

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy half term ahead of us with many things in the diary. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of the events planned. As always, please contact us if we can help in anyway or if you have any queries.

Mrs A. Dunne

Safeguarding

Our new Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on our school website. We are in the process of developing a child friendly version of this policy that we will share with you once this has been ratified by our governors.

Please do take time to look at our website. In the parents' tab there are lots of resources to help you keep your children safe online.

A reminder that our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are Mrs Dunne and Mrs Blackwood. In their absence, Mrs Squares is our deputy designated safeguarding lead.

School and Parents Association (SAPA)

Following the success of our class rainbow raffles in the Summer Term, we would like to organise class hampers for our Christmas raffle this year. Any donations towards the raffles will be greatly received. Please note that we are not permitted to hold alcohol on the premises and therefore will not be asking for donations of bottles.

One of the easiest ways to raise money for our school with no extra cost to you is to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk Through the easyfundraising app you can access websites including John Lewis, Amazon, Argos, M&S and many more retailers and they will give a FREE donation to our school. If you have not done so yet, please do consider signing up.

Contact information

Please let Mrs Rochford in the school office know straight away if any of your personal details (phone numbers / addresses etc.) change. The same applies should you change your mind regarding your options on the photographic consent forms. Thank you.

Attendance

School attendance this week:

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.12%	91.67%	97.5%	94.58%	96.67%	94.17%	99.24%
Overall school attendance 95.90%						

It is important for children to establish good attendance habits early on in their primary school career. It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and the Governors to support good attendance and to identify and address attendance concerns promptly.

Attendance Flag	Information
Red – Under 92%	Pupils in the red zone are more likely to underachieve, find making friendships difficult and often exhibit poor behaviour. Pupils with this level of absence have large gaps in their learning and struggle to make expected progress despite support. Legal action may also be taken against Parents/Carers of Red Zone pupils.
Amber – 92-96.99%	Pupils in the amber zone are still at risk of underachieving due to the absence level. Pupils who miss school regularly are more likely to suffer from school related stress. Pupils in this zone have gaps in their learning which put additional pressures on children and parents to fill those gaps with the support of the school. If your child is in the Amber Zone we will contact you to complete a suitable action/intervention plan to help avoid attendance falling into the Red Zone.
Green – 97+%	We expect pupils to have Green attendance throughout their education. Those in the Green zone have minimal learning gaps which are addressed within the school day. This means that they are more likely to do well in examinations, achieve their full potential, have better job opportunities, develop good mental health and can develop strong friendships within school.

Please report any absences to the school office either by telephoning 0191 4552909 or email office@st-gregorys.co.uk before 9:30 am on the day of absence.

Polite reminder that we are not permitted to authorise holiday requests during term time. Absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Dates for your diary:

Please note that sometimes dates may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. We will endeavour to let you know of any changes as soon as possible.

6.11.23	Parents' Evening	Appointments will be available to book through the Teachers2parents App nearer the time
9.11.23 @ 10:00am	Y4 to Mass at St. Gregory's church	Parents welcome
10.11.23 @ 9:15am	Y3 and Y4 liturgical prayer	Parents welcome
13.11.23	Support plan review meetings	Class teachers will arrange these appointments
13.11.23	Odd Socks Monday	
13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Anti-bullying Week	
16.11.23 @ 10:00am	Y3 to Mass at St. Gregory's church	Parents welcome
17.11.23 @ 9:15am	Y5 and Y6 liturgical prayer	Parents welcome
17.11.23	Children in Need – non-uniform day	
20.11.23 @ 3:30pm	Y6 meet for parents re Thurston	Parents welcome
27.11.23 – 1.12.23	Y6 to Thurston	
11.12.23	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity	Parents welcome – tickets will be distributed nearer the time
13.12.23 @ 2:30pm	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity	Parents welcome – tickets will be distributed nearer the time
14.12.23	Christmas dinner and jumper day	
18.12.23	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas party	
20.12.23	Y3 and Y4 Christmas party	
21.12.23	Y5 and Y6 Christmas party	
22.12.23	End of Autumn Term School closes at 1:15pm	
Christmas Holidays		
8.1.24	School re-opens for all pupils	

Statutory Assessment Dates 2024	
13 th - 16 th May 2023	KS2 SATs week
3 rd -14 th June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
10 th -14 th June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Week