



Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

NOV (3) 2025

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Teresa

COOL CATS
100%
ATTENDANCE

NO COOL CATS

POSITIVE MIND
VIBES



**"The BEST way
to spread
Christmas
CHEER is
singing LOUD
for all to HEAR"**

- Santa's Elves



St Gregory's
[Virtual Library](#)



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
[CLICK HERE](#)

Week 3—Term 2

Well, Christmas is in full swing here at school; it's a joy to hear the children singing all their carols throughout the day! We know that our Nativities and KS2 Carols by Candlelight service will be wonderful again this year ...and we have just ordered our school Christmas Trees (it's really not that early!!).

This week we have had another incredible week:

- EYFS loved having 'Little City' visit on Monday. They had the best day!
- Y1 had another great Balanceability session again this week
- Y3 had a trip to the cinema to see Lilo & Stitch; the children had a lovely time
- Some Y4 & Y5 pupils were chosen to represent the school in a Tag Rugby tournament. They all did really well and had some very enthusiastic supporters
- Y4 loved taking part in their Maths Workshop on Wednesday. Check out some photos [here](#).
- We had some of our children take part in the Ten Pin Bowling competition on Wednesday. They all had a great time and did so well. We were very proud of them.
- We also had the EFL Kids Cup tournament on Wednesday and again our children showed such pride playing for their school which was wonderful to see. With all these sporting events our pupils are so well behaved, polite and show such sportsmanship, it makes our staff so proud.
- Y4N led a beautiful parish Mass today. We know parents work throughout the day so thank you to those who did attend to support the children

Staff News

With Miss Ranson leaving to start her maternity leave on 5th December, we are delighted to tell you that we have appointed a new EYFS teacher and EYFS Phase Leader - Miss Isobel Vines. Miss Vines will officially start with the team from 5th January 2026 however she will be working very closely with Miss Ranson over the coming weeks to ensure the smoothest of transitions is made for all children and staff. We are very excited for Miss Vines to join our St Greg's team. Find out more about Miss Vines on page 6.



We have also recruited a KS1 Teaching Partner, Mrs Melanie Hudson. Mrs Hudson is currently an employee of St Gregory's Child Care Trust. Our children already know Mrs Hudson and we look forward to welcoming her to the team on 24th November. I know you will all join me in welcoming our two new members of staff. Don't forget to say hello when you see them!

Congratulations to Our New Chaplaincy Members!

We are so proud to introduce six new members of our school Chaplaincy Team who met with Chaplaincy Teams from across our diocese of Clifton yesterday, 20th November. The children were commissioned into our school Chaplaincy Team and receive a special blessing from Bishop Bosco. The children proudly wore their badges upon receiving them and have already made their mark in supporting the prayer life of our school. Well done children; we're so lucky to have you on the team!



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Attendance Matters

As the colder months settle in, we want to remind our families of the vital role that regular school attendance plays in supporting both academic progress and student wellbeing.

We understand that winter often brings sniffles and mild colds. It's common for children to experience these symptoms, and we want to reassure you that we welcome students in school even when they have colds. Unless your child is too unwell to leave the house, they should attend school as usual.

Staying engaged in learning and maintaining routines helps children feel connected, supported, and successful. Every day in school counts. Let's work together to keep attendance high and ensure our students continue to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your continued support.



Road Safety Week 2025

This week is road safety week. Please take some time to remind your child about safety on and near roads. We are always looking for ways to not only stop dangerous and illegal parking outside school but to also make sure we are protecting our children, supporting the neighbouring businesses and residents, who like so many of you are very concerned with the parking issues.

Reminders:

- 1) Always walk near roads and keep away from the kerb.
- 2) Do not look at your devices when walking near roads and never have earphones in when crossing roads.
- 3) Use lights on your bike....it's getting dark in the morning and evening.
- 4) Use all your senses to cross the road....but remember that electric cars often cannot be heard.
- 5) All parents travelling by car MUST park at Waitrose, unless you have a blue badge.

6) **Parking on the roads surrounding our school is NOT permitted and is putting lives at risks.**

Read More, Achieve More!

As you know, reading is of the upmost importance in our school and has the potential to make an incredible impact on the progress of each and every child. Children who read more develop a better vocabulary, grasp new concepts quicker, are able to focus for longer and achieve greater academic results. There are also new studies showing that reading calms our brains and helps children to develop empathy and maintain better mental health.

We have FOUR school weeks until we finish for CHRISTMAS. This is the perfect time for you to choose a Christmas book and read it together as a family over the coming weeks.



EYFS	Gideon & Emma
Y1	Vithursan & Theadora
Y2	Davut & Matthew
Y3	Ingrid & Alessia
Y4	Prince & Dominick
Y5	Viola Bea
Y6	Nathaniel & Hannah



Medicines

Can we please remind parents that the school will only administer prescription medication if your child needs 4 x doses a day. The school CANNOT administer non-prescription medication. ANY medication must be brought to the School Office, not left in your child's bag. This is for the safety of all children.

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Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Jenson's (Y6H) dad who has raised nearly £50,000 for Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice through a series of popular community fundraising events held in memory of his mum. Thank you to all who have supported the fundraising throughout the past couple of years.

Clubs—Spaces still available!

