



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



This week, school has been abuzz with enthusiastic children who are so excited to discuss and share their learning experiences with each other. For some, learning can be boring, a chore or something you simply have to do to get to an end result. Yet here at St Gregory's, learning is the vehicle by which we open minds, unlock hearts, inspire a future generation and give them experiences that remain in their hearts forever.

This week alone each class has had creative and enriching learning experiences to increase their awareness of another Faith as part of our 'Faith Focus Week'; our social interventions have seen children work with others to develop them in social interaction, self-confidence and communication and Year 5 are preparing to visit 'Alton Castle' next week to grow in faith and self-confidence as they partake in a residential retreat!

To the left, you can also see an image of our Year 4 children learning about the rituals and significance of the Jewish celebration of the 'Seder Meal' as part of Faith Focus Week.

The ingredients used cost money, the planning and preparation cost the staff involved time but the engagement of the children is something that money can definitely never buy!

We look forward to Year 1's Class Assembly on Monday at 9am to launch National Story Telling Week!

☆ Star of the Week ☆

This week it proved to be a very difficult decision for our staff, but the following children had made an extra special effort.

Here are this week's Star Workers of the Week! Congratulations to you all! 😊

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Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Milagros	Poppy	Isabella	Lawson	Olivia	Maisie	Purity	Zoe-Marie
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Thursday
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 209!			Overall Winner: Belgrade ~ 2487		
Gifts and Talents		Eden for being our very own 'Mary Earps' in the making! Eden was recognised for her goalkeeping talent again and for making a 'save of the week'					



Nursery Applications for September 2024 – Now Open!

We are now also taking applications for our Nursery for a September 2024 start. Please contact the office if you would like an application pack 😊

Reading at home.

The opportunity for a child to read aloud to an adult is an important factor when developing fluency and also assists with addressing any misconceptions in pronunciation/phonological awareness. you can also improve their understanding of what they have read by asking them questions about the text whilst listening to them.

Our school expectation is that children read to an adult 3 x a week for at least 15 minutes at a time.

For children in EYFS and Key Stage 1, we then ask that the adult signs the child's diary and notes down any difficulty so that we are able to support the children back at school. For children in Key Stage Two, we ask that they then complete their padlet reading page – a link to which is available on children's bookmarks!

Each week we will then award a reading legend award to those children who have made an effort to read or who have been identified as making excellent progress with their reading in class.

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St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	93.82%
RECEPTION	80%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	92.41%
YEAR 3	96.55%
YEAR 4	95.97%
YEAR 5	98.28%
YEAR 6	92.64%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

93.59%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



Punctuality and Persistent Lateness

Please remember that school starts at 8:50am and registers are taken promptly. It is really important that children arrive to school on time to avoid disrupting the class and teacher once the morning lesson has begun.

Whilst we understand that on certain occasions lateness cannot be helped, we ask that persistent lateness is avoided. We find that attending school and being on time supports the children in making great progress.

We monitor attendance and punctuality closely at school and you may be asked to come in to discuss your child's attendance if they are regularly late or absent. Persistent absence/lateness could result in a fine from the Local Authority.

We thank you for your continued support.

Dates for you!

It is a shorter half term, but there is still lots going on! Please take a look at the key dates below ☺

Spring Term 2024			
Event	Date	Time	Venue if not school
Children to return to School	8 th January	8.50am	
Epiphany Rolling Worship (Blessed Sacrament)	9 th January	AM	
Whole School Mass: New Year 2024	11 th January	9.15am	
Closing date for Rising 4/5's admissions	15 th January	All Day	
Faith Focus Week	22 nd January – 26 th Jan		
Y5 Alton Castle Parent Meeting	25 th January	5.30pm	
Y5 Alton Castle	29 th – 31 st January		Alton Castle
Y1 Class Assembly – National Story Telling Week	29 th January	9.00am	
Y6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral	2 nd February	8.30am	St Chad's Cathedral
Non-uniform Day – Wear red/pink	7 th February	All Day	
Movies and Munchies	7 th February	3.15pm – 4.30pm	
Inset Day – No Children in School	9 th February	All Day	

Half Term 12th February – 16th February

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Pupil Premium

Did you know that extra money could be available to help your child's learning and development?

Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development. There are lots of benefits for children who receive Pupil Premium such as:

- ♥ Discounted trips, after school clubs and wrap around care.
- ♥ Free school meals
- ♥ Extracurricular opportunities
- ♥ Lunch time clubs
- ♥ Uniform funding and support
- ♥ Funded Rock Steady space (subject to availability)



St Gregory's can support you in finding out if your child could receive the extra money.

It's quick and easy to find out if you can claim for your child, just complete our form using the link below or by scanning the QR code above and we will do the hard work for you.

Link: [St Gregory's ELIGIBILITY CHECK](#)

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.

Faith Focus Week

This week, the whole school has been taking part in a Faith Focus week in which the children have explored other Faiths and learnt about their beliefs, rituals and customs. It has also provided us with the opportunity to celebrate some of the different Faiths and appreciate the cultural diversity that we have within our school community.

The following Year Groups have been increasing their awareness of the following Faiths:

Nursery and Reception ~ My own Faith & Festivals throughout the world
Year 1 and Year 5 ~ Islam Year 2 and Year 6 ~ Hinduism
Year 3 ~ Sikhism Year 4 ~ Judaism

I would like to extend a huge thank you to each one of our staff members who have planned such creative and engaging work this week to help the children experience Faith Focus week in such a positive and varied way. We ended with an exhibition this afternoon in the hall to showcase the children's learning and it really was a lovely way to celebrate all that we had learned and the new knowledge we had all acquired!

Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday 5th February, the Book Fair will arrive at St Gregory's and will be with us all week long!

Sales begin from 8.30am - 8.50am each morning and from 3.20pm - 3.40pm after school.
The book fair will run until Thursday 8th February



If you wish to browse what is on offer, please feel free to visit the hall (where the book fair is located) or view the selection online: [Book Fair - Items for Sale](#)

This year, you are able to pay in cash or via the online link which can be found here: [Pay online here](#)

During the course of the week, children may bring home an order form. Using this, you will be able to note down the purchases you wish to make, send a cash payment or pay using the online link and once complete, return the form to school so that the children can collect their order.

For every sale, as a school, we receive money towards funding new books for our library - so your support really is appreciated.

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Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
National Storytelling Week		
Sunday 28 th January	11.30am	Year 6 Celebration Mass – Confirmation Preparation Mass
Monday 29 th January	9.00am 1.45pm	Year 1 Class Assembly – National Storytelling Week Year 5 Depart for Alton Castle
Tuesday 30 th January	All Day Afternoon	Year 5 at Alton Castle Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 31 st January	4pm	Year 5 return from Alton Castle
Thursday 1 st February	9.15am	Whole School Mass – Year 2 to Lead
Friday 2 nd February	9.00am All Day	Celebration Assembly Y6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Sunday 4 th February	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Father Sebastian

Thank you for your continued support

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
bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

Homework

Please make sure the homework is in for
Wednesday 24th January!

Year 1

MATHS - Yellow 12, Pink 11
SPAG - Yellow 24, Pink 14

Year 2

MATHS - Red 36
SPAG - Red 39

Year 3

MATHS - Red 34, Blue 46+47
SPAG - Red 16+17, Blue 22+23

Year 4

MATHS - Blue 25, Purple 24+25
SPAG - Blue 66, Purple 18+19

Year 5

MATHS - Lime 84+85
SPAG - Lime 22

Year 6

MATHS - Purple 38, Lime 38+39 Silver 24, Gold 24
SPAG - Blue 66, Purple 18-19, Lime 56, Silver 52,
Gold 54+55



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ST GREGORY'S Spring 1 P.E

RECEPTION

*Dance and Physical
Literacy*

TUESDAY &
THURSDAY



YEAR 1

*Healthy Lifestyles &
Tri-Golf*

WEDNESDAY
& FRIDAY



YEAR 2

*Athletics +
Ball Skills*

THURSDAY
& FRIDAY



YEAR 3

*Tri Golf &
Dance*

TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY



YEAR 4

*Tri Golf
& Football*

WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY



YEAR 5

*Healthy Lifestyles
& Gymnastics*

WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY



YEAR 6

*Tennis
& Gymnastics*

WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY



Please send your child in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

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