

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



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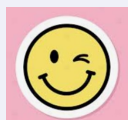
HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Teresa

COOL CATS
100%
ATTENDANCE

Y5 Snowhill

POSITIVE MIND VIBES



"CHRISTMAS
DOESN'T COME
FROM A STORE,
MAYBE
CHRISTMAS
PERHAPS
MEANS A
LITTLE BIT
MORE."

- Dr. Seuss



St Gregory's
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A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

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Carols by Candlelight

The KS2 (Y3-Y6) Carol Service will take place at St Gregory's Church on **Tues 16th Dec at 5pm**. Please come along to the service to start the Christmas celebrations and remember the real meaning of Christmas. **ALL KS2 children will remain at school at the end of the school day**. The children will stay and watch a DVD in the hall directly after school. They should bring a drink and a small snack to keep them going (no sweets/nuts).

We expect the service to be finished by 6pm. Parents should collect their children from outside their classroom after the Carol Service as per the usual end-of-school procedure. No child will be allowed to leave the playground without an adult, as it will be dark- this includes ALL children. We expect ALL children in Years 3 to 6 to take part in the service with smart and beautiful winter uniforms.

Uniform

A gentle reminder:
As we move into the festive season it specifically says in our uniform policy that hair styles should be "plain". This includes decorations/bands/bows that are used to keep hair back. Please ensure that all hair bands and bows are of appropriate size and colour for school.

School socks or tights must be worn. Please ensure your child's socks are black, grey, navy or white.



on ParentPay. Thank You

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on Wed 10th Dec. Your child is welcome to come in with a Christmas jumper over their uniform for that day or wear a Christmas hair decoration. If your child is in Y3-Y6 and are not eligible for Free School Meals and you have booked a dinner for your child, please ensure you pay

St Greg's Football

Last week we were the Semi-finalists at the Cheltenham Town Tournament. The Y5/6 boys won all their group games without conceding a goal. We eventually lost narrowly to the eventual tournament winners Longlevens. Well done everyone!



Albert Dix football tournament

St Gregory's won through to the final against Warden Hill. A dramatic game that went all the way to penalties. Great teamwork shown throughout.



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Advent Calendar 2025

As part of getting the children in the parish ready for Christmas and to help them focus on its real meaning, the parish liturgists are passing out Advent Calendars at the 9.30am Masses in Advent.

Christmas Story

REMINDER to start your Christmas book this weekend :) Please send in some pictures of you reading together and we can add your picture to the newsletter next week.

DON'T FORGET THE HOT CHOCOLATE!



EYFS & Year 1 will begin their Book Advent Calendar Monday. The children are so excited, each child has been asked to bring in a wrapped up book from home to add to calendar. They will then open and read a book a day from the 1st December. What a lovely way to begin the Christmas festivities. All books will be returned after, so please make sure your child's name is on the book.
Thank you.

Mission Christmas Present 2025



Our beautiful Christmas Tree is up and now ready to receive your incredible shoebox donations. Please fill a shoe box with little gifts that will be useful, wrap the shoebox and bring it in to school before Wed 10th December. Ideas for gifts to include: shower gel, bubble bath, tooth paste, tooth brush, flannel, small hand towel, shampoo, conditioner, small box of chocolates, sweets, gloves, scarf, hat, brush, comb, sanitary products, pen, note book or puzzle book.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY



EYFS	Aoife-Belle & Oscar
Y1	Brooke & Jasper
Y2	Primrose & Zoe
Y3	Sathurvan & Zuzanna
Y4	Max & Yalinu
Y5	Alex & William P
Y6	& Marnie

HAPPY thanksgiving

A very happy
THANKSGIVING to
all of our families
from USA

A huge thank you to
everyone who
supported our Bake
Sale. We made an

amazing
£262 for
FOSG.



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Dates for the Diary

2nd Dec	EYFS Nativity—2pm
5th Dec	KS2 Advent Penitential Service (11 am Confessions)
8th Dec	FOSG Christmas Crafternoon—Pay on ParentPay if your child is to take part.
9th Dec	Y1 Nativity—2pm
9th Dec	St Greg's Choir with Everyman's Golden Voices at Waitrose @15.15pm 8.30am
10th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch—wear a Christmas jumper or hair decoration.
10th Dec	Y2 Nativity—2pm
10th Dec	Christmas Shoe Box due in
12th Dec	Santa Run to the North Pole (in School event) Pay on ParentPay
12th Dec	FOSG—Hot Chocolate & Treat—after school in the playground
16th Dec	Y6 Carol singing (in school event)
16th Dec	Y2 Christmas Multiskills (in school event)
16th Dec	KS2 Candles by Candlelight @ 5pm
18th Dec	Whole School Christmas Party —All children can come into school in their home clothes if they wish and bring one snack in to eat as a treat, remembering we are a 'no nuts' school.
19th Dec	Whole School Mass — School Finishes @ 1.30pm— Please collect your child promptly .
5th Jan	INSET DAY—No School
6th Jan	BACK TO SCHOOL—TERM 3



