

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together, and always try our best. Shining in little ways for all to see."

Matthew 5:16

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Newsletter Summer Term 2 Headteacher: E. Shaughnessy

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

What an excellent few weeks we have had in school—busy but lots of fun! Thank you so much for your wonderful feedback following our recent events. Our staff truly go above and beyond to create a community where every family feels valued and included.

We are delighted to share that our Colour Run has raised an incredible £4,000—what a fantastic achievement! A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event.



The SAPA team and I have carefully considered how best to use these funds, and we are excited to share that we will be working towards purchasing a **Forest School Outdoor Classroom**. While we will need to continue fundraising, we hope this will become a wonderful addition to our Forest School area, providing a unique and inspiring space that all children across the school will benefit from over many years.

We have also booked a Cinderella Pantomime to come into school for Christmas for Year 1 – Year 6 and an Early Years' Elf Show for Nursery and Reception. Thank you once again for your continued support.

With every good wish,

Miss E. Shaughnessy
Headteacher

🌟 Celebrating Our Year 1 and Year 4 Superstars 🌟

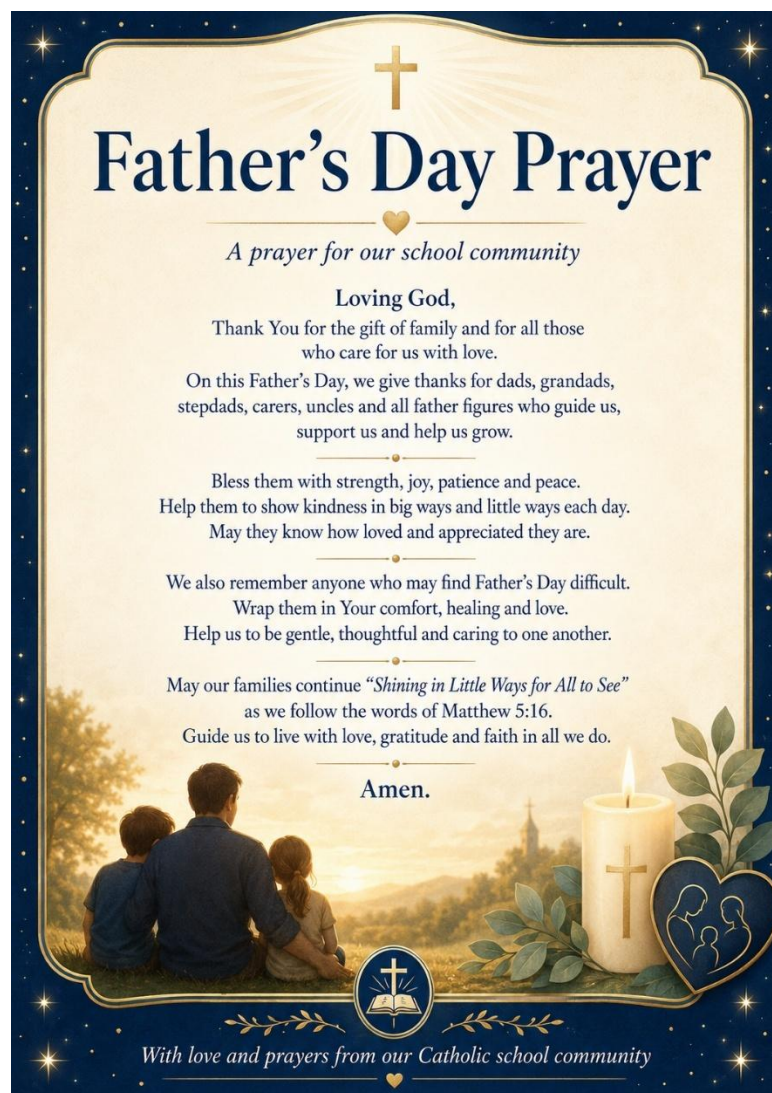
A huge well done to all of our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils for their amazing effort and resilience during the recent Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Tables Check. They have worked incredibly hard and should feel extremely proud of themselves. All results will be shared with you in your child's end-of-year report.

Thankyou Parent Volunteers

We are so grateful to our amazing parent volunteers who support class trips—your help and generosity are truly appreciated.

Father's Day Events

A heartfelt thank you to all our dads, grandads and father figures who attended our Father's Day events. It was wonderful to welcome you into school and see the joy on the children's faces—your time and support mean a great deal to us all. Happy Father's Day for Sunday!



Behaviour Policy

Please note our Behaviour Policy is available on our school website. Paper copies can be requested from the school office. Thank you to all parents who filled in our safeguarding questionnaire at the Gentleman's Afternoon Tea.

Term Time Holidays and Attendance

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, please remember that all leave of absence requests must be made **in advance**. Forms require a minimum of **4 weeks' notice** to be processed.

Leave of absence forms are available from the school office and must be returned fully completed, including signatures from **both parents/carers where applicable**. In line with our Attendance Policy, Department for

Education guidance and South Tyneside procedures, leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**. It is highly unlikely that leave will be granted for family holidays.

Where school has reason to believe that a pupil is absent due to an unauthorised holiday, even if this has not been declared as such, the absence may be recorded as unauthorised and could still be referred to the Local Authority in line with attendance procedures.

Further information can be found in our Attendance Policy on our school website and on the leave of absence request form.

Offence	Penalty Notice
First Offence	£160 per parent, per child. Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
Second Offence (within 3 years)	£160 per parent, per child. No reduced rate.
Third Offence (within 3 years)	No further penalty notices issued. The case may be referred directly to the Magistrates' Court.

We ask all families to support the school by ensuring children attend every day and by arranging holidays during the published school holiday periods wherever possible.