

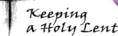
# St Gregory's VCatholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

This week, the school has been abuzz with excited children as they have had a wonderful week of learning in some extremely creative ways, whilst growing closer to God.

The following things have taken place this week:

- We learned of our next Perfect Promise from Jesus in our Second Lenten Mission assembly which was the promise of blessing. We added the star symbol to our prayer focus as a reminder of all the ways that God shows us his blessings.
- Year Five and Year 1 held our second Lenten Cake Sale as part of our charitable work and Social Action projects this Lent
- The whole school participated in a beautifully poignant and reflective Lenten Retreat hosted by Dan and Emily from One Life Music
- ♥ Many of our children took the next step in our journey of Faith with Year 6 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and Year 3 making their first Reconciliation
- Children from Year 3 and 4 represented St Gregory's at a School Games Archery Competition
- We celebrated our children's achievements in Sport with a special sporting assembly on Tuesday
- All children have enjoyed their PE lessons this week and have engaged with a number of external providers to partake in a range of sports including gymnastics, cycling and cricket

Once again, we are extremely proud of the curriculum we provide and the experiences we offer at St Gregory's — we hope the children have had another fantastic week in school and spend the weekend resting ahead of another busy but enjoyable week next week!







#### Roll of Honour A

It was so lovely to hear about all of the children's achievements during our Celebration Assembly today! Congratulations to all of the children who received an award — we are very proud of you!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maximus	Keeley	Daniella	Ronnie	Ollie	Esme	Jaya	Elvis
	P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)						
Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday & Wednesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Monday & Friday	Monday & Friday	Monday & Wednesday
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 210		Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 2,697			
Gifts and Talents:		Jacob: Well done on achieving your Grade 3 in drumming! An amazing achievement!					

#### Nursery Applications for September 2024

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>rd</sup> March 2024!



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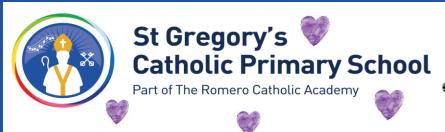
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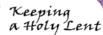
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#### ent 2024 Cake Sales

During Lent we will be having a number of cake sales to raise money for our Lenten charities. Each week, there will be 2 year groups in charge of organising and running the Cake Sale. If your child is in these year groups, we would appreciate your support by donating cakes for the children to sell. On cake sale days, children can bring in money to purchase cakes (30p/50p in price). Don't forget! All cakes will be sold during break time and any left after school each Tuesday during Lent. Lent is a time for Almsgiving — raising money to give to charity — the cake sales are a one-off the four weeks we run this.



Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 5th March - Year 2 and Year 4 Tuesday 12st March - Year 3 and Nursery

#### Mousike Ensemble - One Planet, One World

As part of the music curriculum the children in Year 1 and Year 4 will be taking part in a big music event. This is taking part towards the end of this half term, but the children are beginning the practice now - learning songs that are linked to our PSHE curriculum and learning their instrument parts. The children will also be learning a 'school showcase', but this is top secret at this stage! The children will be joining with 200 other children from across our Catholic Schools to perform and celebrate their learning.



#### Lent Dates

Lent 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Mission Assembly: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year 5 Stations of the Cross Liturgy — School Hall	Staff Lenten Prayer Time  Lent Rolling Worship  Year 2 and Year 4 to bring in cakes for their Cake Sale breaktime/after school		World Book Day  Gift Team Prayer Time (Lunch)	Celebration Assembly  Reception Mother's Day Liturgy at 10.30am  Moments with Mum and those who Matter Day: KS1 & Y3: 9am EYFS: 10:30am KS2: 2.50pm
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mission Assembly: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Staff Lenten Prayer Time Year 3 and Nursery to bring in cakes for their Cake Sale Orealtimelafter school  GIFT Team Prayer Time — St Gregory's Community Far and Wide	Year 3 and 4 Holy Week Reflection at Cardinal Wiseman — 6pm	Gift Team Prayer Time (Lunch)  Year 1 Musique Ensemble  Year 4 and 5 Reconciliation  Y5 Choir: Born for This Reflection at St Patrick's	
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Achievement Awards KS1 & Y3 Year 4 Musique Ensemble	Staff Lenten Prayer Time  KS2 Achievement Awards  9am  Y6 Reconciliation  Y6 SATs Parent Workshop	Science Workshop Day SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon	EYFS Achievement Awards  Gift Team Prayer Time (Lunch)  Y6 Takeover Day Group 1	Whole School Mass Holy Week 9.15am Parents Welcome Break Up

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#### Remembering Father Bob

'Fr Bob, you are never far from our thoughts and always in our hearts. Our children still speak of you with a fondness that displays just how special you were to them and how greatly you are missed. Your memories will never be forgotten.'

