



13th January, 2023.

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

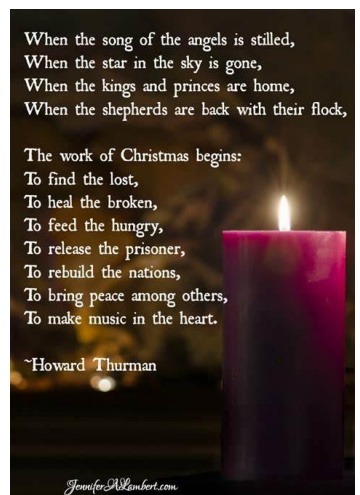
Here we are again at the start of another year full of hope and promise, and yet I'm sure there is a level of anxiety given all that is happening in our country and our world. In school, the children have settled quickly back into routine, and that pre-Christmas focus has returned as children and staff begin another term together.

Prayer and Liturgy

We began our new term with three beautiful times of prayer. On our first day back, we gathered as a whole school to think about the Treasures the Wise Men brought to Jesus (including the cheese sandwich!), and then we thought about the treasures we have in our own lives. As always, the children's responses were amazing and you will be heartened to know that the treasures they spoke about weren't their Christmas presents, but *you* their families, their friends, nature and love.

On Friday, Key Stage two travelled to Church to join members of the Parish, parents and St. John Bosco to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The children raised the roof when they sang and the whole mass was filled with joy! We had many lovely comments from members of the Parish: in-person comments on the day; many phone calls to school; and several people continuing to stop me at Mass on Sunday. What marvelous ambassadors our children are for St. Gregory's!

Meanwhile back at school, Mrs Thompson led a beautiful time of prayer for our younger children, again with very enthusiastic singing!



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

We hope that fortnightly Parish Masses in school will resume in February, with different classes taking turns to attend. I know Father Grant is really looking forward to celebrating Mass in both schools once again.

Upcoming School Trips and Events

For those who haven't received theirs already, a letter will be sent home in the coming days detailing the costs for your child's class trips for the rest of this academic year. Regardless of the timing of the trips, you will have the next seven months to make any payments: you may speak with Mrs King to set up a payment plan for monthly instalments, or we are able to receive payment in full, if this is easier for you. If for any reason you are struggling with payments, please do contact school and the matter will be dealt with by myself or Mrs King in the strictest of confidence.

Following on from some feedback at the end of last term, we will be further reviewing any future trips from September 2023 and possibly reducing the number of trips for each class. In September 2022 at the Meet the Teacher meetings, I was given to understand that parents wanted trips to take place, however, I fully appreciate the cost-of-living crisis has worsened and family situations are changing, sometimes unexpectedly. I will be consulting all members of our school community to find a way forward.

Behaviour Policy Reminders

Thank you for supporting our Behaviour Policy. It was good to see most children following the rules again this new term, particularly having their hair tied back, not wearing nail polish and bringing the correct snack for breaktime. We appreciate your support. Don't forget our free uniform shop if you need any items of clothing.

I hope you and your family have a happy and peace filled 2023.

Thank you all once again for all your support.

With kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Newsletter



St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

13th January, 2023

Trips

We have been very fortunate to be able to book the following trips for children at St. Gregory's for during the next few months. Letters have either already been sent home to parents, or will be sent to parents next week, when we have final costings. As always, we try our best to keep the prices down for our trips and are very considerate of the current financial climate.

Year 1 – Safari Park
Year 5 – Residential trip to York
Year 2 – Liverpool World Museum and Planetarium
Year 4 – Residential trip to Malham
Year 3 – Residential trip to CHET (Crosby Hall Educational Trust)
Year 6 - Residential trip to Robinwood

Welcome!

We were thrilled to welcome new children to our Nursery this week, as part of our January intake.

**Welcome Ellis, Sofia,
Annie, Grace and
Ada.**

The children settled in really well to their new setting and quickly made lots of new friends.



Every child has an account with our online payment system Parentpay. If you are having any issues accessing your account, please call into the school office and let Mrs King know and we will do our best to sort the problem out.

Admissions

**Applications through local authorities for a place in
Reception class for September 2023 close on 15th
January 2023.**

If you have selected St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School as one of your three choices, please provide school with the following information to support your application:

- Your child's baptism certificate
- Proof of your home address where the child lives.
- Completion of a Supplementary Faith form.

All of the above documents can be handed into the school office.

As mentioned when your child first started Nursery, **a place in our school Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception class.**

All documents requested must be received as soon as possible.

Our admissions criteria can be found on our school website.

