



A weekly newsletter for Parents, Carers, Students, Governors and Staff

19 January 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Governors

Dates for Your Diary

25 - 27 Jan	Beauty and the Beast performance, 7pm
Thu 1 Feb	Y11 Parents Evening 4-7pm
Tue 6 Feb	Parent Prayer 8am in the Chapel
Fri 9 Feb	End of Term 3
Mon 19 Feb	Term 4 begins

Next week: B



It has been another busy week at St Gregory's. On Monday, Mr Leaman and I collected our British Council International Award from the Houses of Parliament, which was a real honour. Our award is in recognition of outstanding development in the international dimension of our curriculum. We are delighted to have strong relationships and global partnerships with schools around the world and we are always seeking ways to provide our students with opportunities and experiences to look outwards and learn about other languages, people and cultures. We were thrilled to be joined by Wera Hobbhouse, our local Member of Parliament, to help celebrate the award.

We also welcomed visitors from the Impressive School, one of the schools in China who send up to 50 of their students for two-week placements at St Gregory's. After exchanging gifts, we discussed how excited we are to be able to open up exchanges again after the disruption to these programmes during Covid.

In assemblies this week, Mr Boutland-Smith reflected on the theme of Christian Unity and what it means for us to be united as a local community of faith. Our mission as a school is to find ways to unite and respect each others' faith and differences and to celebrate what makes each one of us unique and precious in the eyes of God.

On another note, I have noticed that our school site is becoming messy so please can all students ensure they put their litter in the many bins available. Throwing litter implies that someone else will pick it up which is not respectful and not something we condone in this school. I also had to speak to all year groups this week about respect for all staff - teachers, cover supervisors, learning support assistants, our office and reception staff, catering and estates teams and supply staff. There have been a few recent incidents of students being rude, disrespectful or swearing at our staff which is unacceptable and not tolerated at St Gregory's. We are a family and we speak kindly and gently to everyone here, remembering the dignity that each one of us deserves. I would appreciate parents reinforcing these key messages at home so that our young people develop the virtue of respect for their environment and those they come into contact with each day.

To mark Christian Unity Week, I will leave you with a short prayerful reflection ahead of the weekend:

Come, all who love the Lord and all who would like to.
 Come, those who don't yet know who God is.
 Come, young and old and those in between.
 Come, if you've been here many times.
 Come, if you've never been here before.
 Come, as friends, as neighbours, as equals in God's eyes.
 Come and be welcome, whoever you are.
 Amen

Mrs Melissa George (BA Hons, MA, PGCE)

Chaplaincy thoughts for the week ...

This week is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the theme for this year is '*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself*' (Lk 10:27), from the parable of the Good Samaritan passage. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

Our neighbours in Burkina Faso call us to reconnect to God's dream for us – a dream of a unity formed of ties of love and compassion. This challenges us not only to reflect on the learning from our ecumenical journey so far, but to widen our vision. What can we learn from people of other faiths, from those whose backgrounds are most different from our own, and what do we need from each other?

The invitation to work together on the texts for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 challenged the different churches in Burkina Faso to walk, pray and work together in mutual love during this difficult period for their country. The love of Christ that unites all Christians is stronger than their divisions and the Christians of Burkina Faso commit themselves to walking the path of love of God and love of neighbour. They are confident that God's love will overcome the violence that currently afflicts their country.

You are invited to join them in prayer this week by downloading the daily reflections from the following link.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.blzU36L9TX.pdf>

Chaplaincy Timetable

Mon	Break – Shared Prayer Lunch – HMD Artwork
Tue	Break – Lectio Lunch – HMD Artwork
Wed	Break - Rosary
Thu	Lunch – Meditation
Fri	Break – Holocaust Memorial Day Reflection Lunch – Games

Prayer for Unity Amidst Diversity

Source: Christian Aid

God of all creation
who called every being into life
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world

we ask for your Spirit to unite us
where we face lack of understanding and disunity
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.
And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life
experienced in so many regions of the earth
and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour,
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures
and faith communities with respect
and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,
in Christ we are reconciled,
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit
to help us to overcome all our divisions
that we may live in peace. Amen.

Mr Robinson, Lay Chaplain

Nut Allergies



Please be aware that we have students and staff with serious nut allergies. We would therefore ask that you do not include nuts in packed lunches and snacks, eg chocolate and cereal bars.

La galette des Rois: Year 11 celebrated l'Épiphanie with La Galette Des Rois during their French lesson



Our two queens this year: **Ida**, for the chocolate galette, and **Gracie**, for the apple galette. Students really enjoyed the celebration.

