



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear school community,

We have come to the end of our first full week back, and what a week it has been! We are overjoyed by how well the children have settled back into school life. Children are thoroughly enjoying being back together with their class friends and staff and are immersed in a range of truly fantastic learning opportunities.

In our time of whole school worship this week, we gathered to mark Education Sunday by thanking God for the gifts of teaching and learning. At St. Gregory's, we grow not only in knowledge, but also in faith, wisdom, and love for one another. Let us remember that every piece of knowledge we gain is a reflection of God's truth, and every act of learning is an opportunity to grow closer to Him.



"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He holds success in store for the upright."

Proverbs 2:6-7

Meet the Teacher - Thank You!

Many thanks to all our families for such high attendance at our Meet the Teacher sessions so far. We hope you have found them informative, giving you a flavour of what the year ahead has in store in your child's year group. The staff have enjoyed speaking with families individually afterwards, and we look forward to continuing to build our relationship as the year progresses.

Communication

Please note that there are multiple ways for you to speak with your child's class teacher, and we're eager to work together. Our school staff will be around at the end of the school day, should you wish to chat once all children have been handed over. Each class also has a class email address, should emailing be your preference. We are very mindful of the workload and wellbeing of staff, and so teachers are only available to read and reply during limited non-contact time during the school day; we aim to reply with 48 working hours. If you would like a longer meeting to discuss something more in-depth, please either contact Mrs King in the school office or email your child's teacher to arrange a mutually agreeable time. Our teachers are available and very much look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Class Teacher Emails:

Mrs Fidler, Nursery Class:	nurseryclass@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Miss Connolly, Reception Class:	receptionclass@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Miss Moores, Year One:	yearone@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Mrs Thompson, Year Two:	yeartwo@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Mrs Gordon, Year Three:	yearthree@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Mrs Povey, Year Four:	yearfour@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Miss Weston, Year Five:	yearfive@stgregslydiate.co.uk
Miss Brown, Year Six:	yearsix@stgregslydiate.co.uk

#kNOwKnifeCrime Campaign

In April of last year, we teamed up with schools from across Sefton to fundraise in memory of Colin McGinty, who was tragically murdered through knife crime. The campaign aimed to educate young people about the dangers of carrying knives or associating with those who do. By running minimarathons to fundraise, our partnership of schools raised

over £19,000 to fund Bleed Control Kits being installed across the borough. This week, Mr Jones collected our kit which has been installed outside school on Sandy Lane. Well done to our previous Y6 children and adults for their contributions to this essential life-saving kit for our community!



End of the School Day Handover

Thank you for your cooperation and support regarding our recent changes to our handover routines. I'm heartened that families understand the clear and strong rationale for change to safeguard all members of our community. Thanks also go to the families who have offered their feedback, both positive and constructive. After considering the views of the parents, staff and children, we have made minor changes to the current system to hopefully alleviate concern: further staggering collection times and classes having a dedicated side to be collected from. Of course, there will still be a high number of families collecting, and so we ask for continued cooperation, patience and consideration, particularly in not blocking the pavements.

- Nursery and Reception class will continue to be collected in their usual ways.
- **Year 1 and Year 2** will be collected at **3.10pm**
- **Year 3 and Year 4** will be collected at **3.15pm**

- **Year 5 and Year 6** will be collected at **3.20pm**
- Years 1, 3 and 5 will be collected from one side; Years 2, 4 and 6 from another (see image below)
- Please hold back from the gate until your child's class is ready for collection



I'll leave you with some photographs below of what has been a truly fantastic week of learning and opportunity - I'm a very proud headteacher!

With my best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

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

Mr J. Perree
Headteacher

Kandinsky-inspired Art in Year 2



Year 1 exploring their senses in Science



Headteacher Awards!



Reception Class & Year 6 Buddies





Newsletter

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Week Ending Friday 13th September 2024.

Clubs!

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our Clubs, as from Monday 16th September for the Autumn term. There is a variety of clubs available for the children, including Handball, Football, Choir and Big Band!

If you would like your child to take part in any of the after school clubs, please complete the booking form on the school app. The club will then be charged to your child's Parentpay account.

