



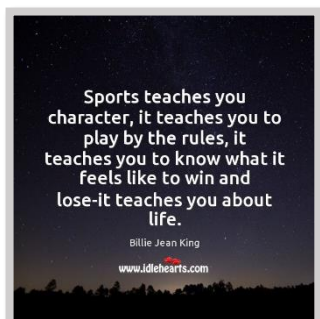
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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



Since our return at the beginning of January, we have really been ramping up the variety of sporting opportunities we provide to our children. Sport has been something that has been high on our school improvement agenda here at St Gregory's due to the positive impact it can have on both children's physical and mental health. We have also been keen to introduce sports in a way that focus on the sporting values accompanying them. For example, all PE lessons now have a sporting values focus and children are recognised for their achievements against these values throughout these lessons. As a result, we have a lot of our children more openly striving to achieve awards based on teamwork, passion, respect and self-belief and adapting their style of play and relationships with others to ensure that these values are achieved. We recognise that these key sporting values do not only exist on the courts and pitches of the world, but that we need our children to hold these values dear within their daily lives and through their relationships with others too; and, that by focussing on character formation and development through sport, we can ensure that as a school, we have done all we can to try and develop children who have a secure moral compass and who are ready to take up their place in the wider world and who contribute positively to society in a way that God intendend them to do so.

Please do speak to your child about the variety of sports we have on offer at St Gregory's to assist with our aim outlined above. So far, by the end of the end of this Spring half term, we are on track to have offered the children an experience to try out the following sports:



Netball

Football

Rowing

Swimming

Speed Stacking

Rugby

Dance

Gymnastics

Badminton

Athletics



☆ Star of the Week ☆

Celebration Assembly was a lovely occasion this morning as we celebrated all of the achievements of our Stars of the Week! It was lovely to hear the vast array of reasons for each award, reminding us that we all have different things that make us special at St Gregory's!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
n/a	Alfred	Jamie	Esther	Bobby	Poppy May	Alfie	Aimee
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday	Monday Tuesday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday
Attendance: 92.9% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
92%	94.2%	93.2%	94.7%	90.4%	86.8%	94.8%	97.4%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 6					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Trinity ~ 235			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 3151 Points		

Year 6 ~ Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, some of our Year 6 children will be taking the next step on their Journey of Faith as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special celebration will take place at our Parish Church of St John Fisher at 11.30am. The children have been prepared for this Sacrament exceptionally well by Miss Downing and Fr Des, and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their time and commitment in doing this.

A reminder that all children are invited to attend to sing in the choir and support our Year Six children as they take the next step on their Journey of Faith. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers during this special time as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Our Confirmandi are as follows:

Felicia Max Lola Daniel Lily-Beau Ellie Chenge
William Jacob Yaseblla Koby Curtis Evie Nicholas



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SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

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Faith Focus Week



Next week, the whole school will be taking part in a Faith Focus week in which children explore other Faiths and learn about their beliefs, rituals and customs. It will also be a lovely opportunity to celebrate some of the different Faiths and appreciate the cultural diversity that we have within our school community.

The following Year Groups will be 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

To make the week as interactive and as insightful as possible, we are looking for some volunteers to come in and work with our children. This could be to partake in a questions and answer session about your faith, lead an activity with the children that relates to a celebration within your culture or offer some expertise and assist in delivering some of the knowledge-based lessons with the children.

If you, or another member of your family, feel that you would be able to contribute to this exciting week in any way, please do get in contact with us by emailing admin.sg@romeromac.com

We would be grateful for any time that you could offer and any help that you could provide.

We are very much looking forward to increasing the children's awareness of other Faiths and allowing some of our own children to share and celebrate their Faith with others.

Sporting Update

A huge congratulations to our Netball Team who clinched another victory against SS Peter & Paul last Friday evening. The first quarter didn't quite go to plan and led to us having to step up our game for the final 3 quarters. Luckily, our defence was strong, and our attack had their shooting eye in and we managed to secure an 11-1 victory by the time the final whistle blew. A huge well done to all who played (especially with some last-minute changes due to Covid!). A special well done to Barry who was awarded Player of the Match. The team's next game is against Sacred Heart next Tuesday.

