



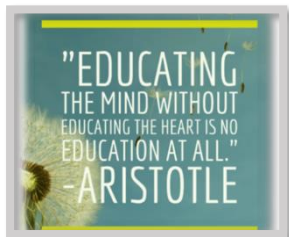
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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



As we approach the end of another half term (time really is flying by!), it is always nice to look back and celebrate the achievements of our children, appreciate the work of our staff and to thank our St Gregory's families and wider community for their support. This half term has been a busy one – but that being said, we have enjoyed all that it has brought with it and relished the opportunity to create some wonderful memories for our children. With all of this said, I am very aware that such hard work often brings a tiredness only a real break can cure. I therefore wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term. Take time to slow down, try something new or spend time with your loved ones – we will see you ready to go again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February! Have a good one!

## February Half Term ☺

A polite reminder that school will close for Half Term on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.20pm. We will then return for the second half of our Spring Term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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>



## The Season of Lent

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. A time when we embark on our own personal journey with Jesus as he prepares himself to make the ultimate sacrifice and take up the cross. As a school, we have some special activities planned during Lent that the children will be partaking in to travel on their own Lenten Journey with Jesus. Many of these will take the form of social action projects, reflective opportunities for prayer and our environment will be given a makeover to ensure that there are areas we can visit should we want some quiet time alone in the presence of the Lord. We look forward to what we will discover about ourselves during our Lenten journey.

A reminder that if you wish to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, Father Sebastian would love to invite you to St John Fisher Church at 9am and 7pm.

## Looking at Learning

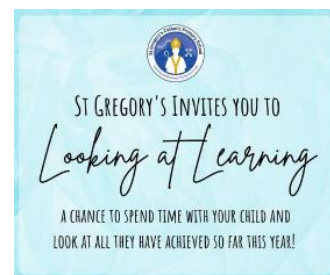
After half term, as detailed in the dates sent out at the start of the year, you are invited to our 'Looking at Learning' sessions so that you are able to sit with your child and discuss all that they have learned so far this year and celebrate their progress and achievements too.. We hope that you are able to attend.

Looking at Learning sessions are at **2.30pm** on the following dates:

Year 4, 5 and 6 ~ Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1, 2 and 3 ~ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Reception and Nursery ~ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February



## Teacher Training Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February as we have a Staff Training Day.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024!



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## St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	96.74%
RECEPTION	92.11%
YEAR 1	97.33%
YEAR 2	95.67%
YEAR 3	95.67%
YEAR 4	98%
YEAR 5	93.45%
YEAR 6	90.37%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

94.93%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



### Save the Date – World Book Day

St Gregory's will be participating a World Book Day celebration on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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!*



### 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

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has visited our book fair this week – it has been a huge success and really showcases our love of reading! Thank you also to the School Council Sales Team, Mrs Swiadek, Miss Dunleavy and Mrs Carpenter who have helped with the running of this too 😊 For every sale, as a school, we receive money towards funding new books for our library - so your support really is appreciated. We will reveal the total raised next week, once we have finished totalling the payments! We will then be ordering the new books for our class libraries! The children have been busy putting their requests in already!

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## Dates for your Diary

So that you are aware of what's to come in the half term ahead, here are some key dates for your diary. Further details can be obtained via social media or an email will be sent as a reminder.

Half Term 12 <sup>th</sup> February – 16 <sup>th</sup> February			
Lent Liturgy Day	19 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	
Looking at Learning Year 6, 5, 4	19 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm – 3.15pm	
Looking at Learning Year 3, 2, 1	20 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm – 3.15pm	
Y6 & REC Cake Sale	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Break Time	
Looking at learning Reception and Nursery	21 <sup>st</sup> February	2.30pm – 3.15pm	
Nursery Open Evening	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	5pm – 6pm	
Y4 Rainforest Visit	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	All Day	
Y1 & Y5 Cake Sale	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Break Time	
Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation	28 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	St John Fisher Church
One Life Lent Retreat	29 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	
Y2 & Y4 Cake Sale	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Break Time	
World Book Day	7 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	
Reception Mother's Day Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	
Moments with Mum/Those who matter Afternoon	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	
Y3 & Nursery Cake Sale	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Break Time	
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	
Parent Prayer Time	21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.45pm	
KS1 Achievement Awards	18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	
KS2 Achievement Awards	19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	
SEND Coffee Afternoon	20 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm – 3pm	
Y3 & Y4 Holy Week Reflection	20 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	Cardinal Wiseman
EYFS Achievement Awards	21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am	
End of Term Mass - Holy Week	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15am	
Easter Holidays 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 7 <sup>th</sup> April			

