

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



Little Way Catholic
Educational Trust

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HOUSE POINTS WINNER

St Francis

COOL CATS 100% ATTENDANCE

Y3 Clearwell
Y5 Snowhill



POSITIVE MIND VIBES

**"A warm smile
is the
universal
language of
kindness."**



St Gregory's
[Virtual Library](#)



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

APP SAFETY GUIDES
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Term 1—That's a wrap!



We had another busy week here at St Greg's including: Y3 at SkillZone, a SEND Table Cricket event, another successful Y1 Balanceability session, Boys Football vs Charlton Kings & Springbank, First Holy Communion Information Evening, the last of our October Rosary Prayer Group on Thursday mornings and we finished off the week with our non-uniform day today.

We have all had a very busy and successful Term 1 and we know you are all ready for a well-deserved rest.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and you get some quality family time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on [Tues 4th Nov](#) in beautiful winter uniform and with fresh PE kits. Have fun and stay safe. God bless.

Mrs Lines

Christmas Dinner Reminder

Please can we ask you to complete the form on your EdulinkOne app. The kitchen needs to place orders for Christmas dinner and we want to make sure there is enough food. Please choose turkey, vegetarian or packed lunch. Thank you



Remembrance

In readiness for our Whole School Remembrance Service on Tues 11th November, we would love to give each child a poppy. If you are able can we please ask for a small donation towards our Poppy Appeal (50p), you can pay for this on ParentPay.

If you would prefer that we did not give your child a poppy for any reason, *please let the School Office know by Tues 5th Nov 2024 by emailing: parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk*

KS2 Carols by Candlelight

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.



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REMINDER

Mon 3rd Nov is an INSET Day.

If you need childcare please ensure you book your child into Holiday club. Call 01242 515 387



Lunch Orders

If your child is coming into school late due to an appointment and they would like a hot dinner please let the school know before 10am via email or phone. Thank you

Online Safety—Tips



Have you ever heard of Phishing? “Phishing” refers to an attempt to steal sensitive information, typically in the form of usernames, passwords, credit card numbers, bank account information, or other important data in order to utilize or sell the stolen information.

Phishing emails are often quite easy to spot. If in doubt about an email, delete it immediately. Do not follow any links contained in the email. Instead, go to the website directly, and try to log in there.



School Photos

We have our Tempest photographers coming into school on Wed 5th Nov to take individual and sibling photos. Don't forget to smile! **Please note we sadly CANNOT have nursery/pre-school children in school for sibling photos.**

Sporting Achievement



Joshua from Year 3 Kemble won two medals at the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club Championships last weekend. Joshua won gold in the 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke races for ages 7 and under. What an amazing achievement; well done Joshua! We are all so proud of you.

WELL DONE!





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Clubs

Our Term 1 clubs have been a huge success (check out some of the great photos on last week's newsletter). Please see the below timetable for clubs taking place in terms 2, 3 & 4.

Free clubs & ParentPay clubs will go live after half term—dates to be confirmed

Please Note— Some of our clubs are very popular and get fully booked extremely fast. ALL parents get the same amount of time to book clubs, it is a first come first serve basis. We will give prior notice as to when these clubs go live. Staff are not responsible for any time delay on your mobile devices/computer. Thank you.

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

Night of Light a celebration for All Hallows' Eve

The Night of Light celebrates the victory of light over darkness. This year on the 31st October you could celebrate All Hallows' Eve, the beginning of the feast of All Saints. This was a great Christian festival in the past when the lives of the saints and angels were remembered on the night before the feast of All Saints. Children can research the lives of saints and choose to dress as a saint or angel rather than Halloween costumes.



As a Catholic community, we turn our focus to All Saints which is on 1st November.

Hallowe'en is the eve of All Saints—'All Hallows Eve' and is the start of the feast of All Saints where we remember the lives of saints and angels.

Party games can also be played such as apple bobbing and doughnuts on strings. You can write some fun quizzes about your children's favourite saints. Pictures of saints can also be used to make a saint bingo game. You don't have to play games you could enjoy a special meal or take away as a family. All Hallows' Eve doesn't need to be dark and scary it can be about goodness and light. We should let our lights shine in all that we do and try our best to be saints in our daily lives.



In the community in which we live, we will be surrounded by Halloween activities, costumes and games but these ideas give you really clever and simple ways of switching the focus from Halloween to All Saints.

You can decorate your house with lights to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. This can include carved pumpkins with 'Pumpkin Prayer' faces and stringed lights. Paper lanterns, collage paper candles and garlands of stars can also be made. To remind the children of Jesus bringing light to the darkness in our world you could share the story of the Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-3 when Jesus was transformed by light. Your children can think of ways they can be a light to others in the world today.



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

*As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:
Open my mind so that I can learn about You;
(cut the top off the pumpkin)
Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.
(clean out the inside)
Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(cut eyes shaped like hearts)
I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at
what You've given to me.
(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)
Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
(cut ears shaped like a Bible)
Open my mouth to tell others You're near.
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)
Let Your light shine in all I say and do!
(place candle inside and light it)*



EYFS	Ranuth & Cillian
Y1	Violet & Aurora
Y2	Hazel & Fernanda
Y3	Arya & Anwen
Y4	Charlotte & Ulises
Y5	Alfie & Livia
Y6	Malo & Sophie

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about
MEMES

Maths – Problem Solving

On Monday, 20th October, we held a whole-school 'Maths for Pleasure' problem-solving session. The children worked on a range of problems where they had to be resilient and apply problem-solving strategies such as working backwards and trial by improvement. We also discussed how we can show resilience when faced with challenges.

 **Keep trying** – don't give up, even when a problem feels tricky.

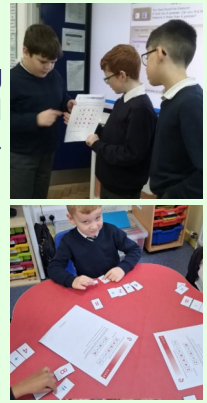
 **Try different ideas** – if one way doesn't work, find another.

 **Explain your thinking** – talking about your ideas helps you understand better.

 **Learn from mistakes** – mistakes help your brain grow!

 **Stay positive** – believe that you can do it with effort and time.

The children were brilliant at sharing their thinking with others and proved themselves to be excellent mathematicians!



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

Short Parent Survey for Gloucester Health and Care School Nursing Service

Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey (closing date 10th November 2025). As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.

https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school

