



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



The **First Week of Advent** has been a very busy one for us at St Gregory's! After we had cleared away the glitter (thank you to our wonderful cleaning team!) from our very successful Advent Art Day last Friday, we have spent the first week of Advent preparing our school and our hearts to welcome Jesus on Christmas day!

We were overwhelmed by the number of our families that attended our **Whole School Mass** last Sunday at St John Fisher Church to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. All staff were in attendance too and it was a lovely mass to be a part of. Thank you, families, for your support!

It was also lovely to see a number of families and staff members joining with the Coventry Catholic community to sing, reflect and pray together at the **Blessing of the crib** in the town centre last Sunday. We even had a sprinkling of snow which made it even more festive!

Our **blessing of our Christmas Tree and Advent Wreaths** was a beautiful service on Monday. Thank you to Father Des for coming in to bless our tree and wreaths. Advent is a time of joyful preparation and the children in all year groups have been preparing and practising for their Christmas performances. The children are looking forward to sharing these with you in the weeks to come.



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

☆ Attendance and PE Days ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday Friday	Monday Friday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Attendance: 93.1% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
78.4%	80.1%	98.1%	95.6%	94.8%	96.2%	94.3%	97.9%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 1					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Trinity ~ 172 Points			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 2039 Points		

Jingle Bell Jog

Due to COVID, we are unable to host our 'Funderland' this year and, as some of you know, this was a brilliant way to raise money for our School. Fundraising, such as this, enables us to provide experiences for the children throughout the year and make purchases to enhance our curriculum too. Therefore, to still raise a little money to support our children, this December we have come up with some creative ways in order to get the children to have lots of festive fun and to hopefully raise some money too!

The first of these is our Jingle Bell Jog!

On **Monday**, all children will be invited to take part in our Festive Fun Run - the cost for participation is **£1 per child**.

The children are encouraged to come dressed in festive wear, tinsel, Santa hats etc. and, of course their trainers, as they take part in a festive run complete with music, glitter, and all of the sparkle! It will be another great event to bring some festive cheer to St Gregory's and get the children moving too!

If you would like your child to participate, please send in a £1 with your child on Monday and ensure they are dressed in festive attire, complete with trainers!



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Festive Film Night ~ Wednesday 8th December

We are offering to give you a little bit of Christmas shopping time or time of peace for wrapping on Wednesday 8th December. Children from Reception – Year 6 are invited to stay behind straight after school to watch a Christmas film with hot chocolate and biscuits. The cost is £2.50 per child and children will need to be collected from their classrooms promptly at 5.15pm. An invite will be sent out, please ensure that you return the reply slip with payment by Tuesday 7th December.

Non-Uniform Day ~Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated bottles and chocolate today in exchange for a day in non-uniform! All donations will allow us to make up some festive hampers which we will then raffle off at the children's nativity performances and our Christmas Carol Service. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support – it really does mean a lot!

Nativity Plays

Tickets are now ready to be booked for our Nativity Plays. We are limiting numbers to 120 adults for each performance to ensure we keep everyone safe. Therefore, you will only be allowed to reserve 2 seats per performance. Children under 3 years old can sit on your lap and will not be counted as a ticket. We will be selling programmes and raffle tickets (£1 each).

**** You can reserve seats for each performance using the clubs section on Arbor ****

Once you have registered your child for the performance, you will have reserved two seats

Nursery/Reception Nativity Plays

Reception supported by Nursery will be sharing their Nativity "Happy Birthday Jesus"

on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30am and Wednesday 8th December at 1:30pm.

Year 1/Year 2 Nativity Plays

Year 1 and Year 2 will be sharing their Nativity "A Wiggly Nativity"

on Tuesday 7th December at 5:30pm and Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service Tuesday 14th December

6.30pm

St John Fisher Parish Church

All children in KS2 (Yr3 4 5 6) will be taking an active part in our annual Carol Service "One Night; One Moment." We want all the children to be present to share with us the real meaning of Christmas and the staff are working hard to make this a very special reflection as we journey towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Please put this date in your diary. It is an expectation that all children attend. If in exceptional circumstances your child is unable to attend, we request this in writing please.



They Key Stage Two Carol Service will hopefully become something that is known as a key event in the life of the school and we are excited to welcome you to its premiere!

