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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

# During December we journey into Advent as we begin a new church year: "Slow down; Be ready."



Wow, what a festive few weeks! We have had a number of events that have been stunning and the quality of experiences for the children has been second to none! Thank you to <u>all</u> those who organised the Nativities, Father Christmas, the Carol Service, Achievement Awards and the many special memories we have made during the Advent period.

A huge thank you to those that attended our Carol Service on Tuesday evening! Key Stage Two presented this so beautifully and it was a very special occasion to be a part of. There were poignant reflections, supplemented by beautiful singing, signing and the retelling of the Nativity Story. There really was something for everyone. We hope that the evening provided you with a chance to reflect upon the real meaning of the Christmas Story and help you to prepare to welcome Jesus into your heart this Christmas.





As parents, you have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school because **faith** is important. I hope you have found the last month good preparation for Christmas and good reason as to why you chose to send your child to a school with faith. We could not do what we do without the support of the church. On behalf of us all — I wish **Father Sebastian** and the **Parish of Saint John Fisher** a very merry Christmas and every good wish for 2024!

### **Christmas Dinner**

Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas Dinner to you all! What an amazing day we had on Thursday — over 180 Christmas meals were prepared by Mrs Mockford and Ms Hill. The children enjoyed their food, along with all the staff, who ate with the children in the hall. There were also 2 very special people helping to entertain during the lunch — the children loved seeing Mrs Priest and Mrs Scullion all dressed up! A big thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors for a delicious lunch!

#### <u>Outstanding Debts</u>

We would like to remind parents that there are a number of outstanding debts for such things as dinner money, Care Club and educational visits that must be cleared. If your Arbor balance is in debt, please could we ask that you see to this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### Reception September 2024

Reminder that applications close on January 15th for places to start Reception on 1st September 2024. Please note, even if your child attends St Gregory's nursery and you wish for them to attend our Reception, you must still fill in an application as a place is not automatically guaranteed. To apply click here!

Please also contact the school office if you would like to take a tour- we wholeheartedly recommend you visit so you can see all the school in action and fully experience the Catholic ethos on offer.

# **Achievement Awards**

Congratulations to all the children that received an Achievement Award in Key Stage One this week.

We are very proud of you 😊



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St Gregory's Attendance

Nursery	90.48%
RECEPTION	89.29%
YEAR 1	94.19%
YEAR 2	94.14%
YEAR 3	95%
YEAR 4	93.33%
YEAR 5	93.33%
YEAR 6	89.67%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

92.61%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%

Attendance There are 190 days in a school year  ①②②②②③③③		
	100%	>>> Perfection
% equates to		
4 Missed school days	98%	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b> Impressive
8 Missed school days	96%	<b>&gt;&gt;</b> Good
9 Missed school days	95%	>>> Nearly there
Missed school days	94%	Needs to improve
19 Missed school days	90%	>>> Concerns
29 Missed school days	85%	>>> Serious concern

## Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity	
Value and Virtue — Compassionate and Loving			
Ordinary Time			
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	8.50am	Return to School	
	9am	Mission Assembly	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	AM	Rolling Worship - Epiphany	
	PM	Rock Steady Lessons	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Hymn Practice	
	2.30pm	Coventry Clothing Swap Shop	
	3.30pm	Football Match vs St Anne's AWAY	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	Whole School Mass — Happy New Year — Y6 to Lead	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Celebration Assembly	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am and 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher Church with Fr Sebastian	

We will be breaking up for Christmas on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. The children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

On behalf of the Local Governing Body and all of the staff here at St Gregory's, we wish you and your family a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and prosperous New Year in 2024! Enjoy all of the festivities and, once again, thank you so much for all your support.

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal

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