

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life this term. Our youngest pupils, particularly those in Nursery and Reception who are joining us for the first time, have made an excellent start. We also welcome some children into other classes for the first time. Thank you for supporting the transition to our new school uniform. The children look so smart and grown up, and they are wearing it with pride. Please keep those standards high as we move through the term. I would like to congratulate our new Head Boy and Head Girl, who I know will set a fantastic example for the rest of the school this coming year.

A big well done to our new House Captains and Deputy Captains, Kindness Ambassadors, Mini Vinnies and the wider pupil leadership team, who meet with staff regularly to share their ideas and help shape our school.

Please take a few minutes to read our newsletter for key information and updates.

Warm regards,

Miss E. Shaughnessy

Harvest Festival

This year, our Mini Vinnies are once again 'connecting' with their older Saint Vincent de Paul counterparts and have decided that our Harvest donations will go to The Key Project in South Shields.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Tuesday 21st October for EYFS and KS1 and Thursday 23rd October for key Stage 2 pupils. All donations can be dropped off at school—preferably ahead of Monday 20th October—so that we have time to set up a lovely Harvest display.

Suggested items include:

- Tinned meals (curry, burgers, potatoes, chilli, meatballs, ham, pies)
- Breakfast items (cereal, long-life milk)
- Jars of cooking sauces (Italian, Indian, Chinese)
- Dried goods such as rice, pasta and lentils

Our Mini Vinnies are working with SAPA this Friday to host a McMillan Coffee morning—please pop along for cake and a cuppa!

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Staffing Update

Mrs Blackwood is leaving St Gregory's at the end of the Autumn Term. The staff and governors thank Mrs Blackwood and wish her well in the future.

The recruitment for our new Deputy Headteacher will take place in the coming weeks. Miss Nolan will continue to teach Year 1 and Mrs Douglas (EYFS Lead) will resume her post as Acting SENCO, a role she successfully held last year.

Clubs and Pick Up

All children including Year 6 must be collected promptly at **4:30pm after a club**. For safeguarding reasons, pupils cannot walk home alone during the autumn term, as it will be getting dark in the coming weeks.

Attendance

Classes	Percentages
Nursery	100.0%
Reception	100.0%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	100.0%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	97.2%

A huge congratulations to **Nursery, Reception and Year 2** for achieving a perfect **100% attendance** last week – what an amazing effort! Let's keep working together to make sure every day counts.

Mission Statement:

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