



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



Our school newsletter, this week, is dedicated our fantastic Year 5 children! On Monday they ventured off to Alton Castle to partake in a 3 day retreat! I was lucky enough to accompany the children, and it was such a privilege to watch each of the children grow personally and spiritually during our time there! It is safe to say that they fully embraced all that was on offer: many attempted things that they may never have thought possible, some children smiled more than they might have believed they could and each one of the group made memories that they will treasure forever! The children were an absolute delight and we are SO proud of how they each represented themselves and our school during their time there. It truly was a joy to see each child embrace new challenges, lose themselves in prayer and song and witness their personalities shine brightly! We now look forward to them sharing their faith with us back at school!

☆ 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
Lennon	Ellis	Great	Reuben	Victoria	Solomon	Charlie	N/A
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 ~ 114			Overall Winner: Belgrade ~ 2,601		
Gifts and Talents		We hope to see celebrate some of our children's achievements next 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 😊

We do only have a limited number of places left for September – so please do hand your applications in promptly! Closing date is Friday 22nd March 2024!



Safer Internet Day ~ Tuesday 6th February

2024 will be the 20th year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated in over 100 countries around the world. It will run under the slogan "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online" and will promote the need to talk about life online. On Tuesday, all children at school will take part in this important day and have a focused lesson on being safe on the Internet. At school, we ensure that all the children are safe through our E-Safety policy; dedicated lessons as part of the computing curriculum and through raising awareness amongst pupils and parents.

February Half Term 😊

A polite reminder that school will close for Half Term on **Thursday 8th February at 3.20pm.**

School will be closed to children on Friday 9th February as we have an Inset Day.

We will then return for the second half of our Spring Term on Monday 19th February. I am sure many of the children (and staff!) are feeling the tiredness that this busy half term has brought with it. Please do use the half term to rest and recharge your batteries – everyone has worked so hard, and a break is well deserved!



Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorycoventry>



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St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	99.54%
RECEPTION	88.18%
YEAR 1	97.22%
YEAR 2	93.5%
YEAR 3	95.71%
YEAR 4	94.44%
YEAR 5	95.98%
YEAR 6	93.31%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

94.55%

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.

Movies and Munchies

On Wednesday 7th February, Children from Reception – Year 6 are invited to stay behind straight after school to join us for our Movies and Munchies event! Children can enjoy watching a film with their friends, with a drink and a snack. The cost is £3.00 per child and children will need to be collected from their classrooms promptly at 4.30pm. You can sign up for the event through your child's Arbor account!

Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 7th February

On Wednesday 7th February – to tie in with our Movies and Munchies event - we are allowing all children to come into school in Non-Uniform. There is no set cost for this Non-Uniform day, any donation you are able to make would be appreciated. Money raised will also be used to fund curriculum experiences during the next term 😊



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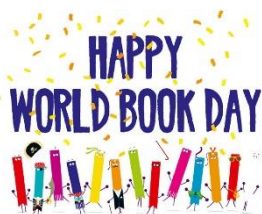




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Save the Date – World Book Day

St Gregory's will be participating a World Book Day celebration on Thursday 7th March – so please save the date! Further information will make it's way to you after half term, however, we can tell you that this year we will embracing the theme: **'You are a Reader'** and asking all children to come in dressed as their favourite book character! As well as this, there will be other exciting things on offer to make the day extra-special and remind the children just how special books can be. After all, *everyone is a reader; some just haven't found the right book yet!*

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.

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
Children's Mental Health Week		
Sunday 4 th February	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Father Sebastian
Monday 5 th February	9.00am Morning	Kindness Ambassador Assembly School Games Rowing Competition at AT7
Tuesday 6 th February	All Day Afternoon	Safer Internet Day Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 7 th February	All Day Afternoon 3.20pm – 4.30pm	Non-Uniform Day Rowing 4 U Competition at AT7 Movies and Munchies Event
Thursday 8 th February	9.00am 3pm – 4.30pm 3.20pm	Whole School Assembly: Bury the Alleluia Swim Team Practice at AT7 Break up for Half Term
Friday 9 th February	All Day	School Closed: Inset Day

Have a lovely weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion

Associate Principal



RED OPTION

MON

Sausage and Mash, with Vegetables and Onion Gravy

TUE

Chicken Curry with Rice and Baby Naan

WED

Traditional Roast Meat with Roast Potatoes, Veggies and Gravy

THU

Beef Cottage Pie with Vegetables and Gravy

FRI

Battered Fish or Salmon Nuggets, Chips and Beans or Peas

YELLOW OPTION

Vegan Sausage Roll with Mash and Vegetables

Vegetables Samosas with Rice and Baby Naan

Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Veggies and Gravy

Macaroni Cheese, Mixed Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread

Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Chips with Beans or Peas

BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans

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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.

ST GREGORY'S Spring 1 P.E

RECEPTION

Dance and Physical Literacy

TUESDAY & THURSDAY



YEAR 1

Healthy Lifestyles & Tri-Golf

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY



YEAR 3

Tri-Golf & Dance

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY



YEAR 2

Athletics + Ball Skills

THURSDAY & FRIDAY



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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