



20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Good afternoon families,

It has been another very busy week in and around school! At this point in the year, after we have passed the highs of the festive season and we're all well back into working routines, we often talk of needing to make it through 'Blue Monday' and the January blues in general. I can certainly say that, after wandering in and out of classes this week, there's certainly not been any January blues at St. Gregory's! The children have delighted in being back in routine, living our school Mission through all they say and do. Though slippery, we were blessed with bouts of beautiful snow, which all children have enjoyed playing in throughout the week; for many of our youngest children, this was their first experience of the magic of winter snowfall!



### **Welcome, Nursery Children!**

It has been a joy to welcome Ellis, Sofia, Grace, Ada and Annie to our Nursery class this week. Mrs Fidler, Mrs Meath and all our Early Years staff have reported just how welcoming all Nursery children have been, showing kindness and care. They were introduced to the different learning areas, joined in the many sing-alongs, and their classmates were keen to share and take turns in their play. Ellis, Sofia, Grace, Ada and Annie, you are very welcome in our school!

### **Monday's Collective Worship**

Beginning the week together as we always do, Mrs Albon celebrated Collective Worship where we reflected on Sunday's Gospel. In last Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist speaks about his revelation that Jesus is the chosen one of God. Some very enthusiastic Year 6 children (who even brought in props!), performed a drama involving mistaken identity and a much-anticipated royal visit to a school, celebrating the life-changing joy and freedom we know when we, too, recognise Jesus as God. As always, the children's responses left staff both moved and inspired. They are a true credit to their families and teachers.



### **Teacher Strikes**

I am sure you will have heard and read news regarding the planned teacher strikes.

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

At this moment in time, we are unable to share whether any of our classes will be affected by the strikes. Mrs Albon and I will inform the parents of any classes to be affected as soon as we have the information to do so. I'm sure you'll agree that, at a time when there can be so much negative press regarding professions, our teaching staff need to know how much we value their talents and skills and appreciate the love they bring, every day, to our St. Gregory's family. Thank you.

### **Partnership with Active Sefton – Yoga & Mindfulness with all KS2 Classes**

St. Gregory's has always had close connections with local sports providers, and we are delighted to continue to utilise the many offerings by Active Sefton. This week, all children in Key Stage 2 have had the first of a sequence of Yoga and Mindfulness sessions. As well as learning new poses and stretches to induce calm, the children were also given the chance to simply rest, breathe calmly, and be still in each other's presence. We look forward to the remainder of the sessions, which will be repeated for some classes in the summer term, and will branch out to include healthy eating and lifestyles for other classes, too. You can find more information about Active Sefton's opportunities for families on their website, <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/sport-leisure>.

### **Uniform and Shoe Appeal – Living our Catholic Mission Near and Far**



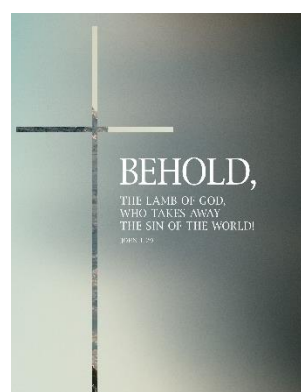
We continue to offer our Free School Uniform shop, which Mrs King is keeping stocked with your many donations – thank you! In addition to the usual items, we are currently collecting flat, black school shoes in all sizes, in good condition. Many of the shoes will help fill our school Free Uniform shop; some will be taken by a party of Ormskirk Rotary Club members to Uganda to be reused by some of the 300 orphaned, homeless or destitute children in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation living in Kamuzinda Children's Village. If you can help and wish to donate

towards our overseas appeal, please send in shoes by next Wednesday 25th January. Any shoes sent in after that date will only be used in our Free School Uniform shop. Thank you.

Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us this weekend! Stay safe and wrap up warm.

With every good wish,

**Mr Joseph Perree**  
Deputy Headteacher





# Newsletter

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St. Gregory's  
Catholic Primary School

## Let It SNOW

The children at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School were treated to a wonderful 'white surprise' this week when heading out to school!

Wrapped up in their winter warmers, they braved the icy conditions. They were full of tales of sliding on the pathways and making footprints in their gardens.



The children have been out during their time in school to experience the snow/ice.

With aspiring Torville and Dean skaters, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the slippery conditions!



# Dance



## with Miss Alice!

Dance Class with Miss Alice has been a big hit with children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes this week.

The older children really encouraged and supported the younger children to show off their dance moves!



The dancers performed an amazing routine on week one and we cannot wait to see the whole performance at the end of their session.

Families of the dancers will be invited to come along and watch the dance production very soon!

# Co-ordination and Control



During their PE lesson this week, children in Year 2 accessed activities that displayed balance and control.

The children were given challenges of throwing and catching different sized balls to their partner.

Hand and eye co-ordination and control were all required throughout this lesson.



Control whilst in motion was the theme of this activity. Ensuring you kept hold of the ball, whilst travelling over hurdles – very tricky!



Esme displayed some fantastic balance skills, leaping into the air and holding on tight to the ball!



Showing excellent control and hand-eye coordination, Grace maneuvered the ball around the cones with a hockey stick.

# Bird Feeders



A bird feeder gives you the opportunity to observe the wonders of nature, taking a little break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. With access to bird feeders, children can learn to identify different species and teaches them the importance of caring for animals.



Children at St. Gregory's Nursery, have made their own bird feeders for their outdoor learning area.

The children made wonderful feeders and will enjoy watching the birds having their breakfast and lunch each day!





Rolling and mixing, the children created their very own Bird Feeders and Mr Hutson very kindly hung them on the tree in their outdoor learning area.

Well done Nursery!



# Space

Children in Year 2 have been busy exploring the wonders of our Universe this week, as part of their Space topic.



The children created their own pictures of our Universe, using water based paints and chalks.



### Facts by Year 2

*Robert: Some scientists think the big red spot is shrinking, it is shrinking but it is also building back up again. The big red spot is a raging storm on Jupiter.*



*Alex: The planet Mars is red because all the dust around it is red and during storms the dust covers the planet, therefore showing the planet to be red.*

*Neptune storm pulls around 1200 to 1900 miles per hour.*

# Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Year 5 – Thomas

Representing All of Year 3 for this Special Mention Award is:

Hollie and Cillian

Miss Weston is thrilled with the efforts of all the children in Year 3 and said "It is the best class that she has ever taught at St.Gregory's!".



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Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Year 4 - Ronan

Year 6 - Imogen



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Reception – Asher

Year 1 – Noah

Year 2 - Robert



# Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Year 2 - Rafa



Year 5 - Stephen



Year 6 - Isaac

# Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Year 4 – Evie

Year 3 - Elliott

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Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Reception - Phoenix

Year 1 - Joshua



# Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 3 – Archie  
Year 4 – Scarlett  
Year 5 - Luca

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Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Reception – Carter  
Year 1 – Isabella  
Year 2 - Grace

# Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	94.3%	94.3%	94.3%	94.3%	94.3%	94.3%



Congratulations to Year 3 on winning the Attendance Cup this week. Y3 were proudly represented by Issac, Hollie, Will and Harrison (Reception).