

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

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HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Francis

COOL CATS 100% ATTENDANCE

Y5 Snowhill

POSITIVE MIND VIBES



"In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures"

- by Cynthia Rylant



St Gregory's
Virtual Library



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
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Term 2

4th Nov—19th Dec

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half term break. It has been wonderful seeing you all back in school this week, looking refreshed and ready for Term 2. This term is a very busy and exciting term with Parent Teacher Meetings, Nativity performances, Candles by Candlelight preparations and the run up to Christmas. Some reminders;

- All children should have their PE kit in school by now
- All children should be dressed in winter uniform
- Don't forget children should come to school every day with a coat. In the colder weather can you ensure your child has a hat, scarf and gloves –all clearly named please

We know that the run up to Christmas can be difficult for some families so can we please ask that if you need help in any way, please come to us and speak to our Pastoral team in confidence. Thank you.

What an Achievement!

We are delighted to be able to share good news with you. GSW Music Hub – Gloucestershire sent us the below message:

"GSW Music Hub – Gloucestershire would like to celebrate the value that you place on music in your school by presenting you with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality. On behalf of Music Mark and from us at GSW Music Hub – Gloucestershire we would like to thank you for all the hard work your school does to support this collective vision."

A huge 'well done' to Mrs Mason and all the peripatetic music teachers in our school.

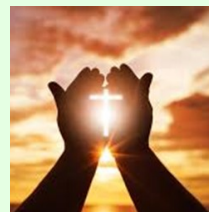


We Remember in November



November is a very special month for Catholics.

As Catholics, the month of November is a month where we dedicate our prayers to all the souls we have lost and loved. It is a month of remembrance; All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st and All Souls Day is on November 2nd. We pray for many people who have lost their lives during the month of November including soldiers, relatives and strangers. Everyone who has died deserves to be prayed for and everyone should be remembered.



Pope Francis said, 'We will all rise again and see Jesus in heaven'. We believe this shows that we should have hope that when someone dies, Jesus will guide them to heaven and we will all be reunited with our loved ones again. Here is a prayer that you may wish to say during the month of November;

*Dear God,
We thank you for taking care of our loved ones,
We trust you to look after them in heaven.
Please help us to
reflect on all the souls that have passed
away and left us on living earth, We will reflect
and remember each of them.
Amen.*

Odd Socks/Super Hero Day 2025



Odd Socks/ Super hero Day 2025 is on Mon 10th Nov, to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We would like to ask that pupils either wear mismatched socks and/or one item of superhero gear (a mask or a cape etc.). School uniform MUST be worn, we ask that you wear your odd sock/ super hero cape/mask WITH your uniform. This day is to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about the importance of being kind and accepting of differences.



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EYFS Maths Workshop

EYFS Parents you are warmly invited to attend our EYFS Maths Workshop on Thurs 27th Nov @ 9am. Your child will meet you in the Main Hall and attend this workshop with you so please do let us know if you CAN or CANNOT attend.

When: Thurs 27th Nov @ 9am

Where: Main School Hall

Times: 9am–10am

Book: Please book your space on EdulinkOne under “Forms”

Notes: This workshop will show you what and how we are teaching our Maths lessons, giving you the tools to help your child at home.



KS2 Carols by Candlelight

Tues 16th Dec @5pm

The KS2 (Year 3—Year 6) Carol Service will take place at St Gregory’s Church on Tuesday 16th December at 5pm. Please come along to the service to start the Christmas celebrations and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

- ALL Key Stage 2 children MUST attend.
- Key Stage 2 children will remain at school at the end of the day on Tuesday 16th Dec.
- The children will stay and watch a DVD in the school hall directly after school.
- Children 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 child’s classroom after the Carol Service as per the usual end-of-school procedure. Our Main carpark gates will be open.
- 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 Year 3 to Year 6 to take part in the service with smart and beautiful winter uniforms.
- We are not issuing tickets this year but due to limited spacing, we strongly suggest that a maximum of two people per family attend.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING



The Importance of Reading

Waterstones Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Diana Gerald MBE, BookTrust CEO, visited Professor Sam Wass at the University of East London Baby Dev Lab to see what happens

inside a baby’s brain when they are read a story.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



EYFS	Arthur & Reggie
Y1	Ezra & Natalia
Y2	Damian & Nela
Y3	Boris & Yousef
Y4	Alex & Eric
Y5	Ciaran & Havana
Y6	Tymmy & Jowash

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

POKÉMON TCG POCKET

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)



At the end of last term, everyone stopped in the school just to read. All of the adults brought their own books in and read as well to highlight to the children that we're all readers and how much we enjoy it to.

We know that if we want children to enjoy reading we must be reading role models ourselves.



Congratulations

A huge Congratulations to Sam Y6D!

