

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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Summer Holiday News Headteacher: E. Shaughnessy

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

1st September INSET day (school closed).

2nd September – school reopens.

Fit for the Finish – Great North Run (Year 6) – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Information to follow.

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer break, making the most of the recent sunshine and some well-earned rest with family and friends.

Here in school, it has been a busy holiday — our classroom renovation works are well underway, and we are very excited to show the children the improvements (including our brand-new Little Stars Nursery classroom) when they return.

With less than two weeks to go, it is full steam ahead as we prepare for an exciting start to the new academic year!

**Warm regards,**

*Miss E. Shaughnessy*

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## **Miss Hyde's Wonderful News**

We are delighted to share that **Miss Hyde has welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Arlo**. Both mum and baby are doing well, and we send them all our love and congratulations!

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## **Pick Up and Drop Off**

We are putting the finishing touches to the new entry and collection arrangements for our **Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children**.

Full details will be shared with you **before we return in September** so that everyone knows exactly where to drop off and collect their child.

- The new system will begin from **Tuesday 2nd September**.
  - Thank you for your patience and support — our priority is to make the start and end of the day smooth and safe for all children.
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## 🌀 Clubs and P.E. Lessons

- There will be **no clubs running in the first week of term**, so children can settle back into school routines. The office will send out club information during that week for the first half term.
- **P.E. lessons will start from the week commencing Monday 8th September.**
- On **Friday 5th September**, your child will bring home a **class newsletter** with details about the curriculum and practical information including their P.E. day- these are the days that children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit.

## Wraparound Care – *The Den*

We are delighted to let you know that our Wraparound Care has been rebranded and will now be known as “**The Den.**”

The Den will continue to provide the same high-quality before- and after-school care that families rely on, with fun activities, a welcoming space, and familiar staff your children know and trust.

- **Arbor bookings** for The Den will open on **Monday 1st September** (due to a system rollover, we are unable to open bookings earlier).
- If you need a place on **Tuesday 2nd September**, we will run a **drop-in session** that day (charges will be applied manually by office staff).
- From **Wednesday 3rd September**, all sessions must be booked in advance via Arba to ensure The Den runs smoothly and remains in ratio.



## Water Bottles & Equipment

Thanks to the support of **SAPA funds**, every child will receive a **brand-new St. Gregory's water bottle** when they return to school. These bottles are the perfect size for classroom use, so there is no need to send one from home. They can be refilled and cleaned in school, or sent home for cleaning if you prefer.

To help keep things simple and fair for everyone, school will also continue to provide **all pencils and equipment children need**. This means families do not need to buy pencil cases or extra stationery — saving money and ensuring every child has the same resources for learning.

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*We cannot wait to welcome everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and growing together!*