Day	Club	Time	Term	Year	Book
Mon	Rugby	4.15pm Finish	2	Y1-Y6	BOOK HERE
Mon	Fun & Fitness	8am	3-4	Y1-Y6	BOOK HERE
Mon	TTRS (Free Club)	LUNCH	3-4	Y3-Y4	EduLinkOne
Mon	Cooking	4.15pm Finish	3-4	Y3-Y6	Full
Tues	Lego Club	4.15pm Finish	2	Y3 –Y6	ParentPay
Tues	Fun & Fitness	8am	3-4	Y1-Y6	BOOK HERE
Tues	Football	8am	3-4	Y3-Y6	COMING SOON
Tues	Science (Free Club)	LUNCH	3-4	Y1-Y2	EduLinkOne
Tues	Lego Club	4.15pm Finish	3-4	Y3 –Y6	ParentPay
Tues	Bridge (Free Club)	4.15pm Finish	3-4	Y5-Y6	EduLinkOne
Tues	Street Dance (Free Club)	LUNCH	5-6	Y3-Y6	EduLinkOne
Tues	Football	8am	5-6	Y3-Y6	COMING SOON
Wed	Football	4.15pm Finish	2	Y5-Y6	EduLinkOne
Wed	Multisport	8am	3-4	Y3-Y6	BOOK HERE
Wed	Football	8am	3-4	Y1-Y2	LINK COMING SOON
Wed	Ukulele (Free Club)	LUNCH	3-4	Y3-Y4	EduLinkOne
Wed	Mindfulness (Free Club)	4pm Finish	3-4	Y3-Y4	EduLinkOne
Wed	Multisport	4.15pm Finish	3-4	Y1-Y4	BOOK HERE
Wed	Drama (Free Club)	LUNCH	5-6	EYFS	EduLinkOne
Wed	Football	8am	5-6	Y1-Y2	COMING SOON
Thurs	Multisport	8am	3-4	Y3-Y6	BOOK HERE
Thurs	Mandarin	4.15pm Finish	3-4	EYFS – Y6	ParentPay
Thurs	Mandarin	4.15pm Finish	5-6	EYFS – Y6	ParentPay
Fri	Fun & Fitness	8am	3-4	Y1-Y6	BOOK HERE

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN KIDS ARE GIVEN SCREENS TO PREVENT BOREDOM

They **tune out** their surroundings and **fail to make everyday observations and connections** that are important for their development.

They do not learn to **entertain themselves** TEACHERS creatively.

They don't learn how to **self-regulate**.

Their **attention spans are diminished** because they become dependent on flashy, digital learning and distractions.

They can become **anxious and stressed** when deprived of on-demand entertainment.

Families in Partnership newsletter
November 2025 | Gloucestershire County
Council [HERE](#)

Festive Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy the heritage and beauty of your local church by taking part in this Festive Scavenger Hunt.



Gloucestershire
Historic Churches Trust

Go to your local church and find all the things listed below!



Oak Tree



Star



Stained Glass



Cribb



Poinsettias



Angel



Bible



Wreath



Steeple



Bells



Nativity Scene



Candle

Beezee
in Gloucestershire

Beezee Families

Beezee Families is a free, award-winning healthy lifestyle programme for the whole family in Gloucestershire. Learn about

nutritious snacks and easy meals you can cook together.

Get expert support from their experienced coaches and nutritionists, who are here to help you make lasting, healthy changes. Enjoy weekly sessions filled with fun games and activities that get everyone moving and feeling great. You can use the button below to sign up for online or in-person sessions.

Sign up to Beezee Families [here](#)

Did you know the National Curriculum Assessments Primary school pupils in England take part in?

- Reception baseline assessments
- Y1 Phonics screening check: in June of Year 1
- Key stage 1 tests at the end of Year 2
- Multiplication tables check: in June of Year 4
- Key stage 2 tests (sometimes referred to as SATs): Mon 11th–Thurs 14th May 2026

You will find more information about the individual assessments [HERE](#).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

WHAT ARE
THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.





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.*

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

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

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

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

Christmas Treecycling



Recycle your real Christmas tree this January.

Our reliable and friendly team of volunteers will collect your real Christmas tree directly from your front door, front garden or driveway.

Search **Sue Ryder Christmas Treecycling** to reserve your collection today

Reservations close 6th January 2026.

We'll be collecting from 12th to 16th January 2026 from the following postcodes: GL2 0, GL2 8, GL2 9, GL3 1, GL3 2, GL20 5, GL20 6, GL20 7, GL20 8, GL50, GL51, GL52, GL53, GL54 1, GL54 2, GL54 4, GL54 5, GL55 6, GL56 0 With an optional donation, your Christmas tree could become the gift of expert care and support for seriously ill people and their loved ones.

For more information:

email: leckhampton.fundraising@sue Ryder.org
call: 01242 246 270

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**Because no one
should face death
or grief alone**



Christmas Art Competition

Join St Gregory's Christmas art competition open **to all ages** including parents and other family members! Enter your own art work in any medium on the theme of:

'The journey of the wise men'

The **deadline** for entries is **Friday 5th December.**

Winning artwork will be displayed in church for our carols by candlelight service on Tuesday 16th December.

Entries to Mrs Howland or Mrs Ashcroft.





Dear Families of St Gregory's,

My name is Miss Isi Vines, and I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the school as the EYFS Class Teacher for Pershore Class and the EYFS Phase Lead from January. It feels incredibly special to begin this new chapter in the town where I grew up and where my family's roots are firmly planted.

I join the team as an experienced teacher with a real love for teaching the magical side of the curriculum. Most recently, I have been working as a senior teacher, a role that has provided me with a wealth of experience and strengthened my understanding of how to create the best possible environment for young children to thrive.

I am inspired to lead with faith and Catholic values, which will guide all that we do together. I am deeply committed to giving children the very best start to their education and to contributing positively to the wider school community.

Outside of school, I am an active and sociable person who loves being outdoors, especially when walking my puppy.

I feel truly blessed to be joining such a beautiful, welcoming, and loving school. I cannot wait to begin this new adventure with you all. Thank you for allowing me to become part of your wonderful community.

*Warmest wishes,
Miss Isi Vines*