Forest Green Rovers Academy have formally welcomed Sam, saying, "We're delighted to have him on board and look forward to supporting his development and official registration as an academy player for Forest Green Rovers."

This is a very exciting journey for Sam, and we all wish him the very best of luck. We are all so proud of you, well done, Sam!



St Greg's Child Care Trust Vacancies

The St. Gregory's Child Care Trust now recruiting.
If you are interested please call Clare on 01242 515 387 or
email childcare@st-gregory.great.gloucs.sch.uk.



IMPORTANT—Local Authority Penalty Notices for parents



We would like to draw your attention to the below as the Local authority can and will issue fines to parents. Please read the below reasons when you may receive a fine. Please note, as a school we will do everything we can to help you however the fines do come from the Local Authority.

When might a Penalty Notice be issued? You may face a Fixed Term Penalty for the following reasons:

- If your child is absent from school, without authorisation from the Headteacher, for the purposes of a holiday. There is no requirement for a school to issue a warning notice that a Penalty Notice may be issued for unauthorised holidays.
- If your child is persistently late for school, after the register has closed and does not have authorisation from the Headteacher. A warning letter would be sent by the school in this case, and it is expected that the school will have worked with you and your child to understand and support the reasons for the persistent lateness.
- If your child is absent for more than 15 days due to illness, these days do not have to be consecutive.
- If your child, following an exclusion, is found in a public place, without a justifiable reason for being there, during school hours on a school day during the first five days of a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion. The school will have sent you a letter at the time of the exclusion detailing your responsibilities during this period.



Dear Parents,

We are excited to let you know we have improved our Online Safety provision at school and we will now be teaching on Online Safety lessons using Project EVOLVE. We will continue to teach Online Safety lessons termly, in addition to our lessons that are taught through RSHE and as part of theme days such as Anti-bullying Week and Safer Internet day. Here is some information about the scheme:



What is Project EVOLVE?

Project EVOLVE is UK-based digital literacy toolkit for teachers to help educate students from early years to age 18 on online safety and digital citizenship. It is designed to be a flexible resource that equips young people with the skills to navigate the online world knowledgeably, responsibly, and safely.

How Project EVOLVE works

- Based on a national framework: The toolkit is built around the "Education for a Connected World" framework from the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). This framework sets out learning objectives for students' online lives, with topics that increase in complexity as children get older.
- Flexible resources for teachers: It provides teachers with lesson plans, presentations, and activities to guide classroom discussions on online issues.
- Focus on proactive education: Instead of just telling children what not to do, Project EVOLVE prompts discussion to help them reflect on their online experiences, challenge misconceptions, and generate positive outcomes.
- Constantly evolving: The materials are updated regularly to reflect the changing digital landscape and the new online challenges that young people face.

What your child learns in Project EVOLVE

Project EVOLVE covers eight key areas, called "strands," to prepare your child for the digital world:

1. Self-image and identity: Understanding how to present themselves online and the impact of their digital footprint.
2. Online relationships: Learning about appropriate online behaviour and communication with others.
3. Online bullying: Recognising and knowing how to respond to and report online bullying.
4. Copyright and ownership: Understanding the rights related to creative work and intellectual property online.
5. Online reputation: Thinking carefully about how their online content may affect how others perceive them.
6. Managing online information: Evaluating online content to determine if it is reliable and to identify misinformation.
7. Health, wellbeing, and lifestyle: Developing healthy habits around technology use and understanding its impact on mental health.
8. Privacy and security: Learning to protect personal data and maintain online privacy.

How parents can get involved?

Project EVOLVE is used in school, but you can reinforce its lessons at home by:

- Starting a conversation: Talk to your child about the topics they are learning in their online safety lessons.
- Making it a regular topic: Ask what they've discussed in their Project EVOLVE lessons and keep the dialogue about online safety ongoing.
- Encouraging open communication: Reassure your child that they can talk to you if anything they see or experience online makes them feel frightened or uncomfortable.

If you would like to know more or have any suggestions about how you might tackle Online Safety issues at home, Mrs Mortimer (Online Safety Lead) is always willing to meet with to provide guidance.

HELP! We are looking for someone to help us run an after school for buddy Coders – Do you have an interest in Programming? Could you offer any expertise? There are many paid clubs but we are trying to avoid charging parents – please email admin@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk if you are able to help or just want to find out more. Thanks, Mrs Mortimer





Christmas Art Competition

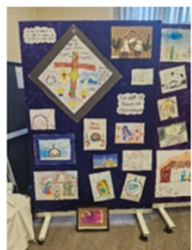
Join St Gregory's Christmas art competition open to all ages including parents and other family members! Enter your own art work in any medium on the theme of:

'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.



Call for Old Wellies

Can we please ask if you have any wellies that you don't use and that would fit EYFS children e.g. sizes 8, 9 or 10 please can you donate them in for our children.



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.