The clubs available this half term are:

Monday – Choir and Year 1/Year 2 Football with Matty

Tuesday – KS2 Handball with Ultimate Kids

Wednesday – Year 5/Year 6 Football with Matty

Thursday – Year 1/Year 2 Multisports with Ultimate Kids

Thursday – KS2 Big Band Club

Friday – Year 3/Year 4 Football with Matty



'Meet The Teacher' sessions will be continuing next week. The sessions will run straight after school and will be held in the classrooms. Children are all welcome to wait in the school hall with school staff, whilst the meetings are taking place.

At these sessions, we will request the most up-to-date emergency contact details from families, which should include one email address and three telephone numbers, one of which should be a contact from outside of your household.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our 'Meet The Teacher' sessions

Year 4: Monday 16th September

Year 5: Tuesday 17th September

Year 6: Wednesday 11th September



All children at St.Gregory's looked very smart for their school photographs this week. Our school photographer was very impressed with all the children and said that he really enjoys coming to our school for photo day – as all the children are so happy!

Your child will be given a slip of paper during next week, with a reference number on it, this allows parents to log onto the photographers website and see your child's digital image, before you decide whether to make your purchase.

All payments must be completed online, direct to the company, no money is to be handed into school for photographs.

Our after school facility, The Hub, is very popular for our families. The Hub runs every day until 5.45pm (Monday to Thursday) and 4.45pm (Friday).

As part of our safeguarding procedures, if you require a place for your child in The Hub, you must book this via the school app.

If your child is not booked into The Hub and is not collected at the end of the school day, families will be contacted to see who should be collecting your child.

This allows us to ensure the safety of all our children.

Reporting



Absences

If your child is unwell and is absent from school, you must contact school on the first day of the absence, before 9.30am.

There are a couple of ways you can make contact with school to report an absence:

Telephone – 0151 526 5856 and report the absence on extension 1

Parentapp – An absence reporting form is available on the app. This will be followed by a phonecall from school staff to confirm the absence.

If we have not had confirmation of your child's absence by 9.30am, we will then try to make contact with parents to establish the reason. This is part of our first day response for attendance.

If your child's illness continues, we will ring parents on each day of the absence.

If your child has experienced vomiting and diarrhea, you must keep them at home until 48 hours as passed, after the symptoms have stopped. This is to ensure everyone is kept well in school.

Nursery – 30 Hours Entitlement

If your child currently attends our school Nursery and is accessing our 30 hours provision, could you please provide all necessary information as soon as possible, so that we can confirm the child's place.

The information required is Name of the Claimant, Parent's National Insurance Number and the 30 hours code that you have been given. This information is to be passed into our school office or via email to Mrs King.

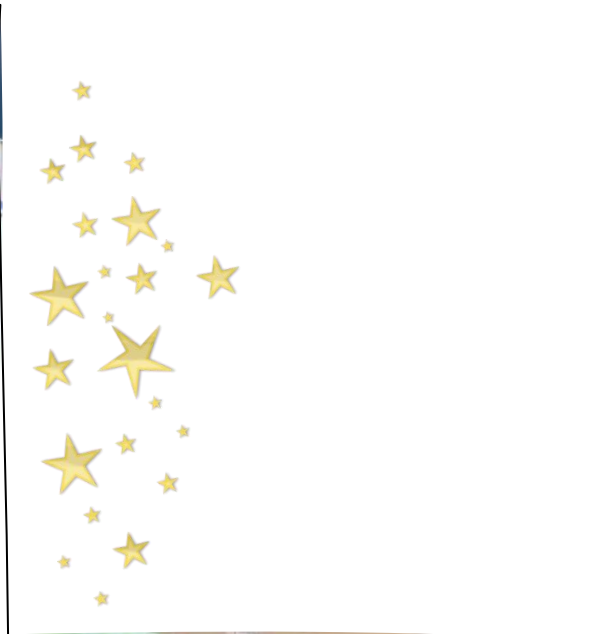
Celebrations

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!





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.

We work closely with parents to identify and address any barriers to school attendance, and we provide support to families to help their children attend school regularly.

If your child falls below the expected attendance percentage, we will be holding meetings with parents to understand the reasons for poor attendance and offer support/attendance plans to our families to encourage improved attendance.

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>