



# Newsletter

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

18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

Reminder to families that school closes for half term holiday on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.



School reopens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November for all children.

## WRAPAROUND SERVICES

A form is now available on the school app for parents/carers to book Breakfast Club and The Hub for the next half term.

Can you please remember, if your child is booked into The Hub and then you realise that you no longer need the place, please log back in on the app and cancel your booking.

If a child is booked in and has not arrive for The Hub, we then have to start checking with teaching staff who collected the child and ringing parents/carers too.

There could also be other parents who need the space but The Hub is showing as full because you have not cancelled the booking.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

We are pleased to inform our families that we have already started booking exciting trips for the children.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 at Delamere Forest

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 1 at Croxteth Park

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Reception at Imagine That

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

Letters will be sent out to families with all the relevant information about the trips.

*It is such a joy to see all our children attending such wonderful trips!*

## Year 6 Height & Weight Programme

Our school nurses will be visiting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November to carry out the Height and Weight programme for Year 6 children.

## Swimming Lessons

Year 5 will have their last swimming lesson on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Children in Year 4 will commence their lessons on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## Remembrance Day

When we return from our half term holiday, we will be remembering soldiers who lost their lives during conflict, both past and recent.

We have been gifted wonderful crocheted poppies by Jude (Y3) Nan and will be selling them after half term. We would be grateful of a donation of 50p for a poppie. The poppies will be sold during playtimes.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We would ask our families to ensure that your child does not come into school with any snack or lunch that contains nuts.

We are taking pride in our school to try our best to become a 'nut free' environment and we have recently had children coming into school having Nutella sandwiches or nut based items in their packed lunches.

Please ensure you avoid items of this kind, as we have children and adults within school with nut allergies.



## St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School Weekly Attendance Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Year Group	Weekly Attendance	Lates	Unauthorised Absences (including lates after register closed)
Reception	98%	0	4
Year 1	89.3%	1	4
Year 2	96.5%	1	8
Year 3	98.3%	0	2
Year 4	95%	1	12
Year 5	96.8%	1	6
Year 6	96.6%	2	4
Totals	Overall Attendance <b>95.8%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>

## NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be administered by our school nurses on **15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** in school. If you would like your child to opt out of receiving the nasal flu vaccination, please click on this link and complete the online form.

<https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/>



# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

Dear School Community,

As we reach the end of our first half-term, it's a joy to look back on what has already been a bustling start to the school year. Our classrooms and corridors have been full of energy, as children have dived into their topics with enthusiasm, curiosity and pride. Every year group has shown such dedication, creativity, and a willingness to explore new ideas, all thanks to the commitment of our talented teaching team.

### **Celebration of the Word**

This week, we encouraged children to think deeply about what is truly valuable in their lives. After hearing the story of the rich young man from Mark's Gospel, all were invited to reflect on the difference between material wealth and lasting fulfilment. Through quiet reflection, children and adults considered the things that bring real happiness—like kindness, friendships, and family—versus things that may seem valuable but offer little true joy.

**God of Love, You guide us in what is truly valuable, to see that the greatest treasures are not in what we own, but in love and kindness.**

**Help us to go out into the world choosing love, kindness, and faith over anything that fades away.**

**Fill us with your spirit, that we may follow You each day, sharing the treasures of our hearts with others.**

### **Friends of St. Gregory's – PTA**

Would you like to contribute to shaping the additional school events that directly benefit your child? Are you interested in meeting other parents and working together to support our school community? Do you have ideas for fun fundraising projects or ways to further improve our school that you'd love to see in action? Then we'd love to hear from you! Many thanks to the families who have already expressed interest since the form opened some weeks ago. If you could offer your support in any way, please use the form on our school app to express your interest in joining the Friends of St. Gregory's.

### **School Nurse**

Due to changes to health services at authority level, our wonderful school nurse, Ruth, no longer provides drop-in sessions in school. However, Ruth is still very much available should families need! If you would like a phonecall or a face-to-face conversation with our school nurse, please let Mrs King, Miss Connolly or myself know, so we can arrange a mutually agreeable time.

### **Remembering Mrs Denney, former Headmistress of St. Gregory's Infant School**

It is with heartfelt remembrance that we share the news of the passing of Mrs Denny, former Headteacher of St. Gregory's Infant School, whose passion, dedication, and warmth left an indelible mark on our school community. As headteacher, Mrs Denny shaped the lives of countless children, fostering a love of learning, kindness, and resilience that

endures in our school today. Mrs Denny's legacy continues to inspire both staff and students alike, many of whom remember fondly their time as pupils and colleagues under her leadership. Mrs Denny will always be remembered as a cherished part of our school's story. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Denny's family and friends.

### **Our Onward Journey**

As we come to the end of the first half-term, I extend my sincere thanks to our staff for their dedication, energy and expertise. I'm also thrilled to have welcomed Mrs King back into school after a period of absence; I know families are delighted to have her back at the end of the phone... as am I! My thanks also go to you, our St. Gregory's families, for your ongoing support and cooperation. We have enjoyed a truly remarkable start to the school year, and I am filled with hope, optimism and excitement for the journey ahead.

With my best wishes for a wonderful half-term holiday,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Perree', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr Joseph Perree**

Headteacher

# SCHOOL CELEBRATION

*Congratulations to our Gold Medal, Special Award and Best Book winners this week.*





# Fundraising Appeal

The Marie Curie Hospice in Liverpool are looking for people to take part in their Walk on Hot Coals fundraising appeal, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

All funds raised will go towards supporting people who are living with terminal illnesses.

The charity also provides a Volunteer Companions service which provides emotional and practical support to people across Liverpool - at home or over the phone.

Marie Curie is dependent on fundraising and public donations. In Liverpool, Marie Curie nurses and healthcare professionals provide expert hospice care to people in their own homes and at its hospice in Woolton.

Jen Corrigan, community fundraiser for Merseyside, said: "We're looking for more fearless fundraisers to take part in this ultimate test of mind-over-matter. By signing up to take on this exhilarating challenge, you will be safe in the knowledge that you're helping to make a difference to people at the end of life and their loved ones."

One of our members of staff, Mrs Fidler, our Nursery teacher, will be taking part in this fundraising event, as Marie Curie is very close to her heart and she hopes to raise as much funds as possible for them. Mrs Fidler is a wonderful, kindhearted person who lots of our children have been taught by in our Nursery setting.

If you would like to donate to Mrs Fidler's fundraising page for this event, please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-fidler-1728072547501?newPage=true>

We would like to wish Mrs Fidler the best of luck in completing this fundraising event and thank our families for supporting her.

# GALLERY



Year 2 have been developing their design and building skills this week, as they create art works inspired by Alexander Calder.

Alexander Calder is known for inventing wire sculptures and mobiles. A type of kinetic art which relied on careful weighting to achieve balance and suspension in the air.

Initially Calder used motors to make his works move, but soon abandoned this method and began using air currents alone.

