



1st December, 2023.

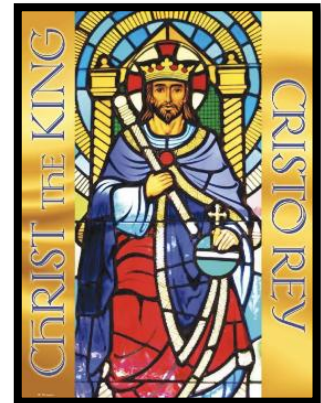
Message from Mr Perree...

Dear Parents,

When the weather forecast predicted a chilly week, I'm not sure we anticipated just how cold it would be! We're blessed with beautiful school grounds at St. Gregory's, and our surroundings have looked even more beautiful dusted with frost these early mornings. There have been so many moments of awe and wonder, as our youngest children have taken 'winter walks', exploring our frozen outdoor areas.

Prayer and Liturgy – Feast of Christ the King

This week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and remember Jesus' promise to return in glory. In our Celebration of the Word, and in our class times of prayer, we reflected on the many titles we give to Jesus, including The Servant King, and how we follow Jesus' example in our everyday lives; living a life of service for others. We are reminded that God is with us now, loving us and guiding us in every part of our day.



Staffing News

It is with a heavy heart that St. Gregory's will be saying farewell to Mrs Gordon, our Year 4 teacher, at Christmas. Having been offered an incredible opportunity, Mrs Gordon and her family will be emigrating to Australia. We couldn't be happier for Mrs Gordon on this (though unexpected) exciting and life-changing opportunity. We wish Mrs Gordon and her family every happiness and success with their onward journey.

Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

Year 4 families, in the short time between learning this news and today, we have acted quickly and thoroughly to find a teacher to continue the rest of your child's year in school. We're delighted to have been able to appoint Miss Donnelly to take over from Mrs Gordon. The children have already met Miss Donnelly, and we will be making time for Miss Donnelly and Year 4 to get to know one another before the Christmas holiday.

Whitechapel Centre – Thank you!

Thank you for the tremendous number of donations we have received for the Whitechapel Centre. Our Minni Vinnies are bowled over by the generosity of our community. The overflowing donation station in the school foyer is a visual example of how faith is lived out within our community, as we all come together to help those in need. Your donations will go a long way to clothe and feed those who are homeless in our wider communities and will be gratefully received, especially during these cold winter months.



Christmas Performances

Rehearsals for our two Nativities are well underway! Both Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been in full voice, rehearsing their lines and musical numbers, as they prepare to share the joy and hope of the Christmas story (with a little twist, of course!). Tickets for the performances have now been shared with families. Please note that Mrs King is keeping a reserve list for tickets, should tickets be returned or become available.

Choir Christmas Concert

Our Choir have been rehearsing, ready for their Christmas Carol Concert on **Monday 18th December at 4.00pm**. Families are welcome to join us in the school hall for a wonderful selection of Carols and will include seasonal refreshments – be prepared for a festive singalong!

Christmas Bingo and PTA Helpers

Thank you for the great number of donations made today in support of our Christmas Bingo fundraising event, which will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm**. As mentioned previously, we have reduced our number of Mufti Days, so today was the only Mufti Day in exchange for donations. If you are interested in lending a helping hand at our Christmas Bingo, please contact Mrs King – any offer of help is always greatly appreciated.

Award Winners

Local Councillor, Sonia Crompton, has been in contact today, to inform us that St. Gregory's have won the **Community Champion Award**, for all of the hard work that the children did at Sandy Lane Park earlier this year. The children spent part of their lunchtime and afternoon with Mrs Albon and the team, creating beautiful flower beds. We look forward to welcoming Sonia to school in the coming weeks to present school with an engraved trophy. Well done everybody!



Stay wrapped up this weekend!

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Perree', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Perree
Deputy Headteacher



Newsletter

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Penitential Service for Advent – First Reconciliation

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be visiting St. Gregory's Church on Monday 4th December at 2pm, for the children to celebrate First Reconciliation, with Father Grant.

We would like to invite families to this celebration of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate with the children in this joyful occasion and milestone in your child's life.



We will be welcoming our school nurses into school on Tuesday 5th December, to administer the Nasal Flu Spray vaccinations to children.

Only children who are registered for the nasal spray will receive it on the day. If your child has received the vaccination at your doctors, since you requested the vaccination online, you must complete the form to opt out.

The form for applying or opting out is available below:

<https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/>

Christmas Dinner will be offered to children at St. Gregory's, from Reception class through to Year 6, on Wednesday 20th December.

