



17th November, 2023.

## *Message from Mrs Albon.....*

Dear Parents,

What a really wet week we have had this week! Hopefully the sun will shine over the weekend – this might help with Christmas shopping trips! I cannot believe we are racing through November and already thinking of Christmas. We have lots of lovely festive events for the children and families planned.

### **Prayer and Liturgy**

The month of November, which includes Remembrance Sunday, is a time to remember all our loved ones who have died, and to give thanks for their lives. This week, during our time of prayer and reflection, our children remembered and honoured all those who have died, during a beautiful Remembrance service. Y6 led us all with dignity and respect, which set the tone and expectation for the rest of the school.

Thank you to those children who represented us at Our Lady's and St. Gregory's on Sunday morning, in honouring the brave young men of Lydiate, who lost their lives in the first World War.

**Don't forget that Father Grant will be saying mass on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November in school at 9.15am and that Y3 and Y4 will be in attendance. Parents and Grandparents are warmly invited to attend.**



## **Nativity performances**

We will be holding our Early Years and KS1 Nativity performances on the following dates:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Grandparents  
Nursery/Reception at 9am  
Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.00pm  
This performance will be our dress rehearsal.  
One ticket per family for this performance.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Nursery Families at 9am  
Year 1 Families at 2.00pm  
2 tickets per family for the performances.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Reception families at 9.00am  
Year 2 families at 2.00pm  
2 tickets per family for the performances.

For health and safety purposes, and so that the children enjoy performing and are not overwhelmed by large audiences, we have reduced our tickets this year for our Grandparents' performances. We realise that this may be difficult for some families who have more than one grandparent who would like to attend, but we have to think of the children first and foremost, we want them to really enjoy this experience, especially the younger children. We are holding a waiting list for spare tickets, so if you would like extra tickets please speak to Mrs King.

## **Mufti Day**

We will be holding a Mufti Day (own clothes) on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, in support of our Christmas Bingo event, which takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in our school hall. For our Mufti Day, and only if you are able to contribute, we would like to ask for the following:

Nursery/Reception – Boxes of Chocolates / Selection Boxes  
Year 1 / Year 2 – Fancy Goods / Gift Sets  
KS2 classes – Bottles

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Tickets for our Christmas Bingo will be going on sale very soon. Many thanks to our families for supporting our fundraising events.

Have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards,  
Deborah Albon.

# Lest we forget...



On Monday this week, we remembered the sacrifices of people who served and who are still serving in wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

St.Gregory's prayed for world peace and in our prayers we remembered local soldiers from Lydiate, who died in both World War I and World War II.

Children from Year 6 read poems and prayers and lit a candle for each of the soldiers.



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Steph, our Design and Technology teacher, visited St.Gregory's this week.



Children in Year 4 were treated to a fantastic lesson of creating and making cam toys.

A cam toy is a hand powered mechanism that creates cyclical motions.



Many thanks to Steph for such a fantastic workshop. The children are really excited to complete their designs.

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for the support you showed to our campaign to help the homeless people of Liverpool, during the summer term. We donated lots of dried goods which the Whitechapel Centre used to make up 'Kettle Bags' to hand out to the people who they have housed in temporary accommodation.

**We are asking if you could possibly help us again?**

Unfortunately, homelessness is on the increase. More people than ever are facing Christmas without a safe place to call home. Your support is needed more than ever to help us to end homelessness for people across our city.

The Whitechapel Centre works with people experiencing homelessness every day of the year but Christmas is a particularly difficult and emotional time. They try to make it a little better for anyone who is sleeping rough, offering a warm welcome, Christmas lunch and a gift. They will also be distributing gifts and Christmas treats to over 900 clients around the city. For many, this will be their first Christmas without their own home.

The Whitechapel Centre can only do this because of the kind donations they receive. This year, the Whitechapel Centre are running a Christmas appeal and **WE** can help by donating useful things listed on the Christmas Wishlist below. Your support will help them to continue their work this Christmas and give people the hope and opportunity to change their lives throughout the year.

We have a donation bin in the school foyer which we are hoping to fill. Every morning, we will visit each class and collect in any donations the children have kindly brought in. We will then deliver all of the items to the Whitechapel Centre on **8<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Please give if you are able to.**

**Thank you!**

**St. Gregory's Mini Vinnies**



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# Wishlist

- Chocolate selection boxes
- New pyjamas, boxers & socks
- Toiletry gift sets
- Hats, scarves & gloves
- Christmas food treats
- Stocking fillers

 The  
Whitechapel  
Centre

Christmas  
Appeal  
2023



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# Christmas Time

# EVENTS



Christmas is a wonderful time of year and, at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School, we thoroughly enjoy celebrating this time of year with our school community.

Please find below information with regards to our festive Christmas events that are coming up!

## Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Grandparents  
(Dress rehearsal) 9.00am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** (9.00am) Nursery families

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (9.00) Reception families

Families will be allocated **two** tickets

Grandparents will be allocated **one** ticket.

## Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – 2pm  
Grandparents

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** (2pm)  
Year 1 families

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (2pm)  
Year 2 families

Families will be allocated **two** tickets.  
Grandparents will be allocated **one** ticket.

## **Christmas Bingo**

Fundraising Event

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

Eyes down at 6pm!

Tickets on sale  
soon!

## **Whole School Panto**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December

Followed by party  
food lunch on arrival  
back to school.

## **Choir Christmas Concert**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
3.45pm

Families welcome

## **Nursery Christmas Party**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 9.15am

## **Christmas Dinner**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December



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# Gold Medal Award



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