## Protective Behaviours Scheme of Work

As part of our PSHE Curriculum Programme of Study, after half term all classes will be completing a series of lessons based on Protective Behaviours. These lessons are modelled on the NSPCC programme 'PANTS'

During these lessons, children will be partaking in discussions and completing activities which aim to teach them the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils about protective behaviours, using the 'PANTS' acronym taken from the NSPCC programme:

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will be delivered in a way that are fully age-appropriate.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule)



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## Next week a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue: Faith Filled &amp; Hopeful</b>		
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Father Sebastian
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 2.30pm	Mission Assembly Looking at Learning Year 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	AM Break Time Afternoon Afternoon 2.30pm	PCSO Workshop regarding Online Presence with Year 5 and 6 Year 6 and Reception Cake Sale Rowing County Final Rock Steady Lessons Looking at Learning Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Morning 2.30pm After School	Catholic Schools Swimming Gala Looking at Learning EYFS Football Match vs St Patrick's
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	All Day 5pm	Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day at Cardinal Wiseman Nursery Open Evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9am All Day 11am	Celebration Assembly Year 4 visit to the Living Rainforest One Life Live Stream Retreat: Lent
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Father Sebastian

Have a lovely Half Term!

*Megan Scullion*

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal

	RED OPTION	YELLOW OPTION	BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION
<b>MON</b>	Sausage and Mash, with Vegetables and Onion Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll with Mash and Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>TUE</b>	Chicken Curry with Rice and Baby Naan	Vegetables Samosas with Rice and Baby Naan	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>WED</b>	Traditional Roast Meat with Roast Potatoes, Veggies and Gravy	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Veggies and Gravy	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>THU</b>	Beef Cottage Pie with Vegetables and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese, Mixed Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
<b>FRI</b>	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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## ST GREGORY'S NURSERY OPEN EVENING

SECURE YOUR  
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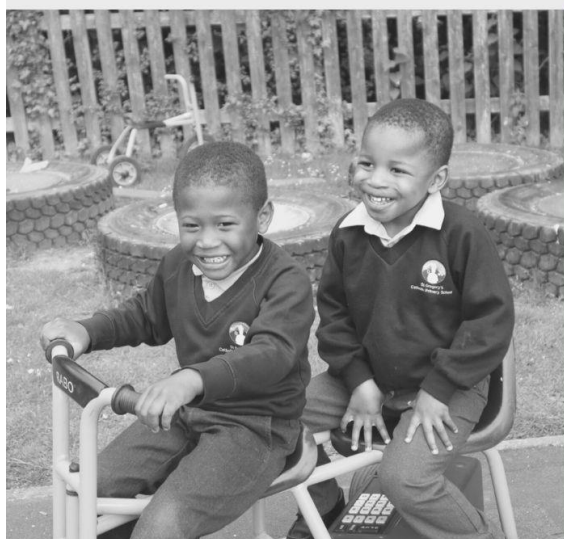
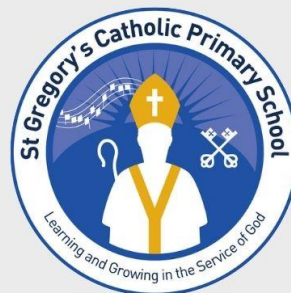
COME AND SEE US IN ACTION!



THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY  
5PM - 6PM

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU & YOUR CHILD TO COME AND  
VIEW OUR NURSERY SETTING SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO  
GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO SCHOOL LIFE AT ST GREGORY'S  
AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD!

STAY & PLAY - MEET THE STAFF



## WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO JOIN OUR NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2024\*

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
DURING THE EVENING OR CAN BE  
OBTAINED FROM OUR OFFICE

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

WRAPAROUND PROVISION AVAILABLE FROM  
7.30AM UNTIL 5.30PM

### HOW TO FIND US!



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