Christmas Dinner



Roast Turkey, carrots and all the trimmings, served by school staff to the children.

There will be a form available on the school app next week, for you to choose whether your child would like a Christmas Dinner, or will bring their own festive packed lunch.

Atkinson Theatre – Southport Thursday 14th December

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be visiting Atkinson Theatre, Southport, for their whole school pantomime, Jack and The Beanstalk.

This has been added to your child's Parentpay account, could you please ensure that you complete the consent slip for your child to attend this slip.

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel



Children in Nursery and Reception,
will be performing
Whoops a Daisy Angel.

Monday 11th December 2023

Grandparents
9.00pm

Tuesday 12th December 2023
Year 1 Families
9.00pm

Wednesday 13th December 2023
Year 2 Families
9.00pm

Tickets will be sent home with children, once payment is received via
Parentpay. Please produce your ticket upon arrival.

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A Midwife Crisis.

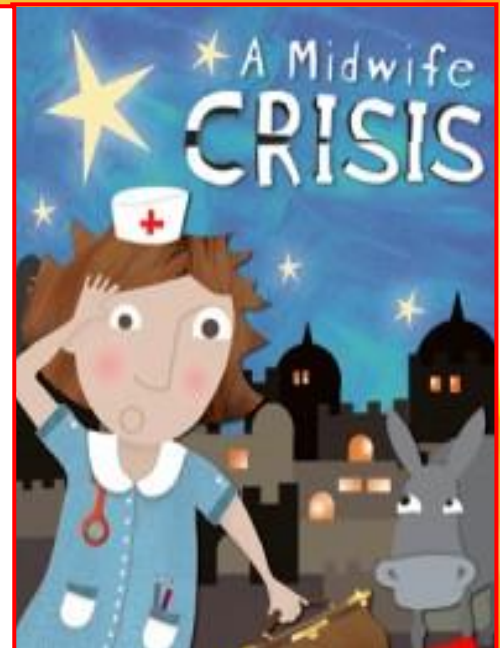
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All the children have been working really hard to remember their lines, songs
and dance movements!

Thank you to all our parents, who have taken time to practice with your children
and have started to send in costumes for their performances.

Both performances are brilliant and we know our families are going to thoroughly
enjoy them on the day!



Reception Class have been exploring ice this week.

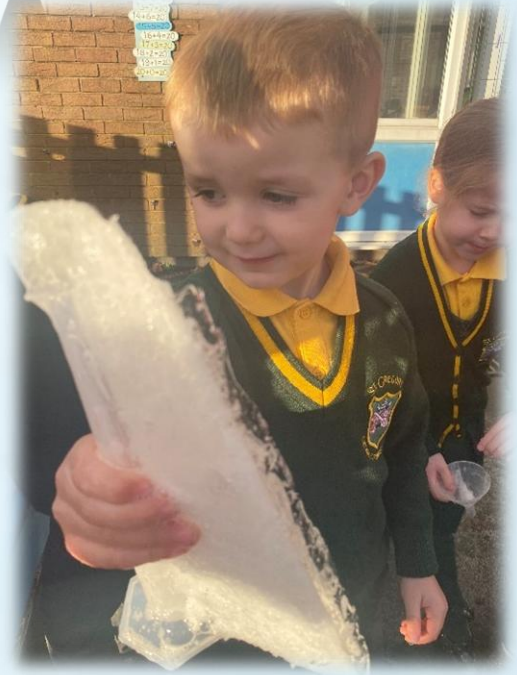
The children put some of their toys outside in bowls of water, so that they would freeze overnight.



ICE PLAY



Ice play offers lots of learning opportunities for children to explore cause and effect. They used all their senses whilst exploring the ice, as well as asking lots of questions.



CHRISTMAS



**Wednesday 13th December
'Eyes Down' at 6pm.**

Over the last few years, we have had fantastic turn outs for this fundraising event and we hope that this year will be no different.

We do understand that it is a struggle financially at the moment and we have been very mindful of this when we have set the price for tickets etc.

A form is now available on the school app for you to reserve your family seats at this event. It will be on a first come-first served basis.

Entry tickets will cost £1 per adult and 50p per child. On the night, you will be able to purchase your Bingo Tickets upon entry into the hall.

Children are very welcome at this event and they are able to play bingo too. Please remember, the hall will be full and very noisy, so it may not be suitable for toddlers or very young babies.

There will be plenty of wonderful prizes to be won on the night, lovely festive hampers, which would make wonderful Christmas presents too!

We will also be having a game of our popular – stand up, sit down bingo game.

Refreshments will be available on the night, with hot food and mulled wine for the grown up people!

