



# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Dear St. Gregory's Community,

As the term progresses into Autumn, it is wonderful to see how much the children are continuing to grow and learn around school. Their excitement in noticing the changing season has been infectious – with shiny conkers and acorns, sparkling morning frost, and even deer spotted in the local fields (a sharp-eyed spot, Miss Moores!). These special moments remind us of the joy and wonder children bring into our daily lives.

### **Celebration of the Word – Blessed are the Peacemakers**

On Monday, during our Celebration of the Word, we reflected on The Beatitudes as we marked International Day of Peace. Together, we thought about what it means to be peacemakers – in our school, in our homes, and in the small actions that make a big difference in bringing peace into our world.



### **Staffing News – Happy Retirement, Mrs Williams!**

Next week, we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Williams, one of our valued teaching assistants in Key Stage 2, as she heads into early retirement. Mrs Williams has been with us for almost 10 years, offering unwavering support, encouragement and compassion to both children and staff. I had the privilege of working alongside her in Year 6 for many years, and her calm, steady presence was a constant reassurance to both me and the children. We thank Mrs Williams for her dedication to Catholic education and wish her every happiness and good health in the years ahead.



### **Reception Reading Meeting – Reading, the heart of our learning**

We look forward to welcoming our Reception families to the Reading Meeting. Reading is at the very heart of life at St. Gregory's – developing confident, fluent and joyful readers who delight in books is one of our greatest priorities. This meeting is an important milestone, helping families to support the vital early foundations of reading both at home and in school.

### **Welcome Assembly**

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October will see our Reception Class formally welcomed into the St. Gregory's family! This is a joyful occasion where our school children, including KS1 and Year 6 buddies, welcome Reception children, assuring our new starters of the guiding hand of the school community. We look forward to welcoming Reception families to join the celebration of this milestone.

### **Friends of St. Gregory's PTA – Come along; all are welcome!**

Our first 'Friends of St. Gregory's' (PTA) meeting will take place soon [DATE TBC]. We warmly encourage families to come along, enjoy a brew together, and share ideas for how, as a school community, we can plan events and opportunities that will enrich our community and fundraise to enhance pupils' school experiences.

### **Attendance – September, a fresh start for all**

Finally, families will be receiving Attendance flyer. This shares key messages about the importance of regular attendance, alongside practical reminders, helpful tips and links to further support. September gives us all a fresh start and a renewed commitment to excellent attendance, which is so closely linked with children's happiness and success. We thank you for your continued support in making attendance a high priority for every child.



With every good wish,

Mr Joseph Perree  
Headteacher



# Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

### Weekly Attendance And Punctuality

Reception – 99.5%  
 Year 1 – 88.7%  
 Year 2 – 100%  
 Year 3 – 99.4%  
 Year 4 – 97.9%  
 Year 5 – 98%  
 Year 6 – 95.8%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.9%

Remember -  
“We open the gate at half past 8!”

Lates this week:  
14

## Nursery

At St.Gregory's Nursery we provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment, where every child is encouraged to explore, play and learn, all within the loving ethos of our catholic school.

We offer either a 15 hour or a 30 hour provision. Full time provision is from 9am to 3pm, with the 'window of welcome' open from 8.45am.

Children in Nursery can also access our Breakfast Club and after school club (The Hub) wraparound facilities, at additional costs.

If you would like further information about our Nursery or an application form, please contact our school office.



### School Photographs

If your child has lost their slip for their school photograph, please contact school, not the photographer directly. We have all the serial numbers for each child and it will make it easier for the photographer to locate your child's photo.

### Breakfast Club and The Hub

Thank you to all our families who support our wraparound provisions. Please remember to book your child on the school app for Breakfast Club and The Hub.

### Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our Autumn 2025 Parents' Evenings on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

A form is available on the school app for you to make your appointments.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please contact the school office who will assist you.

If you book your appointment, then need to change it, please let us know and we will sort this for you.

### Dates for your



30<sup>th</sup> September  
Sefton Cross Country Race  
At Merchant Taylors

1<sup>st</sup> October  
Y4 Dodgeball at Maricourt  
High School 1.30pm to  
3.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Scholastic Book Fair

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents' Evenings

14<sup>th</sup> October  
Sefton Cross Country Race  
at St.Mary's

16<sup>th</sup> October  
Reception trip to  
Imagine That!

23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Year 1 trip to  
Croxteth Farm

27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Half Term Holiday

3<sup>rd</sup> November  
INSET DAY  
(no children in school on  
this day)

4<sup>th</sup> November  
Autumn Term 2  
commences

## APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between  
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start  
school September 2026!



You MUST apply for a school place  
online before 15 January 2026

For more information or to make an  
application, scan our QR code or go to  
[www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool)



[sefton.gov.uk](http://sefton.gov.uk) 0151 934 3590  
[admissions@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@sefton.gov.uk)

Sefton Council

Each year, all children in primary school are offered the flu vaccination.



### flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



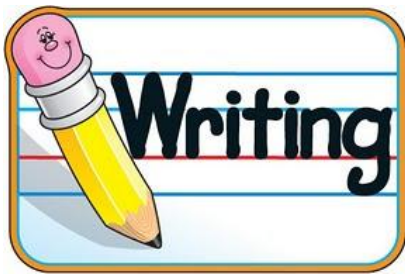
- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu. It has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

Our school nurses will be visiting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to deliver the nasal flu vaccine to children at St.Gregory's.

A link was previously sent out to parents with a consent form attached.

The form is available on the link below:

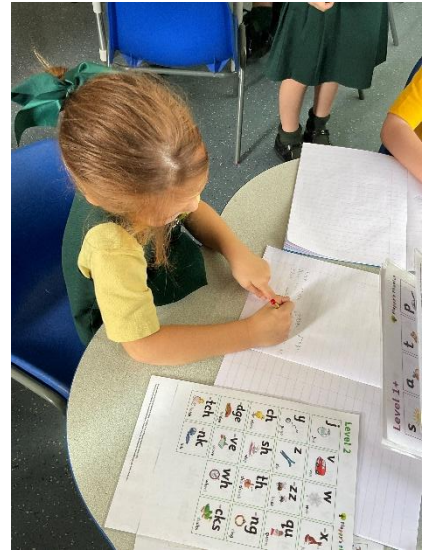
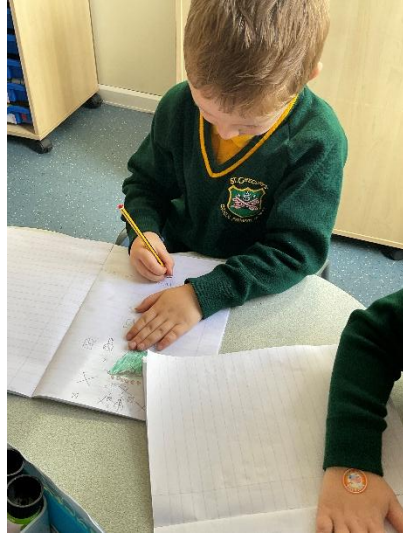