Nursery



What a week the children in St. Gregory's Nursery have had! They have thoroughly enjoyed bringing their Science curriculum to life with experiments of mixing food colorants with glitter and ice.



The children loved playing with the ice and making different shapes and letters with the colours. The feeling of the ice melting as they were holding the pieces in their hands and watching how the colour ran through the ice!

Year 1

Special People in Our Lives – that was the RE topic of Year 1 this week. The children all spoke about the people in their lives who they love and who are always there for them, showing care and providing protection.



Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Kayden – Year 4



Jack – Year 1



Caleb – Reception
Gold Medal Winner
Thomas - Reception



Isaac – Year 5

Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Grace – Year 3



Joel – Year 2



Annabella – Year 6

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Matilda – Year 4



Zac – Year 3



Jacob – Year 2

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Olly – Year 1



Logan – Year 6



Annie – Year 5

Best Book Award

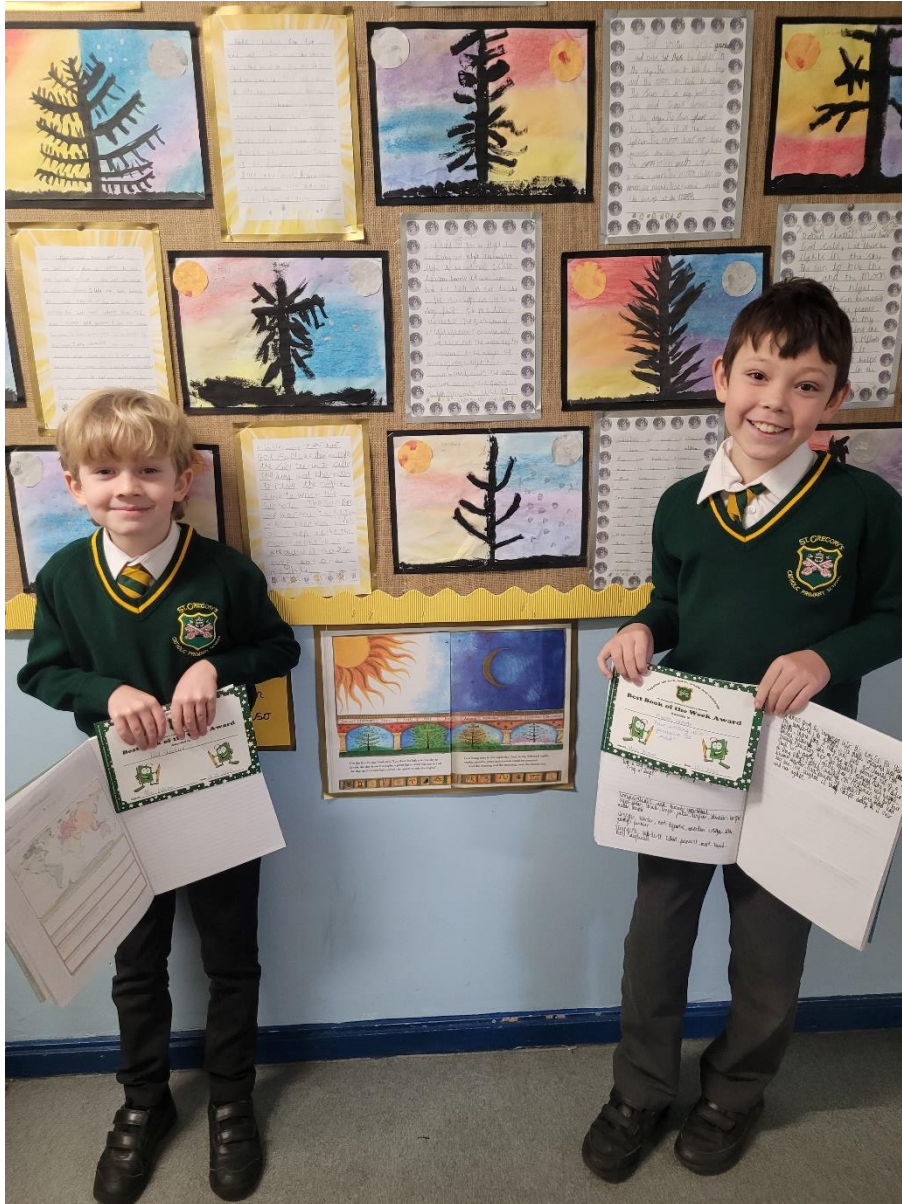
Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Winnie – Year 3
Mya – Year 2
Lillian – Year 1

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Will – Year 3

Mason – Year 5