

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 20th  
January -  
Y4 swimming

Wednesday 22nd –  
Family Hub Coffee  
morning 9.15am  
Reception, Y1 and  
Y2

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
Bishop Stephen  
Wright to visit school

Friday 24th – Jubilee  
Launch Day –  
children dress in  
Saints House colours

## Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

It's been another busy week in school this week. It was lovely to welcome some of our Reception Class families into school to take part in the First Words programme led by South Tyneside's Family Hub team. This week I have been looking through the children's work in books and speaking to the children across the school about their learning. They all speak with such enthusiasm about what they know and what they have been learning.

They are a credit to you all!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss E. Shaughnessy*  
Acting Headteacher

## Jubilee Year – 2025



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The Jubilee motto is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and we are invited on a spiritual journey as people of Hope, searching for an ever-deeper connection with God.

What is a Jubilee?

In the Catholic Church, Jubilees or 'Holy Years' have always been special years for mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace. It is about pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation.

When is the Jubilee?

The Jubilee year will run from 24th December 2024 to the Feast of the Epiphany (January) 2026.

On Thursday 23rd January, Bishop Stephen Wright will visit us at St. Gregory's and as part of his visit, he will officially open our St. Gregory's Holy Door. Throughout the Jubilee year, we are invited to be pilgrims of true Hope and share it with others.

On Friday 24th January, we welcome children to come into school wearing their 'Pastoral House' Saints colours.

St. Thomas (blue) St. Bede (yellow) St. Hilda (green) St. Cuthbert (red)

### Live Simply Award

We are excited to announce that over the next year, we will be working towards achieving the Live Simply award. The Live Simply award is an opportunity for Catholic schools to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. At St. Gregory's, we are committed to undertake three main actions to become a Live Simply school.

These actions will help us to:

- Live simply
- Live sustainably
- Live in solidarity with people living in poverty

Punctuality: Please remember that Mr. Vasey and I aim to lock the school gates promptly at 9am each day. Make sure you have enough time to exit the school yards so that you are not locked in. Thank you.

Please see below for last week's class attendance:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.1%	95.8%	98.2%	95.2%	94.3%	98.6%	93.3%

Congratulations to Year 5 who achieved best attendance this week!

### Packed lunches

A reminder that we are a NUT FREE school; we do have children in school with nut allergies and we need to protect them. If 'nuts' are part of the ingredients then the items cannot be in school. We are a healthy school and as such, we encourage healthy packed lunches. Please be mindful of the number of sweet products in your child's packed lunch.