

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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Newsletter no 1 Spring Term Acting Headteacher: E. Shaughnessy Monday 6th January 2025

Upcoming Diary Dates

*See attached
dates*

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Happy New Year everyone. We hope you all had a lovely, peaceful break and are well rested after the Christmas festivities!

Every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a year of jubilee is celebrated. This year has been announced as a Jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Pope Francis has said: *'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.'*

New Year is usually a time when people look ahead and perhaps make New Year's resolutions so let us look ahead with hope to 2025. We will share our plans for the Jubilee Year in the days and weeks to come.



We are all keen for the children to return to school tomorrow. Please find attached our diary dates for spring term and also have a look on Arbor for spring term clubs.

Attendance: Out whole school attendance is at 95.85%. Let's work together to keep healthy and well to reach our target of 97%. We look forward to seeing you all as term starts tomorrow, Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Best Wishes,
Miss E. Shaughnessy
Acting Headteacher

Arbor Payments

You can now make payments and top up accounts for school meals and clubs by simply logging into the Parent Portal. Your balances from our last system have been set up and will also show in the Parent Portal.

We will open up Wrap Around bookings for w/c Monday 13th January – you will no longer need to email the BAF account for bookings (further information to follow).

Arbor

The children are thoroughly enjoying the new meal system in school. They choose their lunch first thing in the morning, pick their coloured wristband at lunchtime and show it to Mrs Turnbull at the hatch. Greater choice and less waste! Please don't pre-book meal choices for your children on Arbor.

School Admissions

Applications for Reception close at **Wednesday 15 January at 4:30pm**. Applications should be made via the Local Authority's website: <https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1494/Apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place>

PE Kits and Swimming

We will continue children coming to school in their PE kit on the days when they have PE (for all year groups). Children will not need their uniform in school on those days.

On PE days children should wear full PE kit

- PE kits: all-black trainers (see uniform reminder below), black or white sport socks, navy jogging bottoms (in colder weather) or shorts (summer), white PE t-shirt, sports jacket or school sweatshirt.
- No jewellery
- No branded items of clothing to be worn e.g. Nike

If anyone requires financial support with uniform contact Miss. Shaughnessy via the parent email for a confidential chat.

