



15th September, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear Parents,

We've had two successful weeks back in school: routines have been firmly established once again and the children have settled down to working hard and trying their best. It's like we have never been away! This week we have started clubs, identified buddies and voted for school councillors. In the next two weeks we will be interviewing for our new Pupil Leadership team, so it is business as usual.

We have also launched a new curriculum in our Foundation subjects, and already we are seeing children totally engaged in the new topics and really enjoying the activities. Yesterday, I dropped into each of Key Stage 2 classes and children were eager to share their new knowledge with me. I went from the causes of World War One, to the gestation time for an elephant, in 5 minutes! It's exciting to see teachers and children so enthused about the new topics and we look forward to sharing the children's work with you as the year progresses.

Prayer and Liturgy

This week, we celebrated Education Sunday, when our church prays for all our Catholic Schools and those who work in them. Children and staff from both our Primary schools read special prayers at the 9.30am Mass on behalf of our parish community, and we gathered as a St. Gregory's school community on Monday, to continue that prayer.

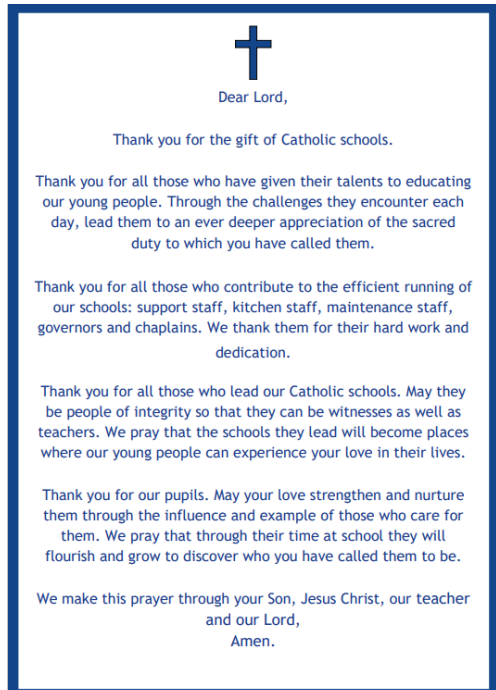
Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

Education is a lifelong pursuit of the fullness of truth, beauty and goodness, for which a good start in Catholic schools provides the foundation. Catholic education strives to do this while acknowledging Jesus' loving presence in the midst of the lives of the young people as they work, learn, pray, grow and live out their Catholic mission in the world. It enables people to grow and excel in character and virtue throughout their lives, and to find fulfilment while discovering their vocation.

Education Sunday can be the reminder to all members of the Catholic community of the importance of education to the Catholic mission.

“The mission of schools and teachers is to develop an understanding of all that is true, good and beautiful.”

- Pope Francis



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all our parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings during the past 2 weeks. It was lovely to welcome parents to the meetings. Year 6 parents were already shedding tears with it being their children's final year in Primary School! If you didn't attend the meetings, please take the time to read the PowerPoints that were presented at the meetings - they will be posted on the class webpages. If you have any queries then please contact the class teacher via ClassDojo or the class email addresses. The teachers will respond when they are not teaching. Please also respect the fact that teachers need rest during the evenings and weekend. Many thanks.

Medical and Dietary Forms

Please can you complete the medical and dietary form on the School APP, so that we are fully informed of any illnesses or allergies. It would appear that there are more food-related allergies than ever, and some of these are life threatening, so we need all relevant staff to be fully informed and trained to deal with any emergencies. Thank you to the majority of families who have already completed the form.

School Pick-ups

We have been monitoring the KS1 exit gate at the end of the school day and have noticed that some days the pathway outside the gate has been quite congested and teachers feel that they can find it difficult to locate parents for the child safely. With that in mind, children in Year 1 will now exit via the hall doors at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to line up along the Main Entrance pathway, waiting under the blue canopy, and then you will be called to collect your child from the hall doors. Please follow the circular pathway that runs past Reception and Nursery and back out of the gate.

Christmas Holidays- reminder of change of date

Just to remind you of last week's information-it would appear we have too many days in school this year, so we will be breaking up a day earlier than previously announced in December. Therefore, we will break up on **Thursday 21st December at 12.30pm.**

Welcome Assembly

We look forward to welcoming all our Reception class families to the St. Gregory's family at our 'Welcome Assembly' on Friday 29th September at 9.15am. At the assembly, the Y6 buddies will welcome each of our new Reception children to our school family, and we will pray for God's blessings on our new children, as they begin their full-time school journey. I'm sure the Reception parents will really enjoy this precious occasion, marking the start of their child's formal education.

