



# Newsletter

Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

## Important After School Club Announcements

The Hub will not be available on the last day of this term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Hub will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A form will be available next week for you to book your child into The Hub for the next half term.

As bookings are limited, please only use The Hub if it is really needed, not for social reasons for children. This is a valuable service for working parents and we have had to refuse some places this term due to The Hub being full.

If you do book a place for your child and no longer require the place, please contact school and cancel the place, so that this can be opened up again to the waiting list.

Please remember not to send your child to The Hub if they are not booked in. Every child attending must be pre booked, as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Many thanks to all our families for your support for The Hub.



## *Christmas Festivities at St.Gregory's*

For the build up to the big day, we will be holding lots of fun activities for all the children at St. Gregory's.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Christmas Concert at **4pm** for families *\*Please note this change to an earlier time\**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Panto at Atkinson Theatre

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas Party

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas holidays

## Club Announcements

All clubs have now finished for this half term, excluding Choir – which will take place after school on Monday in preparation for the Choir Christmas Carol Concert.

There will be a new list of clubs issued during the first week of the new term in January.

Many thanks to all our families for supporting our clubs!

## **Nursery Christmas Party!**

All children in St.Gregory's Nursery are invited to attend their Christmas party on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December during the afternoon. If your child only normally attends mornings, they are very welcome to come along and join in the fun!

Children can come into school wearing their Christmas party clothes for this festive fun event. The party will finish at normal Nursery finish time of 3pm.



## Swimming Lesson

Year 4 will be attending Meadows Leisure Centre on Monday for their lesson, as usual.

## Christmas Celebrations!

Our Christmas Newsletter next week, will be full of lots of photographs and news from all of our Christmas festivities!

Thank you to all our families for supporting all of our events, with costumes for performances, attending our Christmas Music Bingo and providing some lovely feedback for all of our efforts, in making Christmas time very special for every child at St.Gregory's.



# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Dear School Community,

Throughout this season of Advent, our hearts turn toward the joyful anticipation of Christmas. The first two Sundays of Advent saw an invitation for us to reflect on two key themes: *hope* and *peace*. The first Sunday reminded us to place our trust in God's promises, even amidst life's challenges; a time to rekindle our hope in the coming of Jesus, who brings light to the world. The second Sunday was a call to prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival. Through acts of kindness, prayer, and reflection, we continue to make space for the peace that only God can provide.

At school, we are embracing this special season through prayer, song, Advent wreath lighting, and activities that encourage the children to reflect on these virtues, present in their lives. May this Advent journey continue to bring peace and joy to your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

### **Christmas Donations - Cathedral**

Last Thursday, Year 4, Year 5 and staff joined schools from across the Archdiocese at a special Advent Service at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool. Despite the more than soggy weather, the Cathedral certainly was alive with hope and peace, as we sang our way through the Christmas story, guided by an interactive Nativity. Without question, the most moving part had to be when, as the Kings presented their gifts, children were invited to bring their donations. **I was wholly overwhelmed by the generosity of our St. Gregory's community: whilst many schools had been and gone, our children continued streaming up to the altar with bags of unopened toys.** Your generosity will ensure a huge number of children will share in the magic of Christmas morning. Thank you simply isn't enough.



### **Parent Questionnaire**

My thanks for the tremendous number of families who took the time to provide school with feedback in our parent questionnaire. The questions asked were carefully considered to ensure they can be as informative as possible to our leadership team, so we can continue to move our school forward, together. Your considered responses will help us to shape the future of St. Gregory's.



### **Next Steps: New Website & Instagram**

Acting upon feedback from families, we're pleased to share that we are in the process of creating a new website. There has been lots of activity in the background, and we're hopeful that our new website will be up and running very early in the Spring term. As noted in parent feedback, this will ensure class pages, curriculum information, necessary policies and much more will be readily accessible to all. We're incredibly excited!

