



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



This week's newsletter is dedicated to a group of children; a group of children who this week have made me SO proud to work at and be a part of Saint Gregory's, and they are our amazing **Year Six** children! This week they have undertaken some very difficult tests designed to test their knowledge of the Key Stage Two Curriculum. What I have witnessed this week for each and every one of our Year Six children has been phenomenal: their resilience, their determination and their positive attitude in the face of testing circumstances has been admirable. They have worked so hard to get to this point and I know they have given it their all this week, to ensure that they have lived up to their God-Given Potential. That being said, we have reminded them on numerous occasions that although these tests seem important at this point in time, many of the things tested this week are not the things that truly matter. The tests haven't tested how artistic our children are; how kind they are to their family and friends or how infectious their laugh is in the playground. They haven't assessed whether or not our children can speak two languages at home or how that spark inside of them truly lights up a room. So our message to the children this week was clear: these tests will tell them something, but they will not tell them everything – and whatever the result, it will not change the amazing children that stand in front of us and help make St Gregory's that special place that it truly is!

## ☆ Roll of Honour ☆

Congratulations to all of the children who received an award today! It was a joy to hear all about your achievements and celebrate with you! Keep up the hard work – you should be very proud of yourselves!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
George	Victoria & Lois	Mason	Eva	Emmie	Conkers Trip	Louie	Oscar
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits) *NEW DATES FOR SUMMER TERM*							
Tuesday Afternoon	Monday & Wednesday	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Thursday	Tuesday & Thursday
Lunchtime Award Winners		Weekly Winner: Year 3			Overall Winners: Year 5		
Gifts and Talents		Congratulations to Millie who competed in an Irish Dancing contest last weekend and won herself a trophy, and Lowen who was the “Player of the Match” in his recent football game!					

## Holiday Requests

Please may I remind you that our school policy makes it clear that we **do not** authorise term time holidays. Can I encourage you to plan any holidays around school breaks and **not** to take children out of school during term time. Every day your child attends school is very important.

Please remember if you proceed with an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority may be informed and issue a Penalty Notice. This is currently £60 per parent per child, to be paid within 21 days (the fine doubles to £120 per parent per child after 21 days).

We do hope that you will continue to work in partnership with us.



## May is for Mary

As we begin the month of May, our thoughts and our prayers turn especially to Mary our Mother in this month of dedication. On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, we will be holding our annual May Procession to pay homage to Our Lady; to think about her in our own lives and our faith. We will praise her through hymns and prayers and the Gift Team will help lead us in our liturgy.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please can I ask for all children to bring in small **plants/shrubs/bulbs** so on the day we can adorn the shrine of Our Lady, but then, after the procession, our Eco Team will plant the flowers/plants/bulbs across our school site, so that every spring our school will be FULL of flowers, a much more sustainable approach. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mockford for preparing a wonderful SATs breakfast for our Year 6 children this week!

It was a wonderful start to the children's day, and the bacon sandwiches were a real treat!

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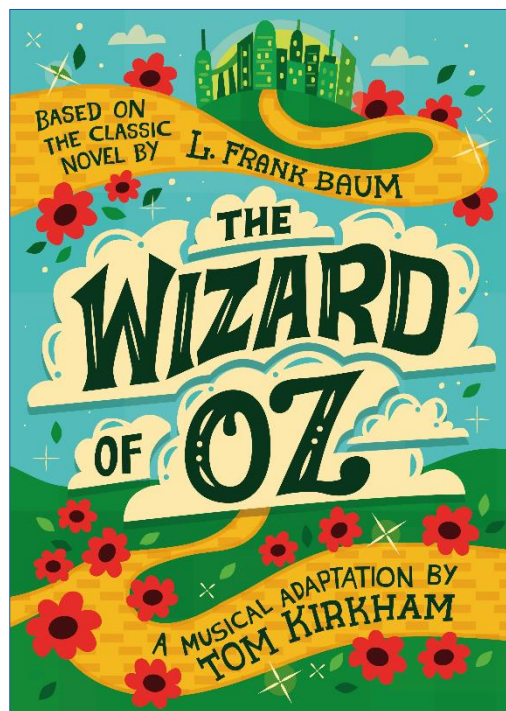
## St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	99.23%
RECEPTION	88.97%
YEAR 1	93.45%
YEAR 2	97.33%
YEAR 3	96%
YEAR 4	95.67%
YEAR 5	98.67%
YEAR 6	100%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

