

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

DEC (1) 2025

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Teresa

COOL CATS 100% ATTENDANCE

Y6 Snowhill

POSITIVE MIND VIBES

"Winter
nights mean
hot cocoa &
hugs"



St Gregory's
Virtual Library



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
[CLICK HERE](#)

Social Media

Our Christmas events have started, so this is a little reminder that photographs or films of school events should NOT be shared on social media sites. This is to protect our children, some of whom have child protection reasons for not being published online. Thank you for supporting us with this.



CHRISTMAS MASS – DRESSING UP AND HELPING OUT

The first Mass of Christmas will be 5pm on Christmas Eve in St Gregory's church. This will be a very special Family Mass. All children are encouraged to come to the Mass dressed as a Nativity character- Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, the inn-keeper, sheep, cows, donkeys, stars, Roman soldiers or even the Three Kings. Everyone is more welcome to join this celebration, even if you haven't been to church for a while or, indeed, ever. If any child or young adult would like to help with the Offertory or with reading at this Mass, please email: josephandvyvian@hotmail.co.uk.



Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who came to our EYFS maths workshop last week. It was lovely to see everyone, and even lovelier to see you all joining in and doing maths activities with your children.



Whole School Christmas Party

We have decided that we're going to have a whole school Christmas Party Day on 18th December. We feel that this will make it easier for parents with siblings. Children can wear their party clothes if they wish and bring one snack in to eat as a treat, remembering we are a 'no nuts' school.

Cosy rituals

Small rituals make the season magical. Choose a festive film this weekend, light candles, snuggle under blankets and a gingerbread together. Simple touches like lighting an Advent candle at dinner create calming moments and encourage conversation. Let the children take turns lighting the candle (with your help, of course!).



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Last year our Eco Team and School Council came up with a wonderful idea to reduce waste at Christmas, but to continue sharing some Christmas kindness without destroying a whole rainforest. They decided that each class will do one big whole class Christmas card for everyone to sign. Did you know? In previous years we had each class (30 children) bringing in 30 cards for their classmates (30 x 30 = 900 cards per class!!!) WOW!



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Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child for one week.

[APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS HERE](#)

Please apply even if your child is in EYFS, Y1 or Y2. Please also remember to apply for EACH child.



Backing up school expectations at home

One of the best ways parents can support teachers is by reinforcing school expectations at home. Children thrive when they see consistency between classroom and family life because it helps them understand that learning, respect and responsibility don't stop when the school bell rings.

Simple routines make a big difference. Encouraging regular reading, setting aside time for homework and ensuring children arrive both on time and prepared each morning all show that school is a priority. Just as importantly, backing up teachers on behaviour expectations, like kindness, listening and perseverance, helps children see these values as part of everyday life, not just 'rules for school'.

Of course, parents don't need to recreate the classroom at home. It's about building habits that support learning and showing children that you and their teacher are a team. When children see that the adults in their lives are working together, they feel secure, motivated and ready to succeed.

Backing up school expectations isn't just about helping teachers; it's about helping children flourish.



Christmas Story and Craft

Cheltenham Children's Library

Monday 22 Dec 10.30am - 11.30am

Join us at Cheltenham Children's Library to get into the festive spirit with a magical Christmas story followed by a fun, hands-on craft activity! [CLICK HERE](#)

Suitable for ages 3+

INSET DAY
Mon 5th
Jan—no
school.

If you need
childcare
please book
in with St
Gregory's
Child Care
Trust



CHRISTMAS ELF TRAIL

From Saturday 23 November
to Sunday 5 January 2025





EYFS	Freddie & Niamh
Y1	Jessica & Niamh
Y2	Shakya & Cara
Y3	Jamie & Sarah
Y4	Danny & Mikolaj
Y5	Hermione & Poppy
Y6	Summer & Alfie

Just Camps
Kids' Fun & Fitness

SAQ
• SPEED
• AGILITY
• QUICKNESS

Multi-Sports

RESISTANCE RUNNING!

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

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)

Term 3-4 Clubs—[Book HERE](#)

St Gregory
Clubs
Spaces still
available.
Book Now!
Ready to start
Jan 2026

Maths Problem Solving Advent Calendar

NRICH have released their 2025 Advent Calendar, with a new problem to solve behind each door in December: <https://nrich.maths.org/advent-calendar-2025-primary>

If you attempt one of the challenges at home, please bring it in to show Mrs Barnes – each child who shares a problem will receive a sticker and sweet.

Happy Problem Solving



Believe and Achieve
The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great

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).

BOOK NOW

WWW.MOVE-MORE.ORG/MONDAYS
Password: **STGMMM0304**



KIDS

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON

Monday 8th December
1pm-2.30pm



£1.50
on ParentPay

An event organised by the Friends of Saint Gregory
Registered Charitable Trust No. 1169396



**GRAB YOURSELF A
HOT CHOCOLATE WITH
BISCUIT
OR MINCE PIE**

Friday 12th December
3.10pm on the Playground



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SANTA RUN CHELTENHAM TO NORTH POLE

We would love to raise money to purchase a new St Gregory's Team Sports Kit. Throughout the year the children attend lots of different sporting events representing St Gregory's. Our old kit is now looking a bit tired. If you can, please help by donating £2 via ParentPay.



When: Fri 12th Dec

Where: Astro

Time: During School Day

All year groups, inc STAFF, will run laps of the ASTRO in their Santa Hat throughout the day. Between ALL year groups and staff our aim is to run to Lapland and for your donation of £2 per child, each child will receive a Santa Hat and a sticker for completing the Run!

£2
£2 PER CHILD

This event will take place throughout the school day, for children & Staff only.



The Dramatic Villagers Presents

Starring Archie M
from Year 6!

Aladdin 2026



Dates:

Fri 30 Jan: 7:30pm

Sat 31 Jan: 1pm & 7:30pm

Sun 1 Feb: 3pm

Tickets:

Adult £12.50

Under 16: £6

Under 2: Free

Doors open 1 hour prior to performance

Prestbury Hall, GL52 5JF

Tickets: thedramaticvillagers.co.uk

Raising funds for James Hopkins Trust