We're also excited to share that, after considering parent responses to engagement and media preferences, school will be moving across from X (formerly Twitter) to Instagram, with our page set

up and ready to go. Please, go give us a follow in Instagram: @stgregs\_primary in preparation for our upcoming launch. Any form of social media use must be carefully considered, and so I ask that families read the revised social media policy which will be shared in the coming week and provide any feedback as soon as possible. All parents are given the option to consent to photograph sharing upon children's induction to school. If, after reading the policy, you would like to review your permissions, please contact Mrs King in the office. In brief, our Instagram account will be used as a broadcasting tool so families can see daily life, sharing in the many wonderful activities, learning experiences and achievements. We're very much looking forward to this next step!

### **Christmas Nativities**

To say I was proud of our children and adults this week is an understatement, so I must only imagine how you're all feeling!



Nursery and Reception performed a full Nativity - at such a young age - in the most beautiful of surroundings. We're blessed with our grounds and I'm grateful for the creativity, passion and dedication of our adults for utilising these to make this experience so special for the children. It was wonderful to, quite literally, journey the Nativity together; finishing our journey in the outdoor classroom, set beautifully as a stable, with a wonderful lullaby, truly was the icing on the cake.

We simply cannot forget our Fleece Force, ready to keep our cast and audiences in check, and making sure the census was complete accurately. Constable Woolly and our tremendous Year 1 and Year 2 cast demonstrated to us all how, though we can get caught in the business of the moment and task in hand, we mustn't forget to live in hope and anticipation of the joy coming our way... and have fun!



Many thanks to families for your support in preparing the children for such wonderful occasions: from line-learning to costume and accessory preparation, and undoubtedly singing many songs around the house!

### **Christmas Bingo**

Another Christmas Bingo has come and gone and what a fun-filled night it was! Many thanks to all those who joined us and helped to share the festive spirit. With thanks to Mrs Chatten-Brooks for her hours of preparation, super organisation from Mrs King, the support of our staff and parents, and some unforgettable hosting by Mrs Wilford-Richardson (Helen) - our Musical Bingo was a huge hit, and certainly one we will be returning to in the future! These events raise much-needed funds which help to enhance teaching and learning across school, so my thanks to families for your support. I look forward to sharing with you how the money raised is actively enriching your children's education.

With my best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'J Perree'.

**Mr Joseph Perree**  
Headteacher



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Doors open  
from 4pm

Families of children from St. Gregory's School Choir are invited to attend a Christmas Carol Concert on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm in our school hall.

The children will be singing wonderful carols for our families, to really get you in the festive mood!

There will be refreshments provided by school and everyone is welcome to come along!



We will also be holding Christmas Jumper Days, which will give an opportunity for the children to wear their festive jumpers and any other festive items they would like to wear. The jumper is to be worn with their school uniform. Please note we are not asking families to buy multiple jumpers or outfits – the three dates are an opportunity to re-wear any festive clothing or accessories to get in the festive spirit!

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

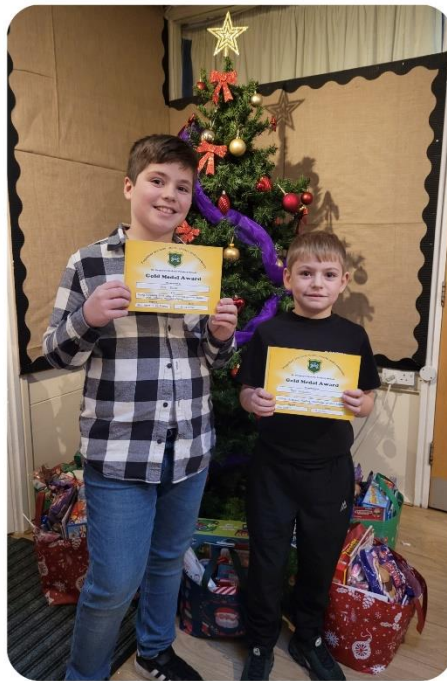
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CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER  
Day



# SCHOOL CELEBRATION



# Attendance



All children who have achieved **98% attendance or more this term** (September to December) will also be entered into a special prize draw!

Remember:  
we're aiming for children to be in school all day every day!  
With thanks for your support.