



# Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

## Attendance Update

Thank you to our families for supporting our Attendance policy. A **punctual start to the day is also very important**, as lessons start as soon as children arrive to their classes. Being only 5 minutes late for school, leads to children missing key learning opportunities.

### Attendance and Punctuality Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Reception – 98.7 %

Year 1 – 92.3%

Year 2 – 99 %

**Year 3 – 99.3 %**

Year 4 – 98.7 %

Year 5 – 98.7%

Year 6 – 94.1 %

Overall whole school attendance  
for this  
week is **97.3%**

**Well done everybody!**

If your child is absent from school,  
please ring the school office before  
9:15am and report the reason for the  
absence.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass at  
9:30am - St. Gregory's Church.  
All families are welcome to  
attend.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Early Years/KS1 Ash  
Wednesday Service will be held  
in School from 2:30pm.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
World Book Day and Special  
Celebration Lunch

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Y5 York Residential

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Y4 trip to Liverpool  
Philharmonic

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>  
Scholastic Book Fair.  
Parents welcome to come along and  
purchase books after school.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stay & Pray Class Worship  
All families are welcome to come along  
and pray with your children in their  
classrooms.

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
March 2025**

Please remember to book your  
appointment via the school app. If  
you are having any difficulties,  
please call into the school office.

## Reception Screening

MerseyCare School Nurses will be in  
school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. A  
letter has previously been sent out to  
parents. The screening is for testing of  
hearing, vision and recording of  
children's height and weight.

## CLUBS

Clubs for this half term:

After school Clubs (4.20pm finish)

Monday – Choir (KS2)

Monday – Football (KS1)

Tuesday – Dodgeball (KS2)

Tuesday – Coding Club (Y3 & Y4)

Wednesday – Football (KS2)

Thursday – Gymnastics (KS1)

Thursday – Spanish Club (KS2)

A Clubs form is now available via our  
school app. All Clubs must be paid for  
by the second week of the club  
commencing.

Please note: Some Clubs have limited  
spaces.

### Lunchtime Clubs

Thursday – Year 1  
Geo Adventurers Club



**World Book Day 2025!**



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
March, inviting all the children at St. Gregory's to come  
into school on this day wearing their pyjamas and bring  
along their favourite book.

We will also be celebrating this day with a special lunch  
of Hot dogs and Burgers!

**Mothers' Day  
Assembly  
Early Years / KS1  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
at 2.15pm**



Dear school community,

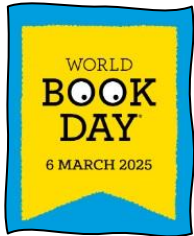
### Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back as we begin this new half-term together! A fresh start brings fresh opportunities, and with Lent fast approaching, we take time to reflect on how we can refocus in all elements of our lives, including in our faith. Lent is a season of cleansing—of our hearts, our minds, and our actions—as we continue our journey as Pilgrims of Hope. As a school community, we look forward to contributing through prayer, reflection, and countless acts of kindness, including fundraising to support those in need.

### Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Luke 6:27-38, where Jesus calls us to love our enemies and treat others with kindness, even when it feels difficult. We explored how our inner feelings can be reflected outwardly in the way we act, and we considered the impact our words and actions have on those around us. The children were encouraged to think about how they can be a blessing to others, bringing light and love into the lives of those they meet.

*'Love your enemies.  
and pray for those  
who hurt you.'*



### World Book Day

One of the most exciting days in the school calendar is almost here—World Book Day! Reading is at the heart of all learning, bringing joy, imagination, and endless possibilities. We are looking forward to celebrating the magic of books across all year groups. Please take a look at the attached sheet for details of our World Book Day activities and how you can join in the fun at home.

### Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will attend Mass at 9.30am in St. Gregory's Church, where some of our Year 6 pupils will be commissioned to administer ashes to the congregation. Families are warmly invited to join us. For Reception to Year 3, we will hold a school service at 2:30pm, where the commissioned Year 6 pupils will administer ashes—families are welcome to attend here, too. For those unable to come, our Year 6 pupils will also be in the school hall at the end of the day for anyone wishing to receive ashes.