On Tuesday, we will mark the fourth anniversary of Father Bob's passing. We will gather as a school community, to participate in a liturgy entitled 'Our Special Intentions' in which we will remember Father Bob and celebrate the impact he had on our lives. We have made a Father Bob remembrance wall, in which children can leave their prayers/messages of remembrance for Father Bob. This is open to our community too. If you would like to contribute to our remembrance wall, please visit the following link and leave your thoughts or message: https://padlet.com/adminsq/sgrememberfrbob

#### Year 6 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday. The Mass was celebrated by Canon Paul and Sebastian and was a lovely, spiritual service. A huge congratulations goes to our newly Confirmed Year 6 children; you remain in our prayers as you embrace the Holy Spirit and live your life with the Spirit at work in you.

Our Confirmandi are as follows:



Renah Zoe-Marie Nevaeh Kevon Anais Oliver Chase Orla-Mae Yuan Millie Skyla-Mai Keelan-Jack Scarlett



### St Gregory's Attendance

Nursery	100%
RECEPTION	91.43%
YEAR 1	92.67%
YEAR 2	97.32%
YEAR 3	94.67%%
YEAR 4	96.33%
YEAR 5	97.93%
YEAR 6	97.33%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

95.8%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%

Attendance There are 190 days in a school year  ① ② ② ③ ④ ② ③ ③			
	100% >>> Perfection		
% equates to			
4 Missed school days	98%	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b> Impressive	
8 Missed school days	96%	>> Good	
9 Missed school days	95%	>> Nearly there	
	94%		
	90%		
29 Missed school days	85%	>>> Serious concern	

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#### 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 is included at the end of the newsletter! We are 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!





#### Secondary School Places (YEAR 6 Parents)

All parents and children in Year 6 will receive official notification today detailing which Secondary school you have been allocated, either by e-mail or through the post. We will be supporting Year 6 in transition to Secondary school over the next 5 months as we work in partnership with Cardinal Wiseman and the other secondary schools. If you have any immediate queries, then please speak to Mrs Scullion or Mrs Priest.

#### **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	Nursery & Reception	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Learning	Miss Mullen	Mrs Webb	Mrs McCormick

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.

#### Moments with Mum and those who Matter ~ Share a Story

With Mothering Sunday taking place on Sunday 10th March, we thought we would offer those women in our children's lives the chance to take part in a special session with their child in school should they wish too. Mums, or those who matter to each child, are invited to attend school next Friday at the allocated time to enjoy sharing a story and a sweet treat with their loved one. Anyone wanting to attend should sign in at the office to sign in and they will then be directed to the classroom or the hall depedning on where the session is taking place:

- Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 ~ 9am until 9.20am
- Reception \*Mother's Day Liturgy\* at 10.30am 11.15am
  - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 2.50pm 3.10pm

#### Year 3 and 4 Holy Week Reflection

Year 3 and 4 are currently busy behind the scenes preparing themselves to deliver a very special performance. The children in these Year Groups are working to perform a special reflective performance to retell Jesus' last moments on earth entitled: Surrender All. This performance will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm. In order to make this experience a special one, and to give it the recognition it deserves, we have booked the Cardinal Wiseman Theatre so that the children are able to perform their reflection on a real-life stage with working tech including lighting and sound systems. Children will be transported to the theatre from school in order to complete a tech rehearsal and will remain there until their reflection at 6pm. Parents, families and other children are then invited to come a witness their reflection at 6pm. If your child is unable to attend, please send a letter direct to Mrs Scullion or via email at admin.sq@romeormac.com.



#### Easter Eggs Donations Welcome

As part of their Social Action Project, Year 5 are collectng Easter Eggs to donate to the children in the Children's Ward at University Hospital. They will be delievering these to the hospital towards the end of half term. If you would like to make a donation, please send an Easter Egg in with your child and they can hand it to the staff in Year 5. Thank you for your support!