This invitation is for the Reception class parents only.

May I wish you and your families a very happy weekend. This Sunday would have been my dad's 100th birthday, so we will be celebrating his memory. Let's hope Everton can help us celebrate!

With every good wish,

Deborah Albon

Newsletter



St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Date 15th September, 2023.

Clubs

Clubs commenced this week at St. Gregory's – thank you to our parents who signed up children to our very popular clubs this half term.

Football Clubs are now full and Boxing for KS2 is nearly at full capacity. The clubs will run until the end of this half term.

We also welcomed Matty from Intensive Sports to St. Gregory's this week, for our football coaching sessions. There was a lot of interest in the Year 5 and Year 6 trials on Tuesday – well done to everyone who took part! If your child was successfully selected in the trials to play for our school team, then we ask that they attend the training sessions each Tuesday/Thursday lunchtime.

Healthy Habits Workshops

Children in Year 3 will be receiving Healthy Habits sessions from Active Sefton over the next few weeks. The sessions will be covering different topics, such as: the Eatwell Guide, physical activity, sugar, fats, food labels, healthy facts and myths about food. We will be commencing the sessions on Monday 18th September, with Year 3. This will be during the afternoon curriculum.



We will be holding our annual Sponsored Walk, around our school field, on Friday 22nd September. Children will bring home a Sponsor Form to try to raise funds for this event.

Please only offer to sponsor your child if you are able to do so – there is to be no pressures on families, during the current financial climate.

Swimming

Year 5 will be continuing with their swimming lessons each Monday, until further notice.

K & S Rourke – School Photographer

John, our school photographer, visited St. Gregory's on Thursday taking beautiful pictures of our children.

There is now a different way for parents to purchase the photographs, should you wish. The children have come home with a piece of paper, showing an individual barcode for each child. This can be scanned and your picture viewed instantly. Then parents can purchase photos online. The slips are not to be returned to school and no money is to be passed into school.



Reception Class Reading Meeting

Parents of children in Reception Class are invited to attend a Reading Meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 6pm. This meeting is for parents only please. There will be lots of information given to parents on the expectations of reading in Reception class and how school and parents can work in partnership, to achieve the best for all our children.



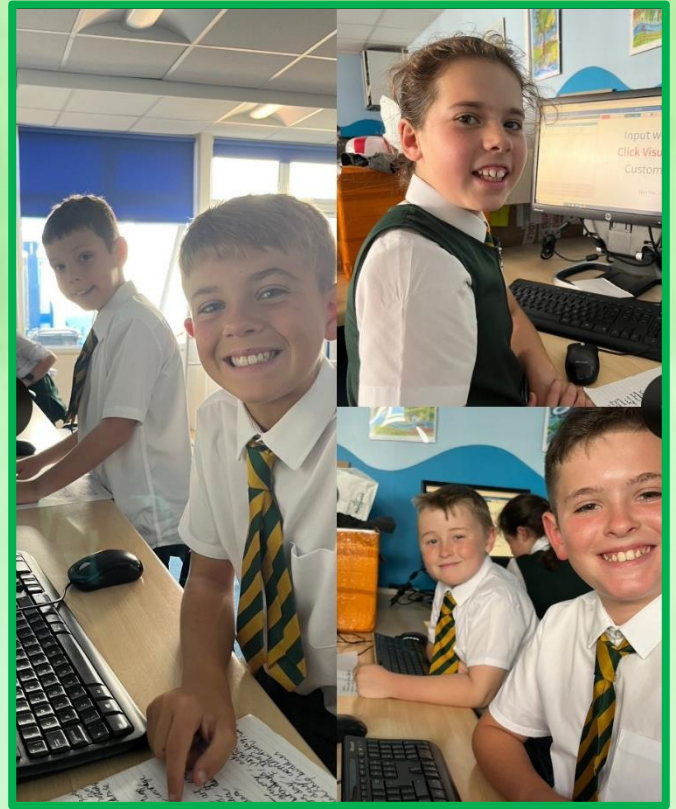
We would ask that each family has at least one parent attending this meeting.

Collective Worship

Years one, two and three gathered for Collective Worship on Tuesday this week. The focus for our prayers was 'Jesus is with us when we are learning'. The reading we listened to was from St. Matthew's gospel.

It reminded us that Jesus is with us when we gather in His name. Thank you to the children for a peaceful and prayful start to our school day.

