Craft Project from their Design and Technology curriculum. When you take a step back and look at all the teaching of new skills that has taken place today, it really is amazing! We have had all sorts going on: from sewing in Year 6 to tie dying in Year 2 to Cooking in Year 3 – it has been an ambitious day but a worthwhile one at that, and I must thank our staff for their planning, resourcing, and sheer determination in ensuring that all children achieved their learning outcome today!

Each class has also spent the day making their own Advent Wreath, which they will use during Advent to help them count down the weeks until Christ's birth on Christmas Day. These wreaths will be blessed in a special assembly on Monday. Finally, preparations have been well underway for the children's nativity performances and Christmas Carol Service that are scheduled to take place in December. The corridors of St Gregory's have been alive with the sound of wonderful melodies and the children's beautiful singing, and it is making us all very excited indeed for the next few weeks in school as we celebrate the magical season of Christmas with the children. It really is the most wonderful time of the year and we at St Gregory's cannot wait to embrace all the festive cheer that comes our way!



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.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service Tuesday 19th December 6.30pm

St John Fisher Parish Church

All children in KS2 (Yr3 4 5 6) will be taking an active part in our annual Carol Service "When Love was Born." We want all the children to be present to share with us the real meaning of Christmas and the staff are working hard to make this a very special reflection as we journey towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diary. It is an expectation that all children attend. If in exceptional circumstances your child is unable to attend, we request this in writing please.

The service is open to families of St Gregory's and our St John Fisher Parish Community, and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Nursery/Reception Nativity Plays

Reception supported by Nursery will be sharing their Nativity "I-Spy Christmas"

on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 2pm and Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 9.30am

Year 1/Year 2 Nativity Plays

Year 1 and Year 2 will be sharing their Nativity "Prickly Hay"

on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 5.30pm and Thursday 14th December 2023 at 9.30am



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Non-Uniform Day ~Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate today in exchange for a day in non-uniform!

All donations will be used for the Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Parish Bazaar on Sunday. This will follow our Mass that is taking place at 11.30am.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support – it really does mean a lot!



Parking – Please Park Safely

Please can we remind you to all park safely when dropping off or collecting your children in the morning and afternoons. We have had some near misses over the last few days, and whilst no one has been hurt, consideration when parking could have prevented this. Please adhere to the yellow lines and remember to be considerate of the Nursery exit and entrance across the road. We also ask you to not park over entrances to garages where possible. Thank you for your consideration!

Year 2 SATs tests

From 2023/2024 new government guidance has now come into effect: KS1 (Year 2) SATs are no longer statutory for schools to implement. This means that children currently in year 2 will not have to take these types of tests. Instead, they will take the same style of tests as in Year 1/3/4/5 using our PiXL framework. This will enable us to conduct the tests in a balanced way, which will support the children's wellbeing, whilst providing the academic information needed to support their journey of learning. If you have any queries, please come and speak to us.

St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	97.14%
RECEPTION	92.22%
YEAR 1	92.09%
YEAR 2	92.81%
YEAR 3	98.33%
YEAR 4	97.33%
YEAR 5	95.33%
YEAR 6	97.67%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

95.4%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



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!

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St Gregory's Advent Calendar

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



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



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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.

Interested in teaching?

Did you know you can train to be a teacher in Catholic schools in our area, through the teacher training programme offered by Blue Sky (part of The Romero MAC) and Bishop Challoner Training School Alliance?

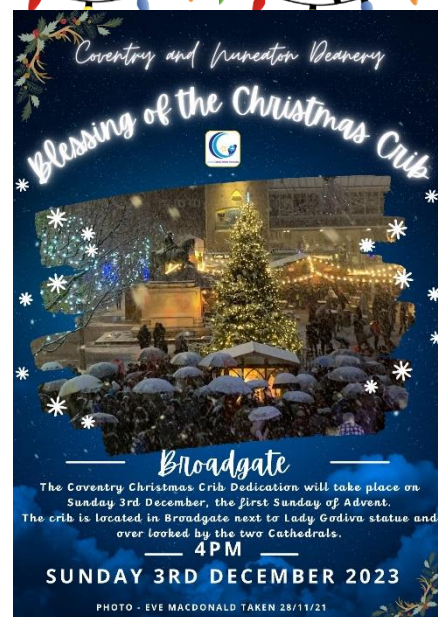
There are teacher training places available in primary and secondary, with over 15 different secondary subjects covered, and 5 primary specialisms (Early Years, SEND, Maths, and PE, as well as general primary). BCTSA offer QTS only, or QTS + PGCE routes, as well as full time and part time roles.