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Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity		
Value and Virtue — Faith Filled and Hopeful				
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am &	Third Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass) with Father Sebastian		
	11.30am			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am	Mission Assembly		
	PM	Year 5 Stations of the Cross		
	1.15pm	Y6 Cycling Lessons		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Rolling Worship — Lent		
	Break time	Year 4 & Year 2 Cake Sale		
	1.15pm	Rock Steady Lessons		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	St Gregory's and St John Fisher Local Governing Body Meeting		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	World Book Day		
	3.30pm	Netball Game vs St Elizabeth - HOME		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	See above for	Moments with Mum and those who Matter Sessions		
-	times			
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am &	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass) with Father Sebastian		
	11.30am	Mothering Sunday		

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal



### ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

'Cooking with love; Providing food for the soul!





MON

WED

THU

#### RED 0 P T I 0 N

Sausage and Mash,

with Vegetables and

Onion Gravy

Beef Cottage Pie

with Vegetables and

Battered Fish or

Salmon Nuggets, Chips

and Beans or Peas

Jacket Potato Vegan Sausage Roll

Vegetables Samosas Chicken Curry with TUE with Rice and Baby Rice and Baby Naan Naan

Traditional Roast Meat Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, with Roast Potatoes, Veggies and Gravy Veggies and Gravy

> Macaroni Cheese, Mixed Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread

with Mash and

Vegetables

Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Chips with Beans or Peas

PURPLE ORANGE OPTION

Tuna/Cheese/Beans

BLUE

Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans

Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans

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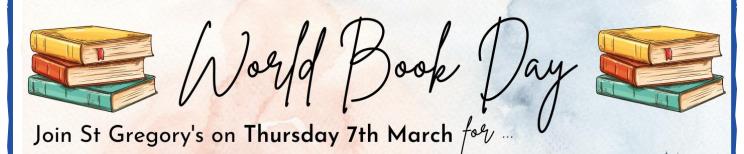


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Character Parade

As a school, we have been working hard this year on developing children's love of reading and we are continually seeking new and inventive ways to help them engage with new authors and texts. With that said, this year we will be hosting a character parade!

The parade will take place on Thursday 7th March. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children to share their love or reading with one another.

Children will be asked to wear a costume of their favorite character from a book. We absolutely do not want you to go and spend any additional money - therefore, please do try and generate something from things you already have. Alternatively, children can attend school in pyjamas as an easy way to participate!

Prizes will be awarded for those children who have made a special effort with their costumes!

Good Luck! What else is going on?

Book World Cup

This year, we will be making a conscious effort to not judge a book by its cover and will be hosting a 'Book World Cup'. Classes will be provided with the blurb of a text only and have to go through a series of votes to see which book reigns victorious and becomes the next addition to their 'to be read' pile!



On Thursday 7th March, your children are welcome to join us for a delicious book-themed breakfast. With options such as Alice in Wonderland's Queen of Heart Jam on Toast, Baby Bears 'Bacon Batches' and the Bakery of Happiness providing some sweet treats too - there is something for everyone.

Places for our Booky Breakfast will be available to book on Arbor. These will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and allow us to ensure we accommodate breakfast for the right amount of people.

Character Portrait Competition

Children are invited to take part in our annual World Book Day Competition. This year, we are inviting children to get creative with egg boxes and create a portrait of a book characters from an egg box! Here is an example, but if you wish, you can also look online for further inspiration.



Entries must be handed in by Wednesday 6th March

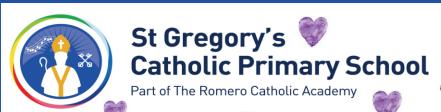
BBC Live Teach Session KSZ

Children will come together and take part in a online live lesson hosted by an author to support them developing their authorial skills!

Book Buddies Register

Throughout the day, all children will have the chance to share a book with a buddy from another class across the school. If your child has a favourite book or a book they are keen to share, please do send this in with them on Thursday 7th March. Please ensure these are named so that we can keep them safe!

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In Partnership with Coventry SENDIASS **Coventry Education Psychology Team will be** running a FREE session for parents/carers on

## **Emotion Coaching**

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development. Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and it's scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

## 'Live' Virtual Session

(This session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams)

Tuesday 12th March 2024 9.30am - 11.30am

To book a place (and get your link) please contact SENDIASS Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

\*Please QUOTE: 'EPS' when booking

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