

Newsletter

Weekly News Digest



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SEPT (2) 2025

HOUSE POINTS WINNER

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ATTENDANCE

NO COOL CATS

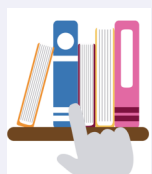
POSITIVE MIND VIBES



REMEMBER

Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations

- Catherine Pulsifer



St Gregory's
Virtual Library



A beautiful smart, tidy
uniform.

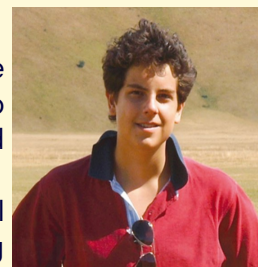
APP SAFETY GUIDES
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What a Busy Week!

- Monday was quite a significant day in the Catholic Church as Pope Leo canonized two new saints, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis. We celebrated with a very special Celebration of the Word where we were able to pray for and celebrate our new saints.
- We had our EYFS children in every day this week. They are all settling in so well; we are so proud of you all. It is fantastic seeing them get to know the school and looking very smart in their new uniform. Well done to you all!
- Some of our clubs started this week. We have lots more starting again next week. Please keep an eye on your EdulinkOne App under "Clubs & Events" then "My Clubs" to track what club your child is in, which day and detailed timings. Please can we ask that ALL children are picked up promptly
- Y3 Stone Age day went really well! Make sure you are linked to your child's year group on Class Dojo so that you don't miss out on some of the fantastic photos.
- Y4 had their Egyptians WOW Day yesterday. We had some amazing costumes and the children had a wonderful day
- Y2 and Y5 had their Space Odyssey visit today. It was another amazing event!
- We had our EYFS coffee morning this morning for the new EYFS parents. We would just like to thank everyone who could make it; it was lovely to have you here in school



Next week promises to be another busy week! Please don't forget to visit our [Website Calendar](#) as we are listing all of our events on there so that you don't miss anything. Did you know you can also link our Website calendar to your Google calendar, just to make things a little easier.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and see you on Monday!

Upcoming Events

- Tues 16th Sept—Y6 PGL Parent Meeting 15.30-16.00
- Tues 23rd Sept—Y5& Y6 Secondary School Transition talk 15.30-16.15
- Fri 26th Sept— Sports for Champions Day and EYFS Parents Phonics/Early Reading Workshop 14.30

UPCOMING
EVENTS

School Academic Calendar for 2026/27

Our School Academic Calendar for 2026/27 is now available [HERE](#).

Please make a note of the school holidays for booking any getaways.

Can we please ask that Parents/Carers *do not* book any holidays during term time.



There has been a delay with our elasticated school ties. We are hoping to have these in the coming weeks. We do still have the normal ties available for £3.50.

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Keeping Children Safe Online

Young people now have more ways to connect with other people online – from school group chats to TikTok videos, but this can also put them at risk of grooming and sexual exploitation. Online grooming crimes against children have increased by 89% in six years.

To help keep children safe while still enabling them to enjoy their time online, below are some tips for parents on keeping children safe in the unpredictable online world.

- Open up: Create a space where your children can come to you when they're ready and not feel judged. You can learn more about what might be bothering them and how you can keep them safe.
- Get involved: Set up your own accounts and connect with your child, if they feel comfortable.
- Set boundaries together: Come to an agreement on privacy settings with your child, where they feel listened to and involved.
- Discuss the aims: Talk to your child about online risks, especially if they want to become an influencer.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE TIPS HERE](#)



EYFS	Rithuli & Ines
Y1	Elsa & Adriel
Y2	Akele & Suri
Y3	Joshua & Savanna
Y4	Oli K & Maks
Y5	Alice & Verity
Y6	Sam & David

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



 Missing just a few days can impact achievement

 Pupils with poor attendance fall behind

 Attending regularly leads to better outcomes

Attendance Matters

As we have now started to settle into the new academic year and are now becoming more familiar with our new entry and exit system, from next week we will continue to focus on the key message that **every day in school counts**.

You may have seen a recent BBC report that highlights that;

- Students with high attendance are significantly more likely to succeed both academically and financially.
- Just a few extra days off can reduce the chances of meeting expected standards and over time.

You may have also heard that;

- More than half of pupils who missed part of the first week of school in 2024 went on to become persistently absent.
- Persistently absent students have less than 90% attendance, missing 1 day a fortnight on average. This lost learning time equates to over 19 days

missed in a year. This learning often cannot be recovered and does lasting damage to the foundations that all future knowledge is built upon.

The Education Secretary has warned that even missing a day or two early in the term can lead to long-term absence, with serious consequences for a child's learning and future life chances.

Here at St Gregory's we want to work together with our families to create the best possible start to the year. If you have any concerns about attending school, please do not hesitate in contacting us; we are here to listen, support, and find solutions together. We are looking forward to working with you over the coming year to ensure that your child is happy, confident and thriving both academically and socially.



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ParentPay—Explained

You many have notices the below items on your ParentPay account. Please see below for further information.

- Pay it Forward—We are always blown away with the generosity of our school families. In recent years we have had many requests asking how donations can be made to help some of our families. In light of this we set up a section on ParentPay called “Pay it Forward” and the simplest way to define “Pay it Forward” is when someone does something for someone else. If parents/carers are in a position to help and would like to ‘pay it forward’, you can add some money into this account and the school will use this to help the families that are currently struggling and finding it difficult in the current climate. The school will use these donations to help children and families in various ways such as paying for school trips, clubs, days out, clothes, food etc.. Please remember this is voluntary and we do ask that you DO NOT put yourself in a difficult financial position by helping others. Please only donate if you are in a position to do so.
- School Fund - is a voluntary contribution that we ask parents to make. It helps to supplement the basic resources we need in our school. If you're able to do so, we would be very grateful to you for making any donation to the school fund. Please do not put yourself into financial difficulty by making these donations, every little helps. Thank you for your support and generosity.
- Uniform Order—Please visit [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) for our uniform pricing. Once you know what your need to order please enter the amount into ParentPay “Uniform Order” and click pay. Once you have done this email the parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk and let us know what you have ordered. Once we have received BOTH payment and the email, your items will be delivered to your child's classroom.
- All other items added will be paid clubs, events and trips.

CLUBS - Spaces Still Available

Please see the list of Clubs that are **STILL AVAILABLE**. Please click on the link and book through the club providers website.

Monday

Dodgeball – Y1-Y2 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Monday 15th Sept

Fun & Fitness – Y3-Y4 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Monday 15th Sept

Rugby – Y1-Y6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com)

Dodgeball – Y3-Y6 – 3.15pm-4.15pm – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Monday 15th Sept

Tuesday

Football – Y3-Y6 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) - STARTS Tuesday 16th Sept

Fun & Fitness – Y1-Y2 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Tuesday 16th Sept

Bridge – Y5-Y6 – 3.15pm-4pm – STARTS Tuesday 23rd Sept

Wednesday

Football – Y1-Y2 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) - STARTS Wednesday 17th Sept

Multi Sports – Y5-Y6 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Wednesday 17th Sept

Story Time – Y1-Y3 – LUNCH

Multi Sports – Y1-Y2 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Wednesday 17th Sept

Netball – Y3 – Y6 – 3.15pm – 4pm

Thursday

Multi Sports – Y3-Y4 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Thurs 18th Sept

Mandarin – Y1-Y6 – 3.15 – 4pm – STARTS Thursday 18th Sept

Girls Football – Y4 – Y6 – 3.15pm – 4pm

Friday

Fun & Fitness – Y5-Y6 – 8am-8.45am – Book NOW [HERE](https://www.parentpay.com) STARTS Friday 19th Sept

LEVEL THE PITCH GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

Cheltenham Town
Community Trust

FOR GIRLS AGED 8 - 14 YRS

**5.30PM – 6.30PM
EVERY THURSDAY**

**BOURNSIDE SPORTS CENTRE,
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Family Support Drop In Sessions

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Parenting can be overwhelming at times.

Do you feel you need some support to help with family life?

Come along to meet with a member of our Family Support team who can help you with issues like:

Parenting, Managing behaviour, Finances, Routines, Ages and Stages of development, Healthy Relationships, How to get support through the graduated pathway and accessing other services

Just pop in, no need to book.

Cheltenham Locality		Tewkesbury Locality	
2nd Weds of month 9.30-11am	Gardners Lane Children and Family Centre Gardners Lane Cheltenham GL51 9JW 01242 252185	1st Weds of Month 1.30-3pm	Noahs Ark Children and Family Centre, York Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5HU 01684 276361
3rd Friday of month 9.30-11am	Hester's Way Children and Family Centre Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, GL51 0ES 01242 222490	3rd Tuesday of Month 9.30-11am	Brockworth Children and Family Centre, Moorfield Road, Brockworth GL3 4JL 01452 863617
4th Weds of Month 1.30-3pm	Oakwood Children and Family Centre, Clyde Crescent, Cheltenham, GL52 5QH 01242 513010		

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Supporting your Child with Managing Emotions Workshop

Wednesday 17th September 2025 - 9.30-11.30am

Oakwood Children and Family Centre, GL52 5QH

Thursday 13th November 2025 - 1-3pm

Virtual via TEAMS

Children often express their emotions in different ways. Would you like to gain some tips and advice on how you can support your children with their emotions?

Join us at this workshop to get some tips and strategies to support your children with regulating their emotions

Aimed at parents with children under 11yrs

Booking required via QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/SsrJwbWhtw?origin=IprLink>



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FOSG ATM Meeting 9th Oct @7pm online.

More details to follow.



SAVE THE DATE



The Catholic School of Saint Gregory The Great

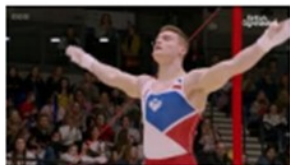
Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We are very excited to announce an upcoming fundraising event in support of *Sports for Champions UK (CIC)* and our school Playground Project. This event will help to purchase more equipment for our new project, aiming to make playtimes a more positive and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Sports for Champions UK (CIC) is a non-profit organisation committed to empowering the next generation through the power of sport. As a Community Interest Company, they combine inspiring athlete-led workshops with the goal of promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle and teaching value life lessons.

As part of this event, we will be holding a **Sports-a-thon on Friday 26th September 2025**.



The day will begin with an inspirational growth mindset assembly led by the amazing Winston Powell (GB Gymnast), who will guide the children through a series of engaging activities in the morning. Winston became the U18 English all-round champion in 2023. He earned a gold medal in the floor and high bar, a silver medal in the rings and a bronze medal in the pommel horse. The

children will work with Winston, learning about the skills and mindset he needs to reach his goals, as well as seeing him in action!



In the afternoon, the sporting fun will continue for everyone with a carousel of sports activities. It promises to be a fantastic day. Children are required to **come into school in sports clothes on the day**, which can include their own PE kit or football kit if they would like.

We are asking parents and family members to help us by sponsoring the children to take part in the Sports-a-thon. Every penny raised will go towards:

- Supporting Sports for Champions and their work with children across the UK
- Helping us to purchase new playground equipment to enhance playtimes for all pupils

There are three ways to donate:

1. Make a one-off donation using ParentPay
2. Children to collect sponsors on a sponsorship form and bring monies into school
3. Donate online to our Crowdfunding page (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-catholic-school-of-saint-gregory-the-great>)

Sponsorship forms will be coming home today with your child; they will be hearing all about this exciting event in our Celebration Assembly today.

The more money we raise, the more we can support our pupils' wellbeing, activity levels and enjoyment.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Olivia Lines BE.d (Hons) QTS NPQH
Acting Headteacher



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE



Pate's Grammar School

Open Evening for Year 7 Entry

Tuesday 30 September 2025

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's Welcome: 5.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Tours start from 5.15pm

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Autumn Open Evening. Come and explore our school on a self-led tour, with our students and staff on hand to help you discover all you want to know about Pate's school life and joining us in Year 7.

[Book now](#)

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