



Newsletter

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

11th October, 2024.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November



Inset Day - Monday 4th November

School will be closed from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November for our half term holiday. School is also closed to all children on Monday 4th November, for our Inset Day.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be administered by our school nurses during this term. 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/>



Reminder to our Year 6 Parents/Carers, you must apply for your child's High School by 31st October 2024.

Applications are to be submitted online, via your local authority admissions.

If you are a Sefton resident, you can find further information on their website <http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool>

Building Levy

St.Gregory's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school which receives funding from the government for staff, resources and equipment. Catholic Voluntary Aided Schools are built and repaired by grants and LA contributions owned by the trustees of Liverpool Archdiocese. The Catholic communities in schools have to find 10% of the costs of major repairs, alterations etc. In order to help meet these costs, the Archdiocese holds an Archdiocesan Building Fund and asks families to help towards the cost of repairs to buildings etc by contributing £10 per family. This is a voluntary contribution and if school cannot raise the amount via contributions, then the difference has to be taken from our school funds, which will reduce the opportunity for additional resources etc.

The contribution will be added to your Parentpay account, if you have more than one child at St.Gregory's then the amount will only be added to your eldest child's account.

In contributing, you will be helping to maintain our building and your family will continue to benefit in future from receiving the education you wish for your children.

Upcoming Events

October

14th – Y5 Swimming

14th – End of Scholastic Book Fair

15th – Football Match (girls) home v St.George's

17th – Football Match (boys) home v St.George's

21st – Y5 Swimming

22nd – Football Match (boys) home v Lydiate Primary

25th – School closes at normal time for half term holiday

November

4th – INSET DAY

5th – All children to return to school



St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School Weekly Attendance Week Ending 11th October 2024

Year Group	Weekly Attendance	Lates	Lates after the register closed	Unauthorised Absences
Reception	98.7%	1	0	0
Year 1	98%	1	2	2
Year 2	93.5%	4	4	10
Year 3	98.3%	2	0	0
Year 4	97.3%	0	0	0
Year 5	95.5%	2	0	0
Year 6	97.9%	0	0	0
Totals	Overall Attendance 97%	10	6	12

Congratulations to Reception Class on winning the Class Attendance Award this week!

If your child is absent from school, you must telephone school before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Any child arriving to school after 9.30am (close of register) will receive an unauthorised absence late mark.

An absence request form must be completed if your child is going to be absent from school due to a holiday during term time. – local authority procedures will be followed for any unauthorised absence.



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Friday, 11th October 2024

Dear School Community,

We have had a tremendous fortnight, filled with a variety of activities, including welcoming families into school on several occasions. Most importantly, our children are now well into their topics of learning, and the fruits of theirs and their teachers' labour are showing already - from exploring Creation in Early Years, to creative learning with phonics in Key Stage 1; from the sound of Djembe and Ukelele lessons filling the corridors for Years 3 and 4, to abstract art expressing feelings and deep questioning about conflict and peace from Years 5 and 6. A tremendous start to the school year from all!

Celebration of the Word

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus welcomed children, despite others trying to keep them away. Jesus commended the open heartedness of children, which we explored as a whole school on Monday, reflecting on the precious knowledge that they are seen, known and loved by God. In prayer throughout the week, we further reflected upon the concept of trust and how we can trust in others, ourselves and, ultimately, God the Father.



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

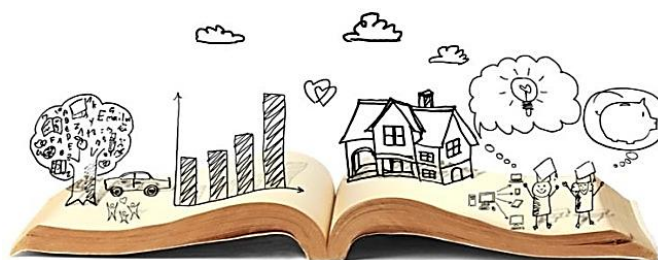
Mark 10:14

Reception Reading Meeting

Language acquisition and development is of tremendous importance from the earliest years, and so reading is at the heart of what we do at St. Gregory's. Thank you to the great number of families who attended our Reception Reading Meeting, working with Miss Connolly to discover more about children's language learning and development, and how families, as partners in learning, positively impact children's outcomes through regular reading and conversation.

