

Mission Christmas Present 2025

Christmas is about family times and sharing what we have with others. Unfortunately, there are people within a short walk of our own school who will be lonely and unlikely to receive gifts this Christmas....unless we send them!

For this reason, rather than supporting international charities this year, we have pledged to help our local, most needy people through;

- Nelson Trust: For those in Prison without visitors and those recovering from addiction
- Refugees affected by the conflict in Ukraine
- St Vincent De Paul – for those who have no one to visit them.

This will enable every member of St Gregory's to live out the true meaning of Christmas through our own actions....we'll also have a lot of fun doing so!

How can we help?

We would like each family to fill a shoe box with little gifts that will be useful, wrap the shoe box and bring it in to school by **Wednesday 10th December**. Bring your shoe box into the school entrance hall and pop them under the tree. As a school, we are aiming to collect 80 shoe boxes of gifts to give to local people. If you are unable to fill a whole shoe box, perhaps you could bring in some individual gifts (from the list below) that we could make shoe box presents from.

What to do next:

Find an empty shoe box / small box. Next time you are shopping, collect a few items from the list below. **Only spend what you are able to.** If you can't fill a whole shoe box, send individual items into school with your child (unwrapped) and shoe boxes will be made up of these items. Pop all of the gifts into the shoe box. Wrap the shoe box (no need to wrap lid separately as these are not being sent abroad). Affix the gift label from the corner of this page using glue or sticky tape – **use first name to sign this only**. Show on the label whether it's for a man, lady or young child (age 4-10) —we usually need more for ladies and children because of the charities we're supporting.

Please bring your Shoe Box into school before 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
- 2025 calendar / pen / note book / puzzle book

DO NOT include:

Alcohol / alcoholic flavoured sweets
Razors / scissors or other sharp items

*This gift is for a
Child / man / lady.*

*Merry Christmas.
From*

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