This is always a fantastic festive fundraising event for our families – come along and support your school!



Carols by Candlelight

Monday 18th
December
at 3.45pm

St.Gregory's School Choir will be holding their Christmas Concert for families, on **Monday 18th December at 3.45pm** in the school hall.

The children have been practicing during the last few weeks for this concert and their singing is beautiful.

We hope that all our families of the school choir can come along and enjoy this festive event, this will really make your Christmas very special.

There will be a form available on the school app, for you to select how many seats you will require at the concert. If you cannot make the concert, but would still like your child to attend and sing, please complete the form and give your permission.

Refreshments and mince pies will also be served!

Come along, enjoy the singing and bring your hankies!





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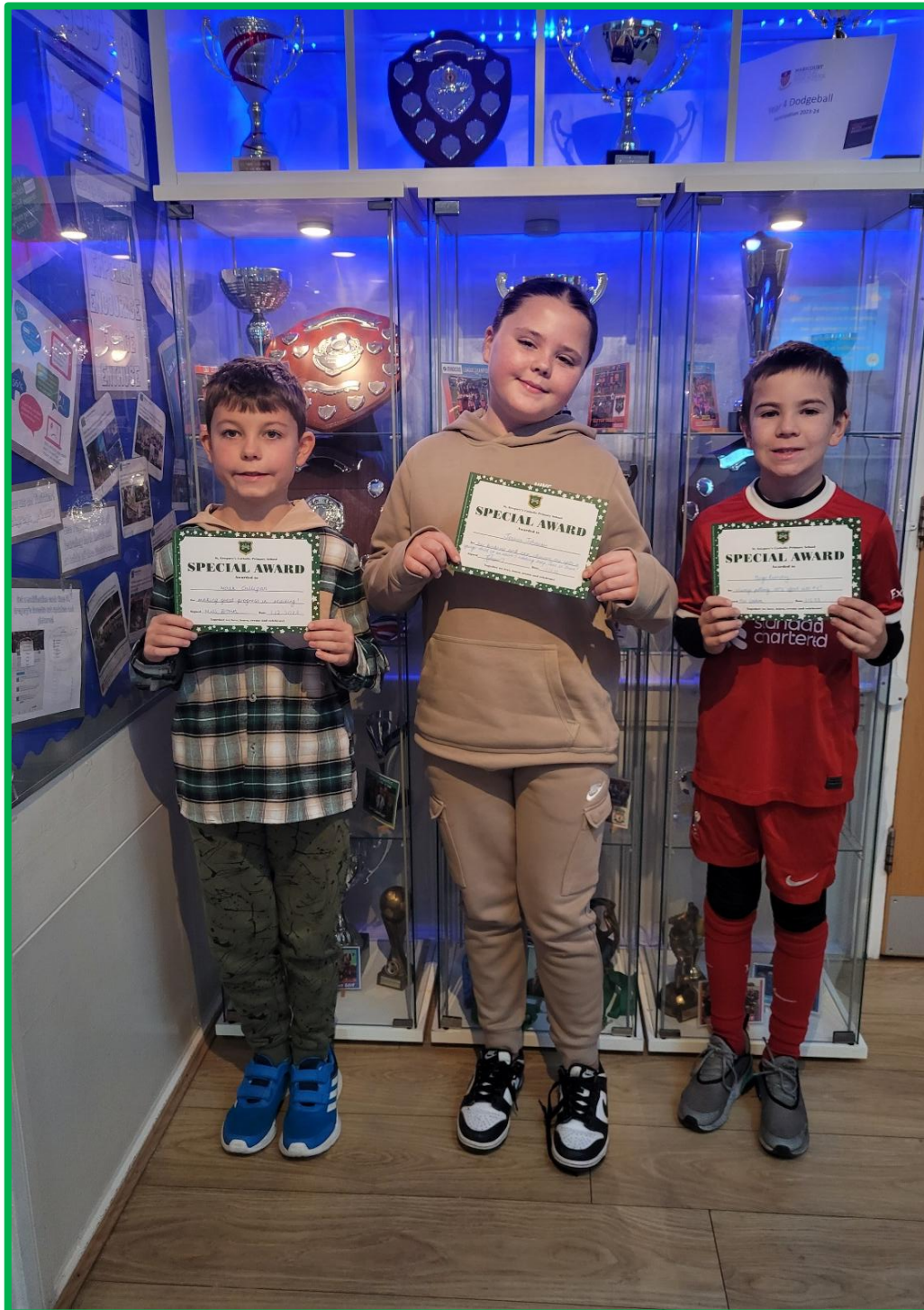


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Special Award Winners





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Best Book Winners

