

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

*Bikeability for Year 6 -
3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th
February*

*Celebration of the
Word – Year 1 9.30am
–Thursday 6th
February.*

*NSPCC Number Day –
Friday 7th February.*

*Year 6 visit to St.
Wilfrid's -10th February
–info to follow*

*Safer Internet Day –
Tuesday 11th February*

*Celebration of the
Word – Year 2 9.30am
–Thursday 13th
February.*

*Safety Works Y1 and
Y2 – afternoon trip on
17th February.*

*Celebration of the
Word – Year 3 9.30am
–Thursday 20th
February.*

*Friday 21st February –
–School photographer
8.30am onwards.*

*Friday 21st February –
break up for half term
3.30pm.*

Acting Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

Bishop Stephen visited St. Gregory's and officially opened our Holy Door to launch the Jubilee Year. Thank you for your 'hope' art contributions. We have all been invited us to become Pilgrims of Hope in the coming year. Here is a short video from Cafod to explain more: [Hope Does Not Disappoint](#). Please look at the photos on our website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date with this and all our news. It was lovely to have Reception class family members join us for Celebration of the Word, which focused on the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. We look forward to welcoming more of you to join us in prayer in the weeks ahead.

Have a great week!

Miss E. Shaughnessy

Acting Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week 3rd -7th February

This year, the theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself in partnership with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company and the Inside Out 2 characters. It is the perfect time to focus on the mental health and wellbeing of children to help them explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions; and to encourage children to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. Here is a useful page for parents: [Here4You - Support for parents](#) Here4You - Support for parents.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is only at 95.7%, which is short of our 97% target. Please see below for last week's class attendance:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.3%	97.9%	98.7%	97.0%	97.4%	95.4%	92.6%

Congratulations to Year 2 who achieved best attendance this week and won an extra MUGA session!

Family Lives

We wish to draw your attention to an extremely useful website, Family Lives. Family Lives (previously known as Parentline) offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales. They offer parenting advice on a range of different topics such as pregnancy, early years or family issues. They offer a range of ways that you can get in touch or get support, such as videos, online parenting courses or useful links. In addition to that, they also offer a helpline or live chat on WhatsApp which you can use for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. The helpline number is 0808 800 2222 and this is open at the following times - Monday - Friday 9 am-9 pm Weekends 10-3pm Alternatively, you can send a message via WhatsApp on 07441 444125.

Safeguarding

The designated person for safeguarding and child protection is Miss. Shaughnessy.

In her absence, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Squares, Miss. Watson and Mr. Vasey are the deputy-designated people to speak to if needed. If you need to speak to a designated person, please contact the school office.