St Greg's Choir

Our school choir has been singing with leaders from the Everyman this term. They are rehearsing with the dementia choir for their performance at Waitrose, 3.15–4pm on Tuesday 9th December. You are welcome to come along and support!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Money Collections—will take place at the end of the Nativities and the Carols by Candlelight service to help support those in our school community this Christmas time. Any spare change you can donate would be gratefully received.

Carols by Candlelight Service—on Tuesday 16th December the Carols by Candlelight will start at 5pm. All KS2 children will need to be collected at 5.45pm from the front of school- not at Church. Due to the late collection time, children who have permission to walk home must be collected by a family member. All families collecting must park at Waitrose as normal please.

Cheltenham College Christmas Chemistry Spectacular Saturday 13 December 2025



Doors open at 6.00 pm, Big Classical
Tickets £5, Children 12-18 yrs £3, Under 12's Free
Scan the QR code to book your tickets



Free parking at Cheltenham College from 2.00 pm -
so you can shop before joining the lecture at 6.00 pm!

Thank You
For Your
Donation.

'BEING ME' CLUBS

CAN'T
BY sit STILL



CREATIVE CLUBS FOR AUTISTIC GIRLS + NON-BINARY CHILDREN AGED 5-11

Can't Sit Still has been running **free creative clubs** for autistic teenagers and young people since 2023, and now we want to develop our creative programme with younger children!
(no diagnosis needed to join our club)

We're looking for families who are interested in being involved in our first ever 'Being Me' project for primary aged children. We'll be beginning with a

**5 week pilot of after school sessions at Gardener's Children's Centre
Wednesdays, 4-5pm on 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January and 4th February**

After this we'll pause to work out how and where to do more in 2026

If you'd like to find out more about this project, or any other parts of our Being Me programme for autistic people in Gloucestershire, visit
www.cantsitstill.org or email lucy@cantsitstill.org

There will be no pressure for you or your children to do anything in particular during the session, but there are things you might like to do, together or separately:

- painting or drawing
- making enormous or tiny sculptures
- playing with light and shadows
- reading books by autistic authors
- watching other people
- chatting by talking, writing, or drawing
- making a zine

This project will be shaped by the people who join us for the pilot, so each week we'll be planning activities based on who is joining us and what they're interested in and excited about!

We Recommend...

The Christmas Contest
by Maxime Gillio
Ages 5-8



Impossible
Creatures:
The Poisoned
King
by Katherine
Rundell
Ages 9-12



An act of kindness for every day of Advent

Choose from the list below
or make up your own.



- ✂ Write your teacher a note or a poem about why you like them.
- ✂ Help a friend who's stuck with their classwork.
- ✂ Clear up a mess you didn't make.
- ✂ Take a pot plant to school for your classroom windowsill.
- ✂ Clear the table after dinner without being asked.
- ✂ Draw your mum or dad a picture, just because you love them.
- ✂ Give a packet of sunflower seeds to a friend, so they can watch them grow.
- ✂ Feed your pet or clean out their cage without having to be asked.
- ✂ Use beads, loom bands or other craft materials to make a bracelet for a friend.
- ★ If you've done something naughty, write a note to your mum or dad to say sorry.
- ★ Make a poster for your local park to remind people to pick up their dog poo.
- ★ Leave your pound coin in the locker at the swimming pool for the next person who uses it.
- ★ Sign up to **Post Pals** and write a letter to a child who's ill in hospital.
- ★ Paint rocks with pretty pictures or positive sayings and hide them in your neighbourhood for others to find.
- ★ Put decorations on a tree in your local park to make people smile (remember to take them down again!)
- ✂ Empty the rubbish out of your lunchbox after school and rinse/wash it.
- ✂ Pour the rest of your family a drink at mealtimes.
- ✂ Compliment staff at a café or shop.
- ✂ Pick up litter in your street or local park.
- ✂ Wish a stranger a nice day.
- ✂ Bake some cookies for people living in your street.
- ✂ At school, offer to play with someone who's all on their own.
- ✂ Sort out your old toys and books and donate them to a charity shop or a local playgroup.
- ✂ Hug someone.