The French have been serving up Galette Des Rois since the 14th century. Traditionally, it is served on 6 January, the twelfth day of Christmas – to celebrate the Epiphany, a religious feast day commemorating the arrival of the Three Kings to the manger where Jesus was born. Today, it is eaten throughout the month of January and is simply a festive way to celebrate the new year with family and friends, regardless of religious background. The pleasure brought by a Galette Des Rois is not merely due to its delicious taste – it is also the anticipation of wondering whether you will be the lucky one to discover la fève, a tiny charm, buried inside one of the slices. If you are, you are 'King or Queen for a day' and take your place in a 700-year-old French tradition.

Madame Lemée, Head of MFL



The Voices for Life Bath Children's choir rehearses in the fabulous Bath Abbey Song School on Saturdays, 9.30am-10.45am. All children aged 6-11 are welcome.

Sign up: If your child is interested in joining the choir please click on the link below to complete the registration form or email Tessa at tessa@voicesforlife.org.uk. There is no need to pay at this stage as the first session will be a free taster (there is also financial assistance available).

<https://forms.gle/VFPiZX2tr5xYnN5p9>



Water Bottles

Please remember to bring in a named water bottle (for water only) which can be refilled in the Bistro area or by the Snack Shack at appropriate times. NB: You may also like to think of this if you have a long journey home.

Benefit Related Free School Meals All School Years

Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?

Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?

- If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school then you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals?
- Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, **not** your actual Universal Credit payment.
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year two and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, **you can still apply for the Benefit Related Free School Meals.**

Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Ways to apply:

Online via the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can ask your child's school for an application form or you can make a telephone application by calling 01225 394317. If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will call you back.

For more details, please visit our website at: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods) Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for four weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



The PE Department are running a trip to watch Team Bath play Netball at Bath University. If you are interested, please fill in the Google Form sent to you on Class Charts this week. We would like to take as many people as possible. Tickets cost £12 and the match dates are to the Google Form. If you have any questions then please come and see Mrs McHale or Mrs Lawson as soon as possible!



Free webinar for parents of Year 10 and 11:

Explore post 16 pathways and jobs of the future.

This live webinar will explain all the post 16 pathways, e.g. A-levels, T-levels, BTECs, and the apprenticeship route. We will also show

you how you can use Careerplot to explore these pathways and how to find out more about a range of growing, green jobs and the routes into them.

Wednesday 24 January 6-7pm

Parents: click here to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e...>

Absences

Reporting Absences

Feature on the Class Charts (parent) App

Please use the Class Charts app to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. The absence telephone line is still available, however we would prefer you to use this app if possible. This should not only be easier for you, but will allow the school to be more efficient when recording student absences. Once we have acknowledged the absence, you will receive a confirmation email to the account that is registered in the app.

You can also report planned absences such as medical appointments.

If your school has decided to allow parents to report absences, you will see the **Absences** tab when viewing pupils from that school.

Selecting this tab will display a list of **absences that you have reported**, once you have reported them. This includes **when** the absence took place, the **reason** for the absence and who **acknowledged** your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the **Report new absence** button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the **form** provided.

You can also include up to 5 **files** in your absence report as **supporting evidence**. To do this, click on the **Attach supporting evidence** button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the **Submit** button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be **edited** and **deleted** until it has been **acknowledged** by a teacher.



Date of absence
20/01/2021

Reason for absence
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments

ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

SUBMIT CANCEL



doodlemaths **doodletables**

Doodle Maths / Doodle Tables Champion of the Week

<u>Year 7:</u>	Maci L (156 stars)	Taine P (84 stars)	Neil C (78 stars)
<u>Year 8:</u>	Eddie W (137 stars)	Zac C (115 stars)	Lillie M (49 stars)
<u>Year 9:</u>	Mitchell T (93 stars)	Jacob G (60 stars)	Bear H (48 stars)

Congratulations to these students for completing so many doodle stars this week. Well done!

Year 8 Thoulstone Park Trip

Reminder - final deadline to book a place for your child on the Year 8 visit to Thoulstone Park is Friday 23 February 2024. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at mchalec@st-gregorys.org.uk.



The Google Form link is on ClassCharts and [Here](#).