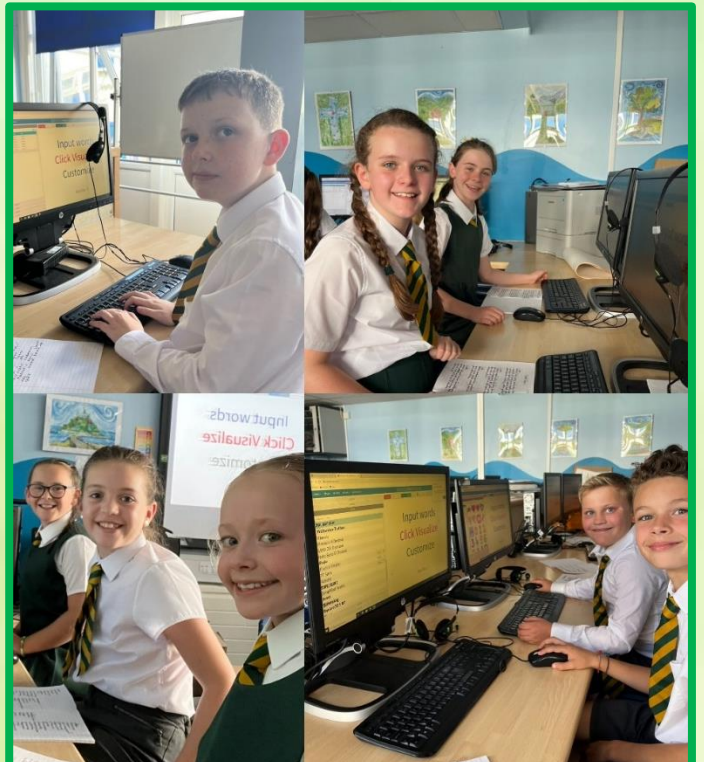




Year 6 are already proving themselves to be wonderful role models at St.Gregory's to the younger children. We just knew they would be!

They have been very busy this week, creatively presenting their work on how they can live our Mission in ways Jesus taught us.

Well done Year 6!





Parish Pantomime Time!

“Oh yes it is!”

Parish of St. Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiatø

There will be a meeting on Sunday 17th September, with a cast read through and a production meeting, for any people who wish to be involved in the wider aspects of the show.

The meeting will take place after mass, around 12 noon start in the meeting room next to church. This is open to all members of the community, even if you haven't signed up already!

Why not come along and tread the boards, or keep things running smoothly backstage.

It promises to be loads of fun for everyone!

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



*Reception - Aida
Year 1 - Sienna
Year 2 - Noah*

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Congratulations to the following children on winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



Year 3 - Noah

Year 4 - Jonjo

Year 5 - Oliver

Year 6 - Millie

Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Special Mention Award this week.



*Year 3 - Emily
Year 4 - Issac
Year 5 - Charlie
Year 6 - Charlotte*

Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Special Mention Award this week.



*Year 2 - Lillian
Year 1 - James
Reception - Theo*

Best Book Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Best Book Award this week.



Year 1 - Charlotte

Year 2 - Georgie

Year 3 - Esme

Year 4 - Leo

Year 6 - Amelie

Attendance

Please find below this week's Attendance percentages for each year group. The overall national average for attendance is 96.7%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.7%	97.8%	92.7%	100%	100%	88.3%	93.3%

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 for having 100% attendance this week!

Punctuality

At St.Gregory's, our Welcome Gate is open from 8.45am each morning. All children are expected to be in school for 8.55am – when the gates will then be closed. If your child arrives after the gates are closed, you must take them via the carpark entrance and into the school front office. You will be asked to fill in the online form upon arrival, stating a reason for the lateness.

8 Late Arrivals were Recorded this week.

Arriving late to school not only causes upset for the child, but also disturbs the class as they have settled into their first lesson. Your child will miss the input of the lesson, which is a vital to their learning.

Dates for your diary



September

Monday 18th – Swimming Y5
Friday 22nd – Sponsored Walk
Monday 25th – Swimming Y5
Wednesday 27th – Reception Reading Meeting
Friday 29th – Welcome Assembly for Reception families

October

Monday 2nd – Swimming Y5
Friday 6th – Stay and Read Coffee Morning
Monday 9th – Swimming Y5
Monday 16th – Swimming Y5
Tuesday 17th – Parent's Evening
Wednesday 18th – Parent's Evening
Thursday 19th – School closes for half term (normal finishing time)
Friday 20th – School Closed INSET DAY
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th – Half Term Holiday
Monday 30th – School Closed INSET DAY

November

Monday 6th – Swimming Y5
Monday 13th – Swimming Y5
Monday 20th – Swimming Year 4
Monday 27th – Swimming Year 4

Please note: dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will always do our best to inform families of changes to our calendar as soon as possible.