Parents' Evenings and Book Fair – Thank You!

It was a joy to be able to speak with so many families at our Parents' Evenings this week, and our teachers have shared how grateful they are for the positive contributions you made to our discussions this week, and for how families are supporting learning from home. Many thanks also for supporting our Autumn Term Book Fair. As well as promoting a love of reading, your purchases mean school will be rewarded with 40% of the overall takings, meaning more than £200 will come back to school, filling our class libraries with yet more high-quality books. Our next book fair is already in the diary!



World Mental Health Day



World Mental Health Day (Thursday, 10th October) is a perfect time to remind ourselves to look after our minds as well as our bodies. To feel our best, we can try simple things like getting enough sleep, eating healthy snacks, and talking to someone we trust if we feel worried or sad. Taking time to play, relax, and enjoy activities we love also helps keep our minds happy and healthy. In Monday's worship, we reminded ourselves to be more child-like and have a child-like faith: let's take that approach in more of what we do to promote positive mental health and wellbeing, remembering to take care of ourselves and be kind to one another.

Pupil Leadership – The Children's Voice

The pupil voice at St. Gregory's is vital to helping children develop confidence, responsibility and teamwork, as well as giving the children a voice in shaping their own school experience, fostering a sense of ownership and pride. We recently announced a series of new pupil leadership teams, creating opportunities for children right across Key Stage 2 to make a highly tangible contribution to our school community. We look forward to developing our children as leaders, growing into responsible and thoughtful individuals, further preparing them for life in our modern world.

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! Please use the form on our school app to express your interest in joining the Friends of St. Gregory's.



Remembering Peter, forever a friend of St. Gregory's

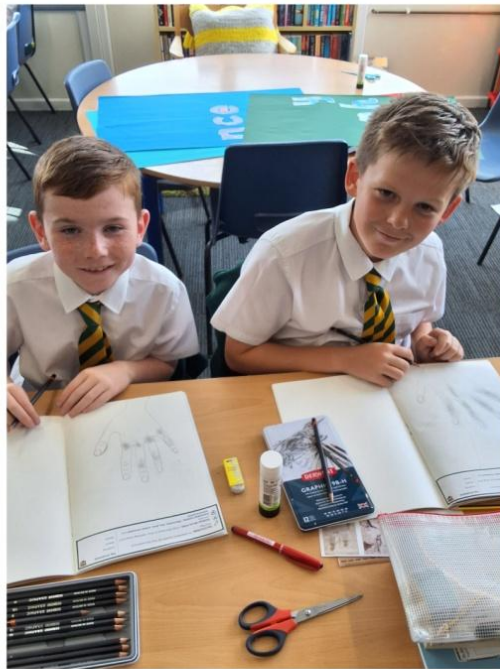
Last week, a parishioner and friend of St. Gregory's, Peter Howe, sadly passed away. Peter was a familiar face in school for many, particularly our staff, oldest children and past pupils now in secondary school. Though Peter couldn't be in school in very recent years, we all continue to benefit from his tremendous gifts, with his instrumental music used daily in school, helping to enhance our times of prayer. We hold Jacqui, Peter's wife, and his daughters, Gillian, Anna and Laura, in our thoughts and prayers.

With my best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

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

Mr Joseph Perree

Headteacher



Year 6 have spent time sketching anatomical drawings of their hands, in the style of Leonardo Da Vinci.

They used different pencils to sketch and add detail to their drawings.



Year 6 paid close attention to the different bones and tendons they could see and used shadow to create depth.

SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Congratulations to all our Award winners this week!