Mrs McHale, Head of PE

Performing Arts Enrichment Timetable				
Term 3 - 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time 8.30am-9am				
Contemporary Vocal Group (Band) Ensemble Pod with Mrs Sterlini	Year 7 Singing DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Contemporary Vocal Group DRST with Mrs Green	Senior Choir DRST with Mrs Sterlini	Lower School Voices (Y7-8) DRST with Mrs Sterlini
			String Sinfonia MUS with Mrs Smith	
Break Time 11.10-11.25am				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flute Salad Ensemble Pod with Mrs Holden			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time 1.30-2.05pm				
Guitar Ensemble Ensemble Pod with (Guitar Teacher)	Beauty & The Beast DRST with Miss Tate & Mrs Richards	Brass Band MUS with Mrs Avison	Junior Dance company DAST with Susannah	Beauty & The Beast MUS with Mrs Richards & Mrs Sterlini
Beauty & The Beast Dance Team DAST with Mrs Pearson	Symphony Orchestra DAST with Mrs Sterlini	GCSE Dance Practical support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE Dance Written support DAST with Mrs Pearson	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mr Psirides
Tech Club DRST with Mr Psirides & Austin	GCSE Music Composition MUS with Edgar	GCSE Drama Written support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate	Year 7 Drama Club DRST with Maddie & Sammy	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school 3.10-4.30pm				
	Beauty & The Beast Band DAST with Mrs Sterlini	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	Beauty & The Beast HALL with Mrs Pearson, Miss Tate, Mrs Sterlini & Mrs Richards	GCSE & A level Drama support DRST/DAST with Mr Psirides & Mrs Richards
	GCSE & A level Drama Practical support DRST with Mrs Richards & Miss Tate			



This week we are looking at cheese, how it is made, the microbes involved and the science behind it.

The first article looks at and explains how different microbes give different cheeses their flavour. A second goes through what is happening during the cheese making process.

The practical is to have a go at making your own cheese. It is a simple process with only two ingredients. It is an experiment but if you make it using sterilised equipment, you can try it at your own risk.

- Article of the week -

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/microbes-give-cheeses-flavor-bacteria>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2N1eZPOcCk>



- Practical of the Week –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utyZDUrd2Bw>

The Science Team



B&NES Libraries

Events & Activities

Lego Lab Get creative with Lego	Monday - Saturday Bath Central Library
Art in the Library Care Leavers Lens - photography by young people who have been in the care of B&NES Council	Monday - Saturday Bath Central Library
Sensory Space For young adults with sensory needs. *Book online.	Monday - Saturday Bath, Keynsham & Midsomer Norton Libraries
Board Game Saturdays Drop in and play with our great selection of games	Monday - Saturday Bath, Keynsham & Midsomer Norton Libraries

ROAD SAFETY

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN BE SAFE

Music Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor: Contemporary Vocal Group BAND	Break: Flute Salad Lunch: Symphony Orchestra After School: School Production Band	Tutor: Contemporary Vocal Group (all) Lunch: Brass Band	Tutor: Senior Choir (Y9+) String Sinfonia	Tutor: Lower School Voices (Y7-Y8)
Why join? Exclusive trips, concerts and more!				





Term 3 PE Enrichment Clubs start on Monday 8 January



Day	Club	Where	Year Group	Girls or Boys
Monday	Fish Trampolining	Gym	Y7 – Y13	Boys & Girls
Monday	Bath City Football	Astro	Y7 – Y8	Boys
Tuesday	Netball	Courts	Y10 – Y13	Girls
Tuesday	Football	Astro	Y10	Boys
Tuesday	Basketball	Courts/Gym	Y10 – Y11	Boys
Wednesday	Hockey	Astro	Y7 – Y9	Girls
Wednesday	Football	Field	Y9	Boys
Wednesday	Football	Astro	Y11	Boys
Thursday	Fixtures	Various	Various	Girls
Thursday	Football	Astro	Y7	Boys
Thursday	Football	Field	Y8	Boys
Thursday	Basketball	Courts/Gym	Y8 – Y9	Boys
Friday	Football	Astro	Y7 – Y9	Girls



All clubs are from 3.15pm - 4.15pm
There will be no lunchtime clubs until 15 January due to exams
Please register on School Cloud for ALL clubs
Please speak to a member of the PE Team if you have any questions



St Gregory's Breakfast Club

Open every day

Time: 08:15 — 08:30

Cost: Free

Who: Open to all students



SEND Homework Club for students with SEND

Monday to Thursday each week

Immediately after Lesson 5, until 4pm

Students should come straight to the Study Room in the Inclusion Department at the end of the school day.

Sessions can be booked through the school Gateway via parents evening/school cloud <https://saintgregorysbath.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

(Maximum of two sessions per week)

NB: If your child is unable to attend, please cancel your booking as places are limited.

