



Friday 19th December, 2025

Dear St. Gregory's community,

Carols by Candlelight – preparing our hearts for Jesus

As we journey into the Christmas holiday, we have ended the term in the most beautiful and prayerful way with our Carols by Candlelight. Gathering together in our darkened hall, softly illuminated by candlelight, we created a truly special atmosphere of calm and reverence. Led by our adults, soloists and choir, we were guided through prayer, poetry, scripture and song, sharing carols old and new as we prepared our hearts to welcome Jesus this Christmas. It was a gentle and moving way to pause amid the busyness of the season and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Superstars!

A tremendous well done must also go to our children in Nursery through to Year 2, who gave their all right until the very end of term through their Nativity performances. Our EYFS families were welcomed into a softly lit setting for the Nursery Rhyme Nativity, beautifully shared through confident speech, joyful singing and even a few extra dance moves along the way! Meanwhile, our KS1 children received "10s" all round for their strictly sensational performance of Lights, Camel, Action!—retelling the Christmas story with creativity, energy and some impressive hip action that brought many smiles to the audience. Well done, children!

Christmas Events – Thank you!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to both staff and families for the incredible support shown across the many Christmas events throughout the half-term. Advent is a truly special time, and we really do it well at St. Gregory's. These moments are a tangible reflection of the strength of our partnership and our thriving community, a blessing I never take for granted. From supporting Nativities, raffles and the Christmas Bingo, to ensuring children could join us for Carol Concerts (both in school and in church), or coming together for our Community Christmas Lunch, your generosity of time and spirit enables life-long memories to be made for our children, for which we are deeply grateful.

Our St. Gregory's Staff – Thank you!

Finally, my sincere thanks go to our truly amazing staff team. I am blessed to lead a group of professionals who keep children at the very heart of all they do. Our staff give all that they are to our St. Gregory's family, and I am continually blown away by their generosity of spirit, care and commitment. I hope they, like you, enjoy a well-deserved and restful Christmas holiday. They really do deserve it!

With my very best wishes for a joyful, happy and holy Christmas, and with hopeful anticipation of a happy and healthy 2026 for our whole school community.

Mr. Joseph Perree
Headteacher





*'Together,
in Jesus,
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Christmas Sports Camp Ultimate Kids

Reminder for parents that Mr Currie and all our friends from Ultimate Kids will be operating their Sports Camp at St.Gregory's over the Christmas holiday period.

If you are looking for a fun and active way to keep children busy over the Christmas holidays, then Ultimate Kids Sports Camp is the perfect option! Packed with a variety of games and sports, the camp helps children stay active, make new friends, and build confidence in a safe and supportive environment. With plenty of festive fun and energetic activities, it's a great way for children to enjoy their break while staying on the move.

If you would like further information, please take a look at their website:

<https://bookings.ultimatekidsltd.co.uk/project/70223>



Thank you to all our families who took part in our Christmas Prize Raffle. We truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm, it really made the festive season even more special for our school community.

All money raised during our Christmas festivities, will be going towards purchasing equipment for our new calm room in EYFS area. Watch this space for our latest project!

Congratulations to our lucky winners, and thank you again for being part of our festive celebration!

Events for 2026!



January

- Monday 5th - All children to return to school
- Monday 5th - Y4 swimming lessons continue
- Tuesday 13th - Y6 Formby Coastline Trip
- Thursday 15th - Y3 Eco Centre Trip
- Wednesday 21st - Y4 Chester Roman Day
- Tuesday 27th - Stay & Pray Class Worship

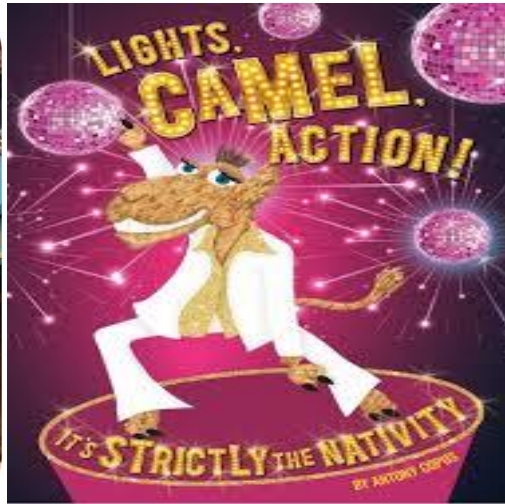
February

- Monday 2nd - Year 4 final swimming lesson
- Friday 6th - Young Voices Concert
(Further information to be given nearer the time)
- Monday 9th February - Year 3 commence swimming
- Wednesday 11th to 13th February - Y3 CHET residential
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half Term
(School closed for all children)
- Monday 23rd February - All children to return to school after half term 
- Tuesday 24th February - Y2 at Chester Zoo
- Wednesday 25th February - Parents Evening (1)
- Thursday 26th February - Parents Evening (2)
- Thursday 26th February - Y5 Old Docks Museum





The heat was certainly rising during our Christmas Dinner celebrations! The children were all treated to a sumptuous traditional Christmas roast dinner, served by the school staff to the children. Laughter, singing and plenty of festive joy was bellowing from our school hall. Thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff for providing such a wonderful meal for our children.



The KS1 nativity, *Lights, Camel, Action*, was absolutely wonderful and a delight for everyone who attended. The children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm, filling the hall with joyful singing and cheerful acting. The sparkling lights created a magical atmosphere, while the camel dance moves added fun and excitement, the whole production kept the audience smiling throughout. It was a heart-warming performance that truly celebrated the Christmas story and showcased the incredible efforts of both the children and staff.

This was Mrs. Thompson's last nativity at St. Gregory's and what a wonderful performance to finish on!





Christmas CAROL CONCERT

Our school choir carol concert was a truly wonderful celebration that brought families and the whole school community together. The hall was filled with festive music, smiling faces, and a warm sense of togetherness as our KS2 children sang with confidence and joy.



Each performance reflected the children's hard work and enthusiasm, creating a magical atmosphere that everyone enjoyed. It was a memorable evening that captured the spirit of the season and reminded us how special it is to share these moments as a school family.



We were delighted to host the local parish Christmas Community Lunch at our school this year; a heart-warming event that brought together members of our local community to celebrate the festive season.

Our Year 6 children did a fantastic job serving the meal, showing kindness, responsibility, and excellent manners throughout the event.

The hall was filled with cheerful conversation, laughter, and a real sense of togetherness, making it a truly special afternoon. We are very proud of our children for helping to create such a welcoming and joyful Christmas experience for everyone involved.





Our nursery Christmas party was full of excitement and festive fun, made extra special by the magical snow machine. The children were thrilled as snowflakes filled the air, creating a winter wonderland right in our nursery. With music, laughter, and lots of smiles, the party was a joyful celebration that captured the children's sense of wonder and made it a Christmas to remember.



Our Early Years Foundation Stage children delighted everyone with their Christmas nativity, *The Nursery Rhyme Nativity*. The performance was full of charm and confidence as the children brought familiar nursery rhymes to life while sharing the Christmas story. With colourful costumes, cheerful singing, and lots of smiles, the children did an amazing job and thoroughly enjoyed being on stage. It was a joyful and memorable performance that families will treasure.