95.84%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST  
97%



### Year 6 introduce ... The Wizard Of Oz!

We are delighted to inform you that our Year 6 children will be performing their End of Year Production at the Albany Theatre this year! They will be performing 'The Wizard of Oz' and will be supported by our Year 5 children who will form the ensemble. It will be an amazing experience for all involved and a brilliant way to create some lasting memories of their time at St Gregory's. Their performance will take place on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – so please save the date! Tickets will be available shortly! This is not one to be missed!

### St Gregory's Got Talent!

Much to the children's delight, St Gregory's Got Talent will be returning this year! Children from Reception – Year 6 will have the opportunity to audition in front of their teachers and friends. 2 acts from each year group will then make it through to the final show which will be held after half term so we encourage the children to begin perfecting their acts. The auditions will take place after half term and the school council will be hosting the event this year 😊

### Nursery Places for September 2024

We have a small number of places left in our Nursery for September 2024. Our Nursery has gone from strength to strength and really is a lovely setting for children to learn and grow. We would appreciate it if you would help us spread the word to wider members of our community. If you know of anyone wishing to apply for a place, please advise them to contact [admin.sg@romeromac.com](mailto:admin.sg@romeromac.com) or ring the school office. We can't wait to hear from them and welcome them into our school family!

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## Free School Meals – Year 2 Parents: Are You Eligible?

As many of you will be aware, as a child in Key Stage 1 your child has been entitled to a Free School Meal as part of the Government Scheme. However, this funding will cease as your child enters Year 3 in September 2024, meaning that if your child requires a school meal you will then be charged accordingly.

We would like to make you aware, however, that there is funding (if you meet the criteria) for your child to continue to receive Free School Meals as they enter Year 3.

To be eligible you would need to meet the following criteria:

If you are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Asylum Seeker (Immigration & Asylum Act 1999, part VI)
- Child Tax Credit **but do not receive Working Tax Credit** and that my annual income is less than £16,190.
- Universal Credit and that my annual net earnings are less than £7,400.



As a school, to save you an extensive application, we are able to check eligibility and apply on your behalf for the funding.

If you would like us to action this, please can we ask you to complete the following form, so that we have all the information we require:

[Saint Gregory's Pupil Premium Application Form.](#)

## 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.

## Year 3 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

On Saturday, our children in Year 3 took their next step on their Journey of Faith and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the first time. The Mass was a wonderful celebration to mark this special occasion with the children and their families. We continue to keep the Year 3 children in our prayers and ask God to watch over them.



Olivia Finlay Victor Evie-Mae Bridget Klaus

Alan Mirabelle Hallie Lochlan Victoria Crystal

Savannah Julia Jacob Mason Iyananya Erin Willow

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## Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day Morning	Anti-Racism Workshop Day – Show Racism the Red Card! Year 6: Auditions for play
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Morning Afternoon	May Procession Rock Steady Lessons Year 4: School Games
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Morning	Hymn Practice
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Morning 3.30pm	Football Rally Girls Football – St Gregorys VS Good Shepherd (H)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9am 3.20pm	Celebration Assembly Year 4 Romero Experience Class Assembly Half term begins!

Thank you for your continued support.

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion  
Associate Principal

**A reminder that school closes for  
Half Term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20pm**

**We return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.50am**

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## ST GREGORY'S LUNCH MENU

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Providing food for the soul!'



### RED OPTION

**MON**

Sausage and Mash,  
with Vegetables and  
Onion Gravy

**TUE**

Beef Lasagne With  
Garlic Bread Slice

**WED**

Traditional Roast Meat  
with Roast Potatoes,  
Veggies and Gravy

**THU**

BBQ Chicken and  
Vegetable Bake  
served with Nachos

**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.

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