



Newsletter

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

Friday 25th April

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 25th April 2025

Reception – 95%

Year 1 – 98.3%

Year 2 – 93.5%

Year 3 – 92.2%

Year 4 – 100%

Year 5 – 95.2%

Year 6 – 93.1%

**Overall whole school
attendance for this
week is 95.4%**

Clubs

The following Clubs are available for this half term. If you would like your child to attend any of our Clubs, please complete the form on the school app.

Clubs will begin week commencing Monday 28th April and will run for 4 weeks. Please note: Football Club on Monday will only run for 3 weeks due to the Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May.

Monday – KS1 Football
(20 spaces) £15.00

Monday – KS2 Choir £10.00

Tuesday – KS2 Rounders £20.00
(20 spaces)

Wednesday – Y3/Y4 Tennis £20.00
(12 spaces)

Thursday - Reception/KS1 £20.00
MultiMasters Club
(15 spaces)

*MultiMasters Club is for children to experience a full range of different types of sports each week.

All Clubs must be paid for in advance of the club commencing.

Summer Uniform

Children are all welcome to wear their Summer uniform, now that the weather has started to finally be kind to us!

Please remember, we do have lots of summer dresses in our free uniform shop. This will be open most days under the Reception canopy, please come along and help yourself.

Upcoming Events!

Thursday 1st – Reception at Martin Mere

Monday 5th – Early May Bank Holiday
School closed for all children.

**Thursday 8th - Stay & Pray Class
Worship**

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

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th – KS2 SATs

Wednesday 21st - Y3 at Catalyst, Widnes

**Thursday 22nd 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 22nd – School Closes for Half
Term Holidays**

Finish at normal finish time.

Friday 23rd – INSET DAY
School closed for all children.

St George's Day

**What a wonderful sight it
was to see our children
dressed up in red white and
blue to celebrate St George's
Day this week!**

**Everyone joined in the fun
with big smiles and great
enthusiasm. It was a lovely
way to learn about England's
patron saint and further
consider our British Values.**

**Thank you all for your
continued support.**



Sun Safety Reminder

As the days get warmer and sunnier, it's important to stay safe in the sun!

Next week the forecast is showing that we will be blessed with some fabulous weather! Please remember to send your children into school with a hat, apply sunscreen before school and provide them with a water bottle, to stay cool and hydrated.



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Absence Report Line: Option 1 School Office: Option 4



Friday 25th April, 2025

Dear Families and Friends of St. Gregory's,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all enjoyed a happy, restful and blessed Easter break. As we begin this new term, we do so with a renewed sense of joy and optimism, looking forward to all the opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration that the summer months bring.

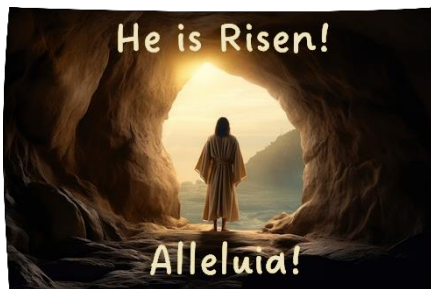
Reflecting on the life and legacy of Pope Francis

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. We join the global Church in mourning the loss of a humble servant who dedicated his life to peace, compassion, and the service of others. During this term, we will take time as a school community to pray for Pope Francis, reflect on his teachings, and give thanks for the extraordinary impact he made across the world.



*'Let us walk together,
work together,
pray together.'*

Pope Francis



He is Risen! Alleluia!

After the quiet reflection of Lent and the celebration of Easter, we move forward with renewed hope and purpose. The Easter message reminds us that even in the darkest of times, there is light and life. Let us carry this spirit into all we do this term — embracing new challenges, supporting one another, and striving to live out our school mission and values each day.

St. George's and British Values Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Red, White and Blue celebrations for St. George's Day and British Values Day this Wednesday. Events like this help reinforce the vital role that British Values play in preparing our children for life in modern Britain. At St. Gregory's, these values are thoughtfully woven throughout our curriculum — from the novels and texts we study to the rich substantive concepts that enable our pupils to make meaningful connections and deepen their learning across all subjects.



Parking – a plea

A polite reminder about parking: we respectfully ask all members of our school community to show consideration to one another and to our neighbours. Please avoid parking across driveways, double parking, or blocking access on the roads around school. Above all, we ask that safety is always prioritised, even if you are in a rush — please park up fully and safely. Additional parking is available at Sandy Lane Park. We also

encourage families to park a little further away and enjoy a short walk to school, especially as the weather becomes more pleasant. Thank you for your cooperation and support, and for prioritising the safety of all.

Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, we'd like to thank families for their efforts in ensuring excellent attendance and punctuality. Our school attendance so far this year is 96.1%, which is above national and local authority average. We currently have almost **one third of children with excellent (99%+ attendance)**, and a further **43% of children with good (above 95%) attendance**. We're grateful that such a significant number of families know, understand and value the vital importance of good school attendance and punctuality.

Being ***in school, on time, all day, every day makes a real difference — because every moment matters***. Just five minutes late daily adds up to over three full days of learning lost across the school year. Absences and late arrivals can quickly add up to missed lessons, disrupted routines, and lost learning opportunities; equally, if absent or persistently late, your child misses out on forming and growing their friendships and relationships with their peers.



We are here to support every child in achieving excellent attendance so they can make the most of every school day, and grow in their personal, social and emotional development. Let's continue to work together to ensure our children are present, punctual, and ready to learn. If you are having difficulty with your child's attendance, we are here to listen, understand and support.

Wishing you all a joyful and successful summer term ahead!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Perree".

Mr Joseph Perree
Headteacher

Remembering Pope Francis

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This week, we join with Catholics all around the world in mourning the passing of our beloved Pope Francis. As the leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis was a gentle and humble shepherd who showed us how to live with kindness, love and faith.

He reminded us often of the importance of caring for the poor, protecting God's creation, and showing mercy to one another. His smile, his simple words, and his deep love for Jesus touched the hearts of millions.

At school, we remember Pope Francis not only as a leader, but as someone who encouraged children to dream big, to pray often, and to be joyful in their faith. Let us keep him in our prayers, thanking God for his life and his service, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide the church as we look to the future.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Y2 and Y4 welcomed Steph O'Donnell to school this week for our Design & Technology workshop.

D&T is a dynamic subject that encourages creativity, problem solving and practical skills. Year 4 children further developed their woodwork skills in designing and creating a wooden toy.

DT nurtures inventiveness, connecting learning across many subject areas, as well as and inspiring children for future careers in engineering, product design, architecture and beyond.

We always look forward to Steph visiting St. Gregory's!



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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 27th – Jubilee Year Launch

February

Wednesday 5th 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 6th – Stay & Pray Class Worship

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

Monday 10th – Online Safety Week

Tuesday 11th – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th at 9.15am

Parent Workshop and Coffee Morning

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

Thursday 13th – Y3 at Norton Priory

Friday 14th – School Closes at normal finish time for half term holidays.

Spring Term 2 February

Monday 24th – School reopens for all children after half term holiday

Thursday 27th – Y2 at Tatton Park

March

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

Wednesday 5th – Early Years/KS1 Ash Wednesday Service. Held in school from 2.30pm. Ashes available to all afterwards.

Thursday 6th – World Book Day and Lunch

Monday 10th – Y5 York Residential

Thursday 12th – Y4 trip to Liverpool Philharmonic

Thursday 12th to 19th – Scholastic Book Fair.

Parents welcome to come along and purchase books after school.

Thursday 13th - Stay & Pray Class Worship

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

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

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

Tuesday 25th – Y5 & Y6 at Maricourt

for production of Frozen

Friday 28th – Curriculum Showcase

KS1 & KS2 families welcome in class to share learning; EYFS Stay and Play; Parent Workshop – 'The St.Gregory's Curriculum'

Mon 31st – EY/KS1 Mothers' Day Assembly 2.15pm

April

Tuesday 1st April – Y6 at Western Approaches

Friday 4th April – Special Mass for Y5 & Y6

Families welcome to attend.

Friday 4th April – St.Gregory's Talent Show

Friday 4th April – School Closes for Easter Holidays at normal finish time.

Summer Term 1 April

Tuesday 22nd – School reopens for all children, after Easter holidays

Wednesday 23rd – St. George's Day

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

May

Thursday 1st – Reception at Martin Mere

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Friday 23rd – INSET DAY

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Summer Term 2 June

Monday 2nd – INSET DAY

School closed for all children.

Tuesday 3rd – School reopens for all children after half term holidays.

Friday 6th – Y6 trip to Edge Hill University

Tuesday 10th – Y5 at Jodrell Bank

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

Tuesday 17th – Y1 & Y2 trip to Liverpool Philharmonic

Thursday 19th - Stay & Pray Class Worship

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

Wednesday 25th – Y4 Malham residential

July

Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th – Y6 Robinwood Residential

Tuesday 8th – Y1 at Calderstones Park

Friday 11th - Curriculum Showcase

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

Tuesday 15th – KS2 Production at 1.30pm for Y3 & Y5 families

Wednesday 16th – KS2 Production 10.30am for Grandparents 1.30pm for Y4 & Y6 families

Friday 18th – Leavers' Mass in school at 10am

Tuesday 22nd – School Closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays.