



Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

DEC (2) 2025

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Francis

COOL CATS 100% ATTENDANCE

No Cool Cats

POSITIVE MIND VIBES



"Once in our
world, a stable
had something in
it that was bigger
than our whole
world"

- C.S. Lewis's



St Gregory's
[Virtual Library](#)



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
[CLICK HERE](#)

Thank You

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community. This term has been filled with learning, growth and many memorable moments, and none of it would have been possible without the incredible support of our parents and families.

We are blessed in the way our families support the school in countless ways—encouraging your children, attending events, communicating with teachers and partnering with us every step of the way. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping our children thrive and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the fantastic staff team we have at St Gregory's. Whether teaching in the classrooms, supporting behind the scenes or keeping the school running smoothly, they each contribute something valuable. Their hard work, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to our children makes our school what it is— a place where children feel supported and inspired to learn.

On behalf of everybody at The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great, I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas, full of peace and joy.

God bless you all.

Mrs Lines

End and Start of Term Info

- Carols by Candlelight— Tues 16th Dec @ 5pm
- Lost Property—will be outside reception on a table until 10am Thurs 18th Dec. After this time all items left will be donated to charity.
- Last Day—**We finish on Fri 19th Dec at 1.30pm. Please pick up promptly.** If you require childcare after this time you **MUST** book Holiday Club. Call 01242 515387.
- Inset Day— Mon 5th Jan—NO SCHOOL
- Back to school—Tues 6th Jan, ALL children back to school in beautiful neat uniforms.
- PE Kits—PE Kits must be back in school on Tues 6th Jan
- Clubs—Clubs start again W/C Mon 12th Jan

Nativity

What amazing Nativity performances this year! We were blown away by the talent of all those involved in EYFS and Key Stage 1.



Well done everyone and a huge thank you to all of our staff who gave so much of their own time to make the performances wonderful! Thank you also for the generous donations to support St Gregory's families.

Christmas with Julia Donaldson Christmas 2025

BBC 1 - Christmas Day

9.00am Superworm

9.20am Tiddler

9.50am The Stick Man

2.35pm The Scarecrow's Wedding

BBC 1 - Boxing Day

9.00am The Snail and the Whale

9.25am Zog



Grab your Julia Donaldson's books and read along with the film!





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Staffing News

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community- Mrs Howland is expecting a baby! We know you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the best during this exciting time.

As part of her maternity plans, Mrs Howland will begin her leave at Easter 2026. We want to reassure parents of Year 3 Kemble Class that we are currently working on a plan for Mrs Howland's replacement next term, so that any transition is smooth and supportive for all children. Our priority is to maintain consistency, high-quality teaching and a positive classroom environment for every child. We thank you, as always, for your support and trust.



EYFS	Ranuth & George
Y1	Whole Year
Y2	Whole Year
Y3	Rowan & Vinnie
Y4	Maria & Elsie
Y5	Zayn & Jennifer
Y6	Matvii & Florence

NEED HELP ?

If you are struggling with the cost of food or making sure your child has a Christmas gift, we can help!

Please contact the pastoral team where your information will be treated confidentially.

Uniform

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Please remember to send your child to school with their PE Kit, Coat, Hat, Scarf and Gloves. We wanted to say thank to all of the families who help their children attend school dressed in the correct uniform and ensuring that they look very smart. As the children seem to grow so fast, holidays are often a time when new uniform is bought. To make sure that you are buying the correct uniform, these two children are helping to show uniform that is in line with our uniform policy. Many thanks for adhering to our uniform policy. There is a lot of pre-loved uniform in the entrance hall—be good to the environment and use that instead of buying new!



Audiobooks

Listen up parents – audiobooks aren't just a great way to entertain the kids on long journeys; research also shows they're brilliant in improving your child's reading skills and a great way to get reluctant readers more immersed in stories.

In her article '[Listen and learn: why audiobooks are great for your child](#)', Lucy Dimbylow talks to Irene Picton of the [National Literacy Trust](#) about the benefits of children's audiobooks. 'Listening to a story can be valuable for all sorts of reasons,' says Irene 'one benefit of audiobooks is that children have the opportunity to hear speech patterns and rhythms that they might miss in print. They teach them about voice and expression, which can help with their own speaking and articulation.' Dr. Frank Serafini also notes in his [study](#) that 'reading aloud is the single most important activity for developing proficient reading skills.' He recommends that parents should be encouraged to use audiobooks because they not only expose young readers to new vocabulary and support struggling readers but they encourage all children to try and enjoy stories that may otherwise be too advanced or inaccessible.

Storynory
Free Audio Stories for Kids

Listen to FREE audio Book [HERE](#)

Cracker Carrot Cake



This fun recipe is baked in the shape of a Christmas cracker – a real showstopper for the table!

Since it's Christmas, if you have leftover parsnips, you can use these instead of carrot for a gentle nutty flavour and to keep the cake soft, moist and naturally sweet. Root vegetables have been used in cakes for generations, especially when sugar and butter were scarce; they remain a brilliant way to add flavour and texture.

Visit www.bit.ly/CrackerCake or use QR code for the recipe.



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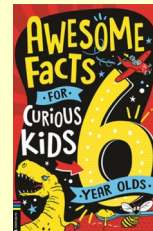
Shoe Box Appeal

We had an amazing 60 shoe boxes donated. Again we have been blown away by your kindness. Our two charities we will be donating to this year are: St Vincent De Paul and Nelson Trust.