Language Corner

French:

Expression with subjunctive: (and we revisit 2 from week 1 and 2)

Bien que + verb (subjunctive)....= it is important that ..+verb(subj.)

Although I often go/leave; I miss my house

Bien que je parte souvent ma maison me manque

Although I don't go on holiday often, it doesn't make me unhappy

Bien que je n'aille pas souvent en vacances; ça ne me rend pas malheureux

Spanish:

Del dicho al hecho hay un trecho – it's easier said than done (literally, there's a distance from word to action)

Mandarin:

愿得一人心，白首不相离。(Yuàndé yīrénxīn, báishǒu bùxiānglí. 'wish get a person heart, white head not one-another apart) — **Long for a heart, never be apart.**

Whole School Production: Beauty & The Beast - Term 3 Rehearsal Schedule				
Date	When	Section/ Scene	Who?	Where?
Sun 21 Jan	10 – 4 pm	Dress/Tech	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Mon 22 Jan	9 - 3.10 pm	Production Rehearsal	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Tue 23 Jan	9 - 3.10pm	Production Rehearsal	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Wed 24 Jan	3.10 - 6pm	Dress	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Thu 25 Jan	9 - 12pm	Matinee	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Fri 26 Jan	5 - 9pm	Opening Night	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST
Sat 27 Jan	5 - 9pm	Second Night	Whole Cast	HALL/DAST

- As you can see, this is a **VERY** tight schedule. Sections will not be revisited more than once until the run up to the show.
- Please, please, please make sure that you are on your very best behaviour from now until the production because if you receive any lunch time or after school detentions these will take priority.
- If you need to use the phone to call home at any time come to the studio, **NOT the main office.**
- This is a wonderful opportunity to perform. Please spend time to thoroughly learn your lines and fully understand what it is you are saying to your audience.
- If you can't make any rehearsals, and you have a **very good reason** for doing so, then please tell us as soon as possible.

We will try to provide your costume for you, but you may need to source various items depending on the character.
We will let you know in due course about your costumes.

Important Dates for your diary:

Sunday rehearsal: 21 January 10am-4.30pm

School production week: Monday 22 – Saturday 27 January

Evening performances: Thursday 25 January, Friday 26 January and Saturday 27 January at 7pm.



Free 5 week cooking course for children and young people* aged 5-17

Learn how to make healthy recipes on a budget

Ingredients and equipment provided for f2f courses and a £30 supermarket voucher is given for online courses

*1 adult is required to attend per family

☎ 0300 247 0050 ✉ bathnes.thehub@hcrkgcaregroup.com

Cook it

Tues 23rd Jan- 27th Feb (no session 13th Feb), St Martin's Garden Primary School, Combe Down, Bath, 4-5.30pm.

Thurs 25th Jan- Thurs 29th Feb (no session 15th Feb), online via Microsoft Teams, 4-5pm.

Mon 4th March- 1st April, online via Microsoft Teams, 5-6pm.




Bath Hockey Camp Royal High School 12-13th February

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Suzanna Heat
Ambassador, Swindon, Para-Swimming
Won a Gold Medal in the 50 metre freestyle S5 event and a Silver medal in the 100 metre freestyle S5 competition, at the 2023 World Para Swimming Championships.

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BATH BASKETBALL



New community-based basketball club in Bath looking to provide basketball experiences for all!

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Junior sessions with elite coaching from our Director of Basketball - Antonio Wilburn and our Community Coaches.
- The **ONLY** National League Basketball team in Bath. Come and support our Senior Mens team when they play on Saturday nights at Prior Park College.
- Coaching, officiating and volunteering opportunities if you'd like to get involved.

Visit our website and social medias below to keep update with all things Bath Basketball.

Junior Basketball Sessions:

Age Group	Time	Venue
Boys School Years 10-13	Monday 7:30-8:30PM	King Edwards School
Mixed School Years 5-9	Sunday 9:00-10:00AM	Founders Hall, University of Bath

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Do you want to gain experience but struggle to find opportunities?

Gain skills and experience for work through volunteering with a range of charities in different sectors.

Many opportunities can lead to paid work and charities can offer references for future employers.



Wednesday 31st
January



Bath Central Library



10am - 12pm



FREE

Drop in to this **FREE** event to talk to local charities offering volunteering opportunities.

 EmploymentSkills_Pod@bathnes.gov.uk

 www.achieveinbathnes.co.uk

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