The football team have also been in action and Mr Sweatman is delighted in the improvement shown by the players. They are really starting to gel more as a team and think about their style of play. On Tuesday, they visited a tough Sacred Heart side and battled until the final whistle. Despite some impressive play, the final score ended 3-1 to Sacred Heart. A huge well done to all of the players who kept battling despite chasing the lead. Congratulations to Cameron who was awarded Man of the Match and scored a great free kick!



Swimming Team Assemble!

Our Swimming Team are preparing for their first event which is the Catholic School's Swimming Gala – one of the biggest events in our Sporting Calendar. On Tuesday, we will be heading to Pingles Leisure Centre with our friends from Sacred Heart for one final practice swim ahead of the event. Children will practice their event and get to grips with the distances needing to be swam. The Gala will then take place on the 11th February.

Daniel and Oliver from Year 6 have been selected as Co-Captains for the team and had this to say about the upcoming event: 'We can't wait to get in the water and show what we are made of! Go Team St Greg's!'

Queen and King Bee ~ Spelling Shed Results are in!

Congratulations to our first ever Queen and King Bee's! These children earned the maximum spelling shed score in their class and were top of their Spelling Shed League this week. Enjoy your prizes 🐝



Reception ~ Emmanuel	
Year 1 ~ Victoria	Year 4 ~ Scarlett
Year 2 ~ Ikem	Year 5 ~ Tio
Year 3 ~ Alicja	Year 6 ~ Akshajan



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Cardinal Wiseman Ofsted Visit 30 November – 1 December 2021

We are delighted to share the Ofsted report from our recent visit led by Her Majesty's Inspector of schools, Jane Spilsbury. Ofsted judged our school to be 'Good' in **all** areas. Jane was accompanied by a team of four Ofsted inspectors including two serving Headteachers (Dr Peter Kent and Philip Hamilton OBE). The report is available online [here](#).

We feel that this report captures the true experience of our students who come to our school every day to learn, to achieve, to be happy, to be challenged, and to be supported in all areas of their lives. It reflects our school beautifully; it is 'a happy place to be' and a place where there is a commitment to 'inclusion for all'.

We offer our thanks to pupils, parents, carers, staff, governors, and all associated with our school, both past and present, who have helped us to reach this wonderful milestone.

Mr M Everett, Principal Cardinal Wiseman and Mrs H Quinn, CSEL/ CEO, The Romero Catholic Academy



Celebrate Chinese New Year with Us!

In order to celebrate Chinese New Year, on Tuesday we will be hosting a special lunch menu for the day! If your child would like to select this option on Tuesday, they need to inform their teacher during registration. Remember, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Key Stage Two meals can be paid for via your child's Arbor account.

As our themed menus are proving popular with the children, we will be looking to run more of these throughout the year. We will be conducting pupil voice soon to gather some feedback from the children regarding meal choices and any changes they would like to see made to our catering offer in the future.

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Curious and Active		
Faith Focus Week		
Saturday 29 th January	11.30am	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at St John Fisher Church
Sunday 30 th January	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
Monday 31 st January	9am	Mission Assembly
Tuesday 1 st February	AM 10.30am – 1pm Lunch PM After School	Year 1 ~ Afternoon Tea with the Queen Experience Session Swimming Team Practice at Pingles Leisure Centre Chinese New Year Themed Lunch Menu Y6 Confirmation Celebration Netball Fixture vs Sacred Heart AWAY
Wednesday 2 nd February	All Day	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Thursday 3 rd February	All Day 10am	Year 4 Educational Experience to The Living Rainforest Year 3 Teaching Mass at St John Fisher Church
Friday 4 th February	AM PM	Year 2/3/5 Exploring the Curriculum through Dance sessions *PE Kits Please* Year 6 Rowing Competition at Coventry and North Warwick Cricket Club
Sunday 6 th February	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher

Thank you for your continued support,

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