Christmas Gift Ideas

With prices going up on everything check out our list of affordable Christmas gift ideas for your loved ones. These homemade presents are as fun to make as they are to give, and they're guaranteed to be a total hit. Plus, you'll save some serious money in the process.

1. DIY Sharpie mugs
2. Make a Bird Feeder
3. Make a rice heat bag
4. Make Christmas brownies in a Jar
5. Make a book mark
6. Make Shortbread Cookies
7. Make Salt Dough Ornaments
8. Cross Stitch Gift
9. Books—[The Works](#) do great value books from as low as £1—Ideas below.



£1—Awesome Facts for Curious Kids: 6 Year Olds



£2—Blue Badger and the Big Breakfast



£3—The Muddlemoor Mysteries: Peril at the Bake Off

AND MUCH MORE



CHRISTMAS 2025
AT ST GREGORY'S

Friday, 19 December
7:00pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday, 22 December
9:30am Daily Mass

Tuesday, 23 December
9:30am Daily Mass

Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve
5:00pm First Mass of Christmas - Children's Mass
8:00pm Mass of the Nativity

Thursday, 25 December
Christmas Day
9:30am Family Mass
11:15am Solemn Sung Mass

Friday, 26 December
Boxing Day
No Mass

CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- ~~BE~~
~~buy~~ presents
- ~~wrap~~ gifts **SOMEONE IN A HUG**
- ~~send~~ gifts **PEACE**
- ~~DONATE~~
~~shop~~ for food
- ~~BE~~
~~see~~ the lights



MULTI-SPORTS



Just Camps
Kids' Fun & Fitness



SAQ
• SPEED
• AGILITY
• QUICKNESS



**RESISTANCE
RUNNING!**

TERM 3-4

Fun & Fitness:

Monday/Tuesday/Friday
Mornings

08:00 - 08:45 (years 1-6)

Multi-Sports

- Wednesday Mornings

08:00 - 08:45 (years 3-6)

- Wednesday Afternoons

15:15 - 16:00 (years 1-4)

- Thursday Mornings

08:00 - 08:45 (years 3-6)

St Gregory's
Fun 'n' Fitness & Multi-Sports

Term 3-4 Clubs—[Book HERE](#)



**MOVE MORE
MONDAYS**

@ THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

Terms 3&4

Morning Club 8:00 - 8:45

Year 1-6 Dodgeball

After School Club 15:15 - 16:00

Year 3-6 Basketball

STARTS MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026.
PRE-BOOKING FOR THE FULL TERMS REQUIRED.
£4.00 PER SESSION.

PLEASE ARRIVE / COLLECT FROM FRONT OF SCHOOL
(4 DIGIT COLLECTION CODE REQUIRED).



WWW.MOVE-MORE.ORG/MONDAYS

Password: **STGMMM0304**

JET AGE
MUSEUM

PROUDLY PRESENTS



JUNIOR PILOTS WANTED DAY

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY 2026 10.00AM - 4.00PM

FEATURING

THE DAVE PARTRIDGE RE ENACTOR PILOTS

WITH ALL THE KIT YOU NEED TO BE AN AVIATOR

OPEN COCKPITS FOR ALL AGES

CARRIER DECK LANDING GAME

PAPER AEROPLANE MAKING

AVIATION QUIZ

COLOURING TABLES

AND MUCH MORE BESIDES

Meteor Business Park,
Cheltenham Road East,
Gloucester GL2 9QL.
Tel 01452 260078
www.jetagemuseum.org

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

WE THRIVE ON

DONATIONS

Attendance

Illness
Parents/ Carers **MUST** let the school know (via EdulinkOne or absence line) before 9.10am if your child is absent from school. *If school do not have a message we will contact you.*

Medical Appointments
Parents/ Carers **MUST** send in proof of the medical appointment. This can be a screen grab of message or photo of letter.
Please try to book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

Attendance drops below 93%
Parents/ Carers will be informed. Remember we are here to help you.

Attendance drops below 90%
Parents/ Carers will be asked to attend an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM)

Holidays
School **CANNOT** approve time out of school during term time, unless the reason is an exceptional circumstance *

**Exceptional circumstances are unavoidable, rare, and unavoidable events, like a bereavement or serious illness. Bereavement: A death of a close family member, including attending the funeral service. illness of a Close Relative : Visiting a seriously ill close relative MAY be considered exceptional. Housing Crisis: An unavoidable housing crisis that prevents attendance.*



You MAY face a penalty notice if :

Your child is absent from school (for purposes of a holiday) without authorisation from the Headteacher

Your child is absent from school and there are no exceptional circumstances

Your child is absent from school and the school have not been given a reason

Your child is persistently late for school

Your child is found in a public place following an exclusion



Punctuality

Morning Registration
Registration opens at 8.40am and closes at 9.10am.
Pupils arriving between 8:50am and 9:10 am will be recorded as late.
Please contact the school as soon as possible (& if safe to do so) if your child will be late for school.

Morning Registration
Pupils arriving after 9:10 am will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. You **MUST** sign your child in at reception and provide a reason for your lateness.

Afternoon Registration
Pupils arriving between 1:10 pm and 1:30pm will be marked as late

Afternoon Registration
Pupils arriving after 1:30pm will be marked as having an unauthorised absence