



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Start of term letter
Advent Term 2023

Dear Parents, Children and Carers,

We thank you Lord, for all that was good during the summer, For the love of our family and friends, and for the sunshine and warm days. As we begin a new school year we ask for your help and pray your blessing on everybody in this school. Show us how to work together for the good of all. May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the ways we think and behave.

During this school year let us become builders of your ways and instruments of your peace. We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



Amen

My first letter for this school year comes with my very best wishes for the start of term and a wonderful school year for all of you. I trust that you have all had a chance to relax, have fun and enjoy the company and love of your families over the Summer holiday period. School is filled again with the buzz and noise of the children that comes with the excitement of the new term. As a staff, this is a wonderful time of the year as we too look forward to the new term and new classes commencing.

We are delighted to welcome many new children and their families to our school. I am sure you will join us in helping to make them feel very welcome and part of the school community. We also welcome back Miss Mayes to our school, and Mrs McElhatton our new school Chaplain, to our staff team.

There will be important information being sent home over the next few weeks, so please make sure you check bags regularly for any letters and make sure you have signed up to the APP My Child In School, as this is the main platform we will use for communication and for payments. Newsletters will be sent out each week and will have the diary dates for events /assemblies /visits included so please take the time to read it as dates can occasionally change. May I remind you that we have an open-door policy, which means you can speak with your child's class teacher, Miss Marum or myself regarding any concerns or queries you may have.

School Day

Our school opening is at 8.45am where children are able to go straight into classes in readiness for a prompt 8.55am start. If you arrive after 8.55am please accompany your child to the school office for them to be signed into school on the late register. We all finish the school day at 3.15pm.

Please support us by ensuring your child's attendance is the best it can be by being in school on time each day and not taking any holidays during term time.

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'Walking Together in the Light of the Lord'

Term dates

Autumn Term – Wednesday 6th September – Wednesday 20th December
Half Term Break- Monday 23rd October – Sunday 29th October 2023



Term Dates for 2023 to 2024: Term dates for the 2023 to 2024 academic year are available on our school website in a downloadable format..

Pride in our Uniform:

At St Gregory's we believe children should feel a sense of pride in being a member of our school community. This is reflected in the pride they show when wearing our school uniform. It is our policy at St Gregory's that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. Your support in meeting these expectations is greatly appreciated.

School Uniform:

- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
- **Grey** school trousers, **grey** skirt or **grey** pinafore
- Sensible flat black shoes

PE Uniform:

- Plain white t-shirt
- plain **black** shorts/ **Black** Joggers
- Black plimsolls/ Trainers
- Optional plain black zip up hoody/ school jumper may be worn

We will continue to the routine of children attending school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. As this is in place of the school uniform, it is really important that the correct school PE kit is worn, **not football kits or branded sportswear**. Please support us in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately.

Pupil Leaders

At the start of the school year there is great excitement as we accept nominations for the various Pupil leader roles. These include; Prayer leaders in each class, school council representatives, PHSE ambassadors and our year 6 head and deputy pupil leaders. Please do encourage your child to consider putting themselves forward for these roles. More information will be given by Mrs Netherwood and pupils will be appointed over the next few weeks.
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Extra Curricular Clubs

We once again have a range of before and after school clubs on offer throughout the term. Information will be shared this week about these and how to book places. They will commence week beginning 18th September.

Free School Meals – Pupil Premium

We are all aware of the rising cost of living crisis we are currently living in, please remember the Free School Meals that is available from West Northants Council if you are eligible. The form takes minutes to complete and the information you share on there is confidential and not shared with school. It may be one way of support or help during this difficult time that you may not be aware of. If you think you may be eligible please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Please remember this is different to the universal infant free school meals, where every child in EYFS, Year 1 and 2 are eligible for. If you are successful in your free school meal application the school office will be notified by your child's names joining our list and you will be sent further information from us as we offer a bespoke package for our children who are eligible, this includes:

- *support with school uniform if needed
- *Funded school trips
- *school lunches paid for

If you have any questions about free school meals or pupil premium please speak with **Mrs Annis our Family Support Officer or Miss Marum**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. There will always be a solution and we will always endeavour to help everyone as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support for our school. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education that they can at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs K. Yuen

Executive Headteacher

