



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

'Together, in Jesus, we Love, Learn, Create and Celebrate!'

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Dear school community,

Now at the end of our second full week, we are certainly back and have hit the ground running in this new school year! I'm so pleased that our children have settled into their new classes with their adults so quickly and smoothly. As I walk through each classroom every day, I'm overjoyed to see happy children and adults, immersed in a truly wonderful variety of activities, some of which can be seen later in the newsletter.

Celebration of the Word

This week, our Celebration of the Word focused upon the Gospel of Mark, 8:27-35, where we reflected on how God's plans for us can be surprising, and how following Jesus often involves trusting Him, even when the path ahead is unexpected. Through prayer and reflection, the children were encouraged to think about moments in their own lives when things didn't go as planned, and how Jesus is always with us, guiding us through challenges. We were all reminded that trusting God's plan, even when it's hard to understand, is part of being a follower of Jesus. We reflected on how we can turn to Him in moments of uncertainty, knowing He walks beside us every step of the way.



End-of-the-day Collection

Many thanks to families for supporting and following our revised collection procedures. May we kindly ask families to keep a safe distance from the collection gate, not blocking the pavement, until it is time for your child's class to be handed over.

Healthy Snacks - Fruit

As per last year, children may bring fruit in for snack at break and lunchtime. Please avoid sending fruit winders/fruit strings (long, often sugary snacks), particularly for our youngest children as this poses a choking hazard. We also encourage healthy lunchboxes at lunchtime, so children are in the best place to learn and grow.

No More Nuts

Due to an increasing number of life-threatening allergies and intolerances, we now ask families to not send children to school with packets of nuts or nut-based products. For some children, such items pose a serious health risk, and so we must all play our part in helping to safeguard our children. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



School Uniform

Many thanks again for how smart and well-presented our children look in their St. Gregory's Uniform – at least before lunchtime anyway! Just a couple of weeks in, our lost property pile is growing with unnamed items. Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled, preferably with sown-in badges, though permanent marker is ideal too.

Welcome Assembly

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families of our Reception Class into school next week for our Welcome Assembly. Reception Class are hard at work on their presentations for their families, and we know our KS1 children and Year 6 buddies will be supporting us in demonstrating just how welcome Reception really are.

My thanks again go to our families for the support you have already shown at the start of this new academic year.

With best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

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

Mr Joseph Perree
Headteacher



Newsletter

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Week Ending Friday 20th September 2024.



If your child is starting primary school in September 2025, the application process is now open, via your local authority. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**. There is an online form available for applying with Sefton Admissions.

As always explained to Nursery parents, if your child attends our Nursery, this does not guarantee you a place in our school. You still have to apply via your local authority and then we follow our admissions criteria.

During the process, our school office will be in touch with parents to ask for a completed supplementary faith form, proof of baptism and proof of home address. This is part of our admissions requirements.

High School applications must now be made for children in Year 6, via your local authority and received by 31st October. The local High School hold Open Evenings for families to attend. This is always recommended when choosing the correct high school educational setting for your child.

If you would like to discuss admissions further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Parents Evening

Parent's Evenings for all children at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be taking place on 8th and 9th October 2024.

Our booking form for Parent's Evening is now live on the school app. The appointments are already starting to fill up, thank you to our families who have already booked slots. Please access the form and complete your selection as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming our families to our Parent's evenings.

The Atkinson Theatre Whole School Panto

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting The Atkinson Theatre on 18th December 2024 for our Christmas panto, Sleeping Beauty.

The children will receive a festive party food lunch at school, before leaving for the Panto at 12.15pm on double deckers.... it is all so exciting!

This has been added to your child's Parentpay account.

This is always a wonderful festive trip for the children – and adults!



Scholastic Book Fair



Monday 7th October

to

Monday 14th October

St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 7th October to Monday 14th October, after school, in our school hall. The Book Fair will be open during our Parents' Evenings too!

This is an opportunity for our parents to purchase books for your children and also raise additional funds for our school, enabling us to purchase additional resources.

All purchases are made via a QR code which will be displayed on their leaflets at the Book Fair.

School Uniform Shop

Our families are always welcome to come along and have a look at our 'Free' School Uniform Shop.

We have lots of jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, shirts – some of which are brand new or very nearly new.

During good weather, we will put our shop under the canopy at the front of our school, at the end of the school day. It will also be available during Parents' Evenings.

Having spare uniform is always a good idea, so come along and take a look.



Monday 23 rd September	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Monday 30 th September	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 1 st October	Selected Boys Football Match – Away at Melling Primary
Wednesday 2 nd October	Reception Class Reading Meeting for Parents/Carers only – 6pm
Thursday 3 rd October	Selected Girls Football Match – Away at Melling Primary
Monday 7 th October	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 8 th October / Wednesday 9 th October	Parents' Evenings – appointments via the app
Monday 14 th October	Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Half Term Holiday - school closed
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY – school closed
Tuesday 5 th November	School reopens after half term break. Breakfast Club available.



All classes are thoroughly enjoying our specialist PE lessons!



Super artwork from Year 5, exploring style in art.



St. Gregory's is alive with the sound of music!



Nursery class have been busy planting bulbs.



Y6 have impressed us with excellent knowledge and beautifully presented work on the circulatory system!

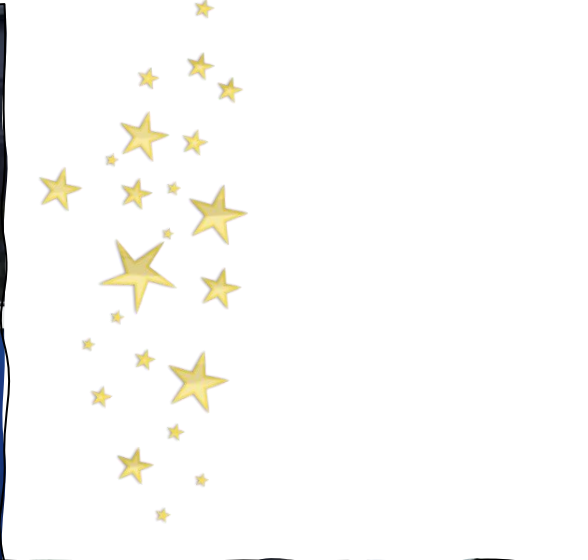
Celebrations

Congratulations to our Gold Medal winners this week.



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Congratulations to our Special Award winners this week.



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Congratulations to our Book of the Week winners this week.



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Congratulations to this KS2 musician, who achieved top marks in a recent graded examination!





Attendance Matters



A good education gives your child the best possible start in life. That's why it's so important all children attend school regularly and on time. Poor school attendance can have an impact on a child's educational achievement and their future progress and life chances. When children miss school, they may fall behind in their learning and development. Persistent absence from school can often lead to negative social and emotional behaviours from children.

St. Gregory's is committed to helping all our children to reach their full potential, therefore promoting and supporting school attendance is essential to learning, attainment and wellbeing.

Reporting an absence

Day 1 of Absence: Parent/Carer must speak to the school office before 9.30am to report the reason for the absence. The reason will be recorded on your child's file.

Day 2 of Absence: If the reason for the child's absence continues, we ask that you contact school to make us aware of the situation. This can be completed either on the school app, or by leaving telephoning school and leaving a message on the absence reporting line.

Day 3 of Absence: School will make contact with Parents/Carers to ask how the child's illness is improving and determine a date for returning back to school.

Day 5 of Absence: If your child has been off school for 5 days (1 school week), then we may request a letter confirming the continued illness from your doctor.