

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Scholastic Book  
Fayre in school  
w/c 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 Puberty Talk  
5.3.24

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
– Choir KS2 Music  
Festival @ Customs  
House

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
March – Year 1  
Music Festival @  
Customs House

Mother's Day  
Afternoon Tea 2pm  
start 8<sup>th</sup> March –  
please arrive for  
1.45pm if possible.

M&M Theatre  
Productions –Secret  
Garden 12<sup>th</sup> March  
2024

Mother's Day  
Afternoon Tea  
Event 2  
2pm start 15<sup>th</sup>  
March –please  
arrive for 1.45pm if  
possible.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
March –Easter  
bonnet / gardens  
deadline

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

## Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, Steve a representative from CAFOD delivered our 'Big Lent Walk' launch assembly. The aim is that our pupils walk a combined total of 200km during Lent and at the same time raise money for CAFOD. Our Big Lent Walk will take place around our school grounds during Holy Week.

As you know, CAFOD aims to fight global poverty and works with expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas. We are very proud as a school to support them. Our aim is to raise at least £200 for CAFOD during this time, and any amount will make a huge difference. You can donate online via our Justgiving page here: [St Gregory's Catholic School is fundraising for CAFOD](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/st-gregorys-catholic-school) or scanning our unique QR Code:



Thank you for your continued support.

*Miss E. Shaughnessy*



### **Donations- Mother’s Day Hamper & Easter Chocolate Raffle**

As part of our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea we are putting together a Mother’s Day Hamper. Thank you for all of your generous donations so far! We still need donations to ensure that one of our lovely mums, aunts or grandmas receives a lovely well deserved gift! Do you have any unopened gift sets; perfumes or bath foams or oils you could donate? Or perhaps, you own your own business and would like to donate a hair, nail or massage voucher for one lucky lady! If you can help please get in touch with school office. Thank you in advance!

### **Chocolate Raffle**

We are asking for donations of chocolate in all forms e.g. Easter eggs, bags, bars or boxes for our chocolate raffle. These can be brought into school straight away. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased via ParentPay from Monday 11th March until Wednesday 20th March, for 50p per ticket. Your child will then be allocated their tickets, which will remain in school and used in the draw on Thursday 21st March. All money raised is put towards School Funds.

### **Easter Activities and Events**

At home we invite you to create an Easter Bonnet or a Garden of Gethsemane. They can be brought into school on Wednesday 20th March where they will be displayed in the hall for all children to see them throughout the morning. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and innovative ideas! School will be open between 9.15am and 9.45am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> for parents and carers to come and see the entries too.

### **Year 5 and Year 6 Celebration of the Word**

Thank you to the parents who were able to join the Year 5 and Year 6 children’s Celebration of the Word. It is wonderful for you to join the children in prayer. The children are excellent at planning and leading their own Celebration of the Word choosing scripture, hymns and responses themselves. If you attended your child’s Celebration of the Word this term please let us know your thoughts by filling in the form- [LINK](#)

### **Whole School Attendance**

Attendance in school is something we prioritise. Our approach will as always be to support you and your child with improving attendance or lateness. I appreciate that some of you may feel missing a day from school here and there is not that important – but it really does have a massive impact on pupils learning. It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. To help with this, please arrange all dental and medical appointments outside of school hours, where possible, and ensure holidays are taken during the designated holiday weeks.

Our school attendance target for the year is 98% and we are currently at 96.4% Please do support us by sending your child into school every day.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
97.3%	98.5%	98.4%	96.6%	96.6%	90%	99%

Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance last week! Well done!