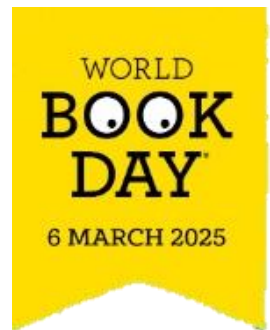
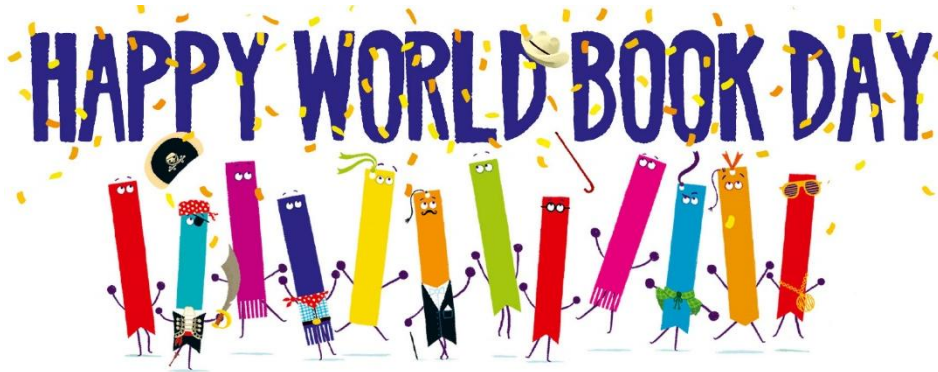
### Our New Website is Live!



We are thrilled to announce that our new school website is now live! Visit us at [www.stgregorysprimary.co.uk](http://www.stgregorysprimary.co.uk). A lot of hard work has gone into making this a valuable resource for families, and we are excited about how it will be used to share essential information, enhance home-school learning links, and in sharing snapshots of school life. Class pages are in the process of being updated with additional information and photographs, so we thank you for your patience as we continue adding content.

With my continued thanks and best wishes for a wonderful weekend and term ahead,

**Mr Joseph Perree**  
Headteacher



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Pyjama Day for all classes!**

Some of our favourite memories as children are being read to before bed: that special time shared together, igniting our imaginations and inspiring our dreams. For World Book Day, all children are invited to come to school in pyjamas and bring a copy of their favourite book, so they can share those special moments and stories with their class friends.



**World Book Day Class Activities - Story Stones!**

Children across the school will be thinking about their favourite moments from their favourite texts: from characters or events to spectacular settings or even plot twists. From this, children will be creating their very own 'story stone'. Our stones will stay in class, forming part of class library displays, symbolising the many different adventures all our readers take every single day.

**Buddy Reading**

Our older children love sharing a story with younger classes, helping them to not only read the words but to imagine the characters and the events unfolding. For World Book Day, children in Year 6 will spend special time with their Reception Class buddies. Children in all other year groups will also spend time paired up, sharing and talking about their favourite stories.



**Drop Everything and Read**

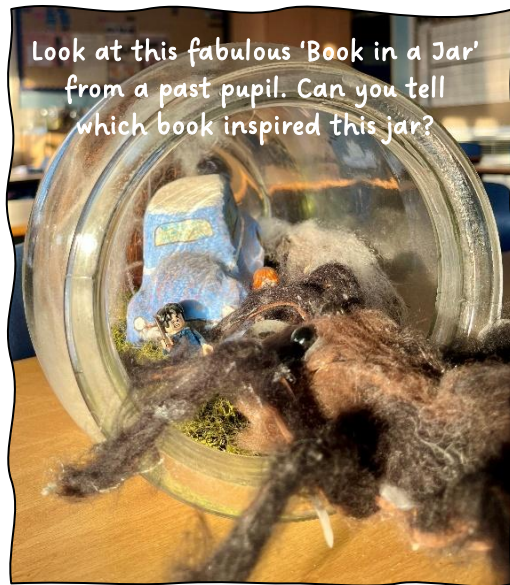
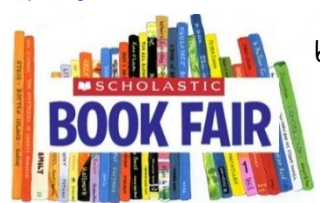
At random points throughout the day on World Book Day, children and adults alike will be stopping everything they're doing and dive into their books. The signal might sound at any point during the day, so we'll

**St. Gregory's Book Fair!**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

We're excited to once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in our school hall from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Children and families will be able to come to the school hall and browse the selection of books, chatting with staff about the available books; many will be exclusive titles! Children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens as money off any titles. School receives a small portion of any takings, which go straight back towards purchasing books for classrooms.

**Through the scholastic fairs so far, families have helped to raise almost £500 for books - thank you!**



Look at this fabulous 'Book in a Jar' from a past pupil. Can you tell which book inspired this jar?

**Home Task - Book in a Jar**

In previous years, we have created books in a box and even turned potatoes into our favourite characters! It would be brilliant if families could make a 'Book in a Jar', recreate a scene or setting from a favourite book. It would be great to see as many as possible filling our class libraries, corridors and, who knows, they may even get a special place in our new school library, soon to be revealed!

**Home Task - Take a Shelfie!**

We'd love you to share your best 'Shelfie!' Simply take a selfie of your child (or yourself!) in front of your bookshelf or collection of books, or maybe with a favourite or current book. Please share your photographs with staff on our school Instagram account,



[@stgregs\\_primary](https://www.instagram.com/stgregs_primary).