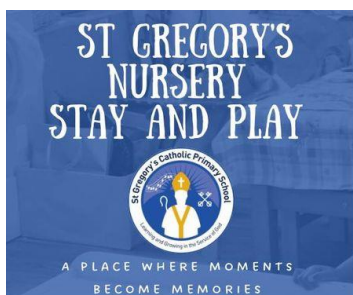
All information can be found on the website www.bctsa.org.

Call 0121 441 6175 for a 121 call about how we can support you to apply and join our family of teachers.

To find Blue Sky courses on the Department of Education Application site, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training> ... and search for code 21L.






ST GREGORY'S NURSERY STAY AND PLAY

A PLACE WHERE MOMENTS BECOME MEMORIES

Our Nursery is a wonderful setting that really does give children the best start to their academic journey! Our dedicated staff work hard to create a stimulating environment and creative curriculum that allows each child to reach their God-Given potential!



COME AND SEE US IN ACTION

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
9AM - 10AM

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR
SEPTEMBER 2024

CHILDREN AGED 3+
15-HOUR AND 30-HOUR PLACES
AVAILABLE

CONTACT ADMIN.SG@ROMEROMAC.COM
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

St Gregory's Nursery Stay & Play

We are opening the doors of our Nursery on Thursday 7th December from 9am until 10am so that you can see our wonderful setting in action.

Parents and their children are welcome to enjoy our 'Stay and Play' session where you can gain an insight into our nurturing environment, the types of activities on offer and meet our dedicated team of staff!

This session would be perfect for anyone who has a child joining our Nursery in either January or April 2024, or who is thinking of applying for a place from September 2024!

If you would like to attend, please contact admin.sg@romeromac.com to book your place!

We can't wait to see you all!

Ps. Places for September 2024 are filling fast! We recommend completing an application form as soon as possible to apply for your child's place - these can be obtained from the office!

Jingle Bell Jog

On Wednesday, all children will be invited to take part in our Festive Fun Run – the Jingle Bell Jog. This year, our theme is 'break the rules' and we are encouraging children to break as many rules as possible whilst completing the run as they take part in a festive run complete with music, glitter, and all of the sparkle! It will be another great event to bring some festive cheer to St Gregory's and get the children moving too! All money raised will go towards the cost of the coaches for transporting children to the pantomime later in the month!

Please send any money for the rule breaks in with your child on Wednesday and ensure they have a suitable pair of trainers! 😊

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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Attentive and Discerning		
First Week of Advent		
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
Monday 4 th December	2.15pm	Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Nativitree Assembly
Tuesday 5 th December	PM 3.30pm	Rock Steady Concert Football Match vs St Thomas More - Away
Wednesday 6 th December	9am AM All Day	Year 5 and 6 Racism Workshop with Coventry Policy Epic Sport Football Event @ Alan Higgs Nursery – Year 6 'Break the Rules' Jingle Bell Jog
Thursday 7 th December	9am 9am – 10am PM	Advent Parent Prayer Time Nursery Open Morning Choir singing at UHCW Hospital
Friday 8 th December	All Day 9am	St Gregory's Day of Service for the Homeless Celebration Assembly
Sunday 10 th December	9.30am and 11.30am	2 ND Sunday of Advent Parish Mass at St John Fisher Church with Fr Sebastian

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal



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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Break the Rules Jingle Bell Jog

NO FESTIVE CLOTHING
NO CRAZY HAIR OR HEADGEAR
NO NAIL VARNISH
NO FACE PAINT/GLITTER
NO FANCY DRESS

50P
PER
RULE
BROKEN

6TH
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