



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

*End of term letter
Advent
December 2025*

Dear Parents, Children and Carers,

Christmas will soon be upon us and it will be the end of another busy, but hugely successful term. It is important as the break approaches that we take time to reflect upon and celebrate the fantastic achievements of our children at St Gregory's. We hope you and our pupils have enjoyed the various festive activities that are part of our annual school calendar.



As we have journeyed together through Advent, we have had a number of events, all of which, have been stunning and the quality of experiences for the children has been second to none! Our Advent Reflection in the Cathedral, with our Trust Northampton Schools took place on 2nd December. Once again this was an opportunity for everyone to get together as a family of Catholic schools and to remind ourselves about the 'real' Christmas message, putting to one side all the other things that we busy ourselves with over the festive season. If you had the fortune to be there, we hope you enjoyed the evening. I am sure you will agree that the pupils were outstanding and they were a real credit to the school.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the fantastic nativity, "A King is born" and the Nursery Christmas performance.

Your generous support with the Caritas Christmas Appeal, means that we can support the members of our community in need of a little extra bit of kindness at Christmas time. Thank you also for all the donations for the Northampton Health Charity, the many gifts will be given to children spending Christmas in hospital. So many special memories we have made over this Advent period and throughout, service for others has really shone through.

Thank you

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their commitment, drive and contributions this term. I am privileged to have such a wonderful team here.

We are blessed to have such a supportive and active PTA, who work tirelessly behind the scenes as well as providing fantastic opportunities and experiences for our children. I sincerely thank you all for everything you do.

Thank you also to our dedicated team of Governors who have given so generously of their time this term, to advise, challenge and support the school moving forward. Your help has been invaluable.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and details of how to apply for this valuable role will be circulated in January. If you feel you have skills to offer please do consider this. If you are interested, I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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I would like to impress the importance of the following things for the new term in January;

School attendance, absence and the Law: Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Talking to your child and their teachers could help solve any difficulties you may have in getting your child to go to school and there are other forms of support available if you still have problems. The law requires parents to make sure their children receive full-time education suitable to their needs. Regarding taking holidays during term time; Government legislation now states that requests for holiday leave during term time will not be authorised by the headteacher and could also be subject to a fine. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to not take family holidays during term time and attend school every day. It makes a massive difference to your child's progress.

Uniform Check

Thank you to all the children who always wear the correct uniform. Here are just a few reminders about our Uniform policy – it is non-negotiable, so please ensure that in January your children wear the following:

Winter Uniform reminders
Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
White, short sleeved polo shirt
Grey school trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore
Grey tights, grey socks or white socks
Footwear should be plain, black shoes. Shoes should be fully black, without coloured soles, bands, laces or stripes.
Jewellery
Pupils may wear one pair of studs in their ears. Hoops or 'dangly earrings' are not permitted in any case. Please remove Earrings on PE days.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our children look distinctive and smart at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

As parents, you have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school because faith is important. I hope you have found the last month good preparation for Christmas and good reason as to why you chose to send your child to a school with faith. We could not do what we do without the support of our Parishes. On behalf of us all – I wish Father Brendan, Fr Christopher and all in the Parishes of Sacred Heart and St Gregory's a very happy Christmas and every good wish for 2026

We appreciate the support of parents and also the hard work and dedication of your children, therefore we ask that all members of the community take the opportunity to recharge over the Christmas break and spend some quality time with friends and family.

School will reopen on **Tuesday 6th January**. May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. As always if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours Sincerely

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