Children from Year 2 had a wonderful day out this week at Tatton Park.

They experienced life in Tudor times, understanding the significance of the Tudors in local, national and international history.



Tatton Park





Nursery has been buzzing with excitement, fun and laughter this week, as the children have all been busy making cutting, sticking and creating designs following patterns.

# Early Years Foundation Stage

The children created patterns and showed excellent hand and eye co-ordination during the activities.

What a wonderful week in Nursery!





# STARS of the WEEK

Congratulations to all our winners this week of the Gold Medal, Special Award and Best Book!

Congratulations to  
Teddy, George, Eryn, Arthur,  
Lily, Eleanor, Phoenix.



Congratulations to  
Winnie, Darragh, Grace,  
Oliver, Jessica, Harry, Bobby,



Congratulations to  
Jude, Eleanor, Lucy,  
Kayden, Joshua, Arthur, Noah

# STARS of the WEEK

Outstanding pieces of work were produced this week with many personal achievements!

Mr Perree was delighted to present Headteachers' Awards to lots of children, including the two superstars below!



Mr Perree was so proud of this art work, really capturing the true likeness of King Henry VIII. After telling Mr Perree all about his visit to Tatton Park this week, this superstar was proud to show off his masterpiece.



What truly uplifting artwork! This artist's enthusiasm of delivering the message of 'Hope' during our Jubilee year of celebrations, through her fantastic sketching and colouring was heartwarming - all produced at home during her own free time, too!



# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

## Dates for your Diary – Spring Term & Summer Term, 2025

*\*Please note that every effort will be made to adhere to the below dates, though these may change due to unavoidable or best-case circumstances. We will inform families of any changes to the below dates at the earliest opportunity.*



### Spring Term 1

#### January

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Jubilee Year Launch**

#### February

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am - Parent**

**Workshop and Coffee Morning**

Creating Positive environments to nurture positive Mental Health, Wellbeing, Learning and Partnership. All families are welcome to attend

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Stay & Pray Class Worship**

All families are welcome to come along and pray with your children in their classrooms.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Online Safety Week**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am**

**Parent Workshop and Coffee Morning**

Alder Hey Occupational Therapy Sensory Service. All families are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Y3 at Norton Priory**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – School Closes at normal finish time for half term holidays.**

### Spring Term 2

#### February

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – School reopens for all children after half term holiday**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Y2 at Tatton Park**

#### March

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Ash Wednesday Mass** 9.30am at St. Gregory's Church. All families are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Early Years/KS1 Ash Wednesday**

**Service.** Held in school from 2.30pm. Ashes available to all afterwards.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day and Lunch**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5 York Residential**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 trip to Liverpool Philharmonic**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair.**

Parents welcome to come along and purchase books after school.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Stay & Pray Class Worship**

All families are welcome to come along and pray with your children in their classrooms.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 Reconciliation Service at** St. Gregory's (including Y5 First Confession)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evenings.** Appointments to be booked via the school app.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 at Maricourt**

for production of Frozen

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Showcase**

KS1 & KS2 families welcome in class to share learning; EYFS Stay and Play; Parent Workshop –

'The St.Gregory's Curriculum'

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – EY/KS1 Mothers' Day Assembly 2.15pm**

#### April

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Y6 at Western Approaches**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Special Mass for Y3 & Y4**

Families welcome to attend.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – St.Gregory's Talent Show**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – School Closes for Easter Holidays at normal finish time.**

### Summer Term 1

#### April

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – School reopens for all children, after Easter holidays**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. George's Day**

**Celebrations – Mufti Day (Red, White, Blue) and special Lunch**

#### May

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> – Reception at Martin Mere**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Early May Bank Holiday**

School closed for all children.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - Stay & Pray Class Worship**

All families are welcome to come along and pray with your children in their classrooms

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Y3 at Catalyst, Widnes**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.15am - Parent Workshop and Coffee Morning**

The Graduated Approach to Supporting Children in School (includes SEND). All families are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – School closes for half term holidays at normal finish time.**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – INSET DAY**

School closed for all children.

### Summer Term 2

#### June

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET DAY**

School closed for all children.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – School reopens for all children after half term holidays.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y6 trip to Edge Hill University**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5 at Jodrell Bank**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day** (EYFS/KS1 9.15am and KS2 1.30pm)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Y1 & Y2 trip to Liverpool Philharmonic**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Stay & Pray Class Worship**

All families are welcome to come along and pray with your children in their classrooms

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Malham residential**

#### July

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Robinwood Residential**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Y1 at Calderstones Park**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Showcase**

KS1 & KS2 families welcome in class to share learning; EYFS Stay and Play; Parent Workshop.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Production at 1.30pm** for Y3 & Y5 families

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Production 10.30am** for Grandparents 1.30pm for Y4 & Y6 families

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers' Mass in school at 10am**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays.**