The service is open to families of St Gregory's and our St John Fisher Parish Community, and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

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Advent & Christmas Key Dates

Please put these dates in your diary – there are a number of events that are open to parents and carers as we get ready during Advent.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th – 10 th December 2nd Week of Advent	Jingle Bell Jog! 9:30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal (to perform to Year 5/6 only) 10:30am EYFS Dress Rehearsal (to perform to Year 3/4 only)	9:30am EYFS Nativity Performance "Happy Birthday Jesus" 5:30pm KS1 Nativity "A Wiggly Nativity"	9:30am KS1 Nativity "A Wiggly Nativity" 1:30pm EYFS Nativity Performance "Happy Birthday Jesus" Christmas Shopping Night Childcare for Parents – Movies and Munchies	Rolling Worship ~ Advent	Break the Rules Day! ALL DAY – Year 5 Harry Potter World Trip
13 th – 16 th December 3rd Week of Advent		9:00am EYFS/KS1 Achievement Awards 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service at St John Fisher Church	10:30am Beauty & The Beast Pantomime ~ Belgrade Theatre (Reception – Year 6)	9:00am KS2 Achievement Awards 11:30am – 1:15pm St Gregory's Christmas Dinner 1:00pm Father Christmas to visit EYFS/KS1	Christmas Jumper Day 9:30am End of Term Whole School Mass 10:30am House Point Treat 1:30pm Step into Christmas 3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)



Welcome to the new member of Team St Greg's – Ralphie!

This week, we welcomed a visitor ... Ralphie the Christmas Elf! He has begun, what could be come to known as, the biggest game of hide and seek the world has ever seen! Each day of December, Ralphie hides somewhere in school and the children have to try and find him. Once they do, they use his special pen to mark their class chart! If they manage to find Ralphie each day in December, they earn a special treat! We have all been loving this challenge and can't wait for it to continue! Ralphie – ready or not, here we come! 😊



Cardinal Wiseman

On Tuesday 30th November and 1st December, an Ofsted team visited our partnered Secondary school. The Ofsted team of five Inspectors visited lots of lessons, spoke with pupils, staff, governors and leaders. The Inspectors challenged, probed and questioned all aspects of school life to gather the evidence required to make the judgements. We are unable to share the outcome at this stage due to Quality Assurance that must take place. We are looking forward to sharing the report as soon as it is finalised. We anticipate the report will be released on our return after Christmas and we will circulate to all families so you can see the recent findings by Ofsted. Watch this space! Mrs Quinn, CSEL/ CEO

St Greg's is off to the Panto!

On Wednesday 15th December, children in Reception – Year 6 will be off to watch Beauty and the Beast at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry City Centre. If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please sign them up via the trip section on Arbor. The cost for this trip is £17. We are very much looking forward to this experience – it is set to be a great morning out and something that will get us all in the Festive Spirit!



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Exciting Opportunity Available!

We currently have an opening to join our wonderful school as an Early Years Teaching Assistant (full time and part time hours available) or as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. Please help us spread the word so that we are able to find the right person to help care for and inspire our youngest children!

If you are aware of anybody who would be interested in joining Team St Greg's and would like further information, please direct them to the following website:

[St Gregory's EYFS Teaching Assistant](#)

[St Gregory's 1:1 Teaching Assistant](#)

Please keep spreading the word!

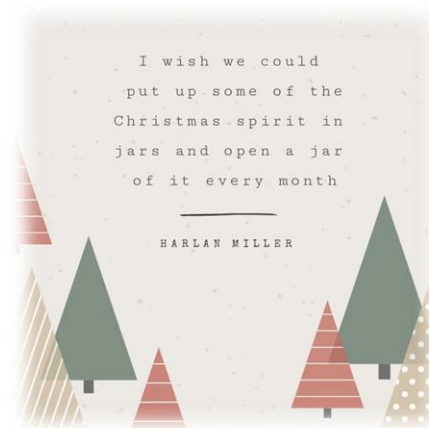
Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned & Wise		
Monday 6 th December	All Day 9.30am 10.30am	Jingle Bell Jog KS1 Dress Rehearsal for Years 5 & 6 EYFS Dress Rehearsal for Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 7 th December	9.30am PM 5.30pm	EYFS Nativity 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Performance Children singing at Eden House KS1 Nativity 'Wriggly Nativity' Performance
Wednesday 8 th December	9.30am 1.30pm After School until 5.15pm	KS1 Nativity 'Wriggly Nativity' Performance EYFS Nativity 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Performance Festive Film Night
Thursday 9 th December	All Day All Day 3.30pm	Rolling Worship – Advent Y5 'Break the Rules' Day Choir Practice
Friday 10 th December	All Day All Day 10.30am 11am	'Break the Rules' Day Y5 to Harry Potter World KS1 relaxation sessions with the school nurse team – selected children only Advent Live 'Whole School Retreat'

Have a wonderful weekend!

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