

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and staff have worked very hard this half term and are looking forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you very much for your support and understanding so far this year – as ever, it's hugely appreciated. I wish you and your families a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 27th February.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Dunne

Say Cheese!

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14th March to take children's photos. Siblings in school will have their photographs taken together. Please can we ask that parents of siblings who would also like an individual photograph of their child to contact Mrs Rochford in the school office.

Pre-school age children are welcome to come into school at 8:15am.

Mini Vinnies

A very big thank you to our Year 4 Mini Vinnies who organised a fantastic cake sale to support CAFOD and their earthquake appeal. You helped us to raise £262 for which we were able to send this donation to CAFOD. I am sure you have seen in the media the devastation caused by the earthquake and feel blessed that as a school community we have pulled together to support the victims of this disaster.

Library Visit

Please can we ask that you check your ParentPay account to consent to the upcoming Y1 and Y2 library visits. There is no charge for this visit but we do still need your consent to take the children out of school.

Lenten Appeal

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent, Christians prepare to celebrate Easter through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We would like to once again support the work of CAFOD as they launch their Lenten appeal: 'The Big Lent Walk'.

We are planning on holding a big walk in school on Friday 3rd March. Children can come to school in their sportswear and we ask for a donation of £1.



Safeguarding

Parking around school continues to be a problem. We ask that you do not drive up to the gates, where you need to then perform a dangerous manoeuvre to turn your car round. The safety of our children has to be the priority here please consider this when dropping off/picking up your child.

We also have received multiple complaints from neighbours regarding parents and carers parking disrespectfully in and around the neighbouring streets. Please do not block drives or double park. Thank you for your support.

SAPA

As always, SAPA are a great support to school organising fun events for the children and raising much needed funds for school. We try to keep the cost of educational visits down by subsidising class visits. With the increasing costs of fuel, our transport providers have increased their prices too, therefore, we are needing to subsidise more and more visits. Please continue to support SAPA as our children benefit directly from this. We hope to be organising an Easter egg raffle after half term and will send out further information nearer the time.

One easy way to raise money for us without any cost to you is by registering with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) . If you shop online through the easyfundraising app we receive a small donation from companies.

Dates for your diary:

Please note that sometimes dates may be subject to change.

27.2.23	School re-opens after Half Term	
28.2.23	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR YEAR 6	
2.3.23	World Book Day	
3.3.23	CAFOD's Family Fast Day	
9.3.23 @ 10:00 am	Y5 Mass at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
12.3.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 3 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
14.3.23	School Photographer	
15.3.23 @ 3:00 pm	EYs and KS1 Mothers' Day Liturgical Prayer	Parents welcome
17.3.23	Comic Relief Day	
26.3.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 4 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
31.3.23	End of Spring Term	
17.4.23	School re-opens for Summer Term	
23.4.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 5 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
May 2023	KS1 SATs Test Period	
8.5.23	School Closed – Bank Holiday for coronation King Charles III	
9.5.23 – 12.5.23	Y6 SATs week	
21.5.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 6 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
26.5.23	End of Half Term	
5.6.23	School re-opens after Half term	
11.6.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 7 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
5 th -23 rd June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	
12 th -16 th June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Week	
24.6.23 @ 10:00 am	FHC Day at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
6.6.23	Sports Day	
2.7.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Going Forth Mass at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
20.7.23	End of Summer Term	