

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

JAN (1) 2026

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Augustine

COOL CATS
100%
ATTENDANCE

Y5 Snowhill

POSITIVE MIND VIBES

**Dream
Big**

**"You are
never too old to
set another
goal or to
dream a new
dream."
- C.S. Lewis.**



St Gregory's
[Virtual Library](#)



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
[CLICK HERE](#)



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A message from Mrs Penney

This week has been a wonderful start to my time at St Gregory's. I have had the privilege of visiting every classroom, meeting our chaplaincy team, spending time on lunch duty, and getting to know the wonderful children and dedicated staff who make up our school community.



We have also shared our first whole-school Mass together this year. Thank you to those families who were able to attend and support this special occasion. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a community and reflect on the values that guide us at St Gregory's. Well done Year 5 Bourton.

St Gregory's is such a special place to learn and grow. Our school is enriched by the diversity of backgrounds, cultures and experiences within it, and there is a strong sense of care, kindness and respect throughout the school. There is so much to celebrate, and I would like to commend the whole team for the excellent work they do each day to support our children to flourish academically, socially and personally.

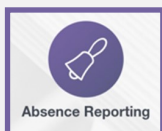
As we look ahead, we have an exciting journey before us. For me, the small details really matter — the way children are welcomed each morning, how they feel listened to, the expectations we hold for every child, and the care shown in everyday moments. These details shape children's sense of belonging and help everyone feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

I am keen to work closely with staff, pupils, parents and governors to build on the school's many strengths, ensuring that St Gregory's is a place where every child and every family feels included, respected and proud to belong.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and to getting to know our school community even better.

Term 3 Reminders

- All children must be in school by 8.45 am.
- UNIFORM— All children should have neat and tidy WINTER uniform, with hat, coat and gloves.
- CLUBS—Clubs begin on Monday 12th January. Please make sure you pick your children up promptly from their after school club. Remember to get to school on



Absence Reporting Update from Gloucestershire County Council

Can we please ask that when reporting an absence please follow the below;

- If your child is sick please use the 'Absence Reporting' section on your EdulinkOne app alternatively please call the office on 01242 513 659 and leave a message.
- If you would like to request time off from school, GCC require that this is done on the official school Absence Form. This form can be found [HERE](#), it is also on your 'Noticeboard' on your EdulinkOne App.



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Update
Information

Updating Information

It is very important that our records are kept up to date, in case of emergency. If you have recently changed your address or telephone number, work number, then please update your details on your Ed-linkOne app under “Update Information”.



[CLICK HERE](#)



Cold Weather

Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves whilst the weather is very cold. We always try to have break times outdoors to allow our pupils to get some fresh air. We will also be doing some lessons in the outdoor eco -classroom in all weathers.

Some excellent news

Just before we finished for Christmas, we were delighted to learn that we achieved the Healthy Schools Award.

Mrs Howland received an email confirming that St Gregory's passed with flying colours!

A huge thank you to Mrs Howland for completing the review and gathering all of the supporting evidence.

Congratulations to the entire staff team and St Greg's families —this award recognises the effort you all make every day to improve the health and wellbeing of our pupils and their families.

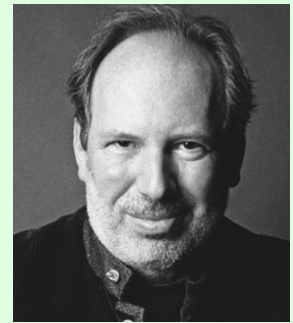
Baby News

Grace Jennifer was born on Wed 31st Dec at 15:02 weighing 8lbs 4oz. Miss Ranson and baby are both doing very well and wish you all a Happy New Year.



Musician of the Month

Our musician of the month for January is German film composer and music producer, Hans Zimmer.



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

action for
children

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret



LinkedIn



Whatsapp



Vine
Tinder



Path



YouTube
Foursquare
WeChat
KeeK
Flickr
Kik



A SAFER
INTERNET IS
GOOD
AN
INTERNET
THAT
ALLOWS
CHILDREN
AND YOUNG
PEOPLE TO
BE SAFER IS
BETTER

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Gate Access

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued patience at the school gates. I am very aware of the congestion at the beginning and end of the school day and appreciate how challenging this can sometimes be.

Please be assured that I am currently looking carefully at possible options to improve access and ease congestion, while continuing to prioritise the safety of our children.

I also want to acknowledge the significant amount of thought and hard work that has gone into our current arrangements to ensure safe entry and exit from school.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make this as smooth as possible for everyone.

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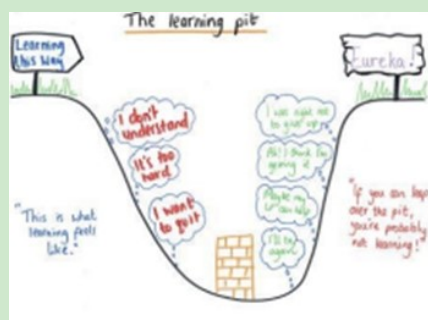


Reading Raffle

At the end of last term the children chosen has an amazing spread of gifts to choose from. Don't forget your child must read at least four times at home to be entered into the raffle.

Learning Pit Refresher

Try talking to your child about their learning this week. What have they found really hard? Praise them for their determination. Use this learning pit visual to talk about how they felt about learning something new this week.



Value for Life

This term our Value for Life will be... Humility.

HUMBLE YOURSELVES,
THEN, UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND,
SO THAT HE WILL LIFT YOU
UP IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME.
LEAVE ALL YOUR WORRIES WITH HIM,
BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU.

1 PETER 5:6-7



EYFS	Julia & Sithew
Y1	Maria & Aminata
Y2	Maryclaire & Hayden
Y3	Gabriel & Kelanah
Y4	Oliver & Maya
Y5	Adelina & Amelia
Y6	Grace & Katherine



You are invited to an Online Safety Evening

Max Wilkinson MP (Member of Parliament for Cheltenham) is delighted to invite you to an Online Safety Evening.

When: Thursday, 22 January

Where: Charlton Kings Junior School, East End Road, Cheltenham, GL53 8QE.

Time: Doors will open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Notes: This event will provide practical advice on keeping children safe online and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have and share your own experiences. Max Wilkinson will be giving a view as your MP, and he will be joined by Ellen Roome MBE, whose experience campaigning in this area is a credit to our town. If you have any questions about this event, please contact max.wilkinson.mp@parliament.uk or call 01242 383282.

Book HERE: [Reserve your place here.](#)

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Cheltenham GL51 3EF

4-5 year olds	4:20-5:05
6-7 year olds	5:10-5:55
8-9 year olds	6:00-6:45
10-12 year olds	6:45-7:35
12-14 year olds	7:35-8:25

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IMPORTANT - Clubs begin on Monday 12th January. Spaces still available - **BOOK NOW!**

Mon

DODGEBALL - **CANCELLED**

[FUN & FITNESS](#) - Mon - Year 1/6

[BASKETBALL](#) - Mon - Year 3/6 - Password

STGMMM0304

[RUGBY](#) - Mon - Year 1/6

COOKING - Mon - Year 3/6: ParentPay

Tues

[FUN & FITNESS](#) - Tues - Year 1/6

[FOOTBALL](#) - Tues - Year 3/4

[FOOTBALL](#) - Tues - Year 5/6

LEGO - Tues - Year 3/6: ParentPay

Wed

[MULTI-SPORTS](#) - Wed - Year 3/6

[FOOTBALL](#) - Wed - EYFS

[FOOTBALL](#) - Wed - Year 1

[FOOTBALL](#) - Wed - Year 2

[Multi-Sports](#) - Wed - Year 1/4

Thurs

[MULTI-SPORTS](#) - Thurs - Year 3/6:

MANDARIN - Thurs - Year EYFS/6:

ParentPay

Fri

[FUN & FITNESS](#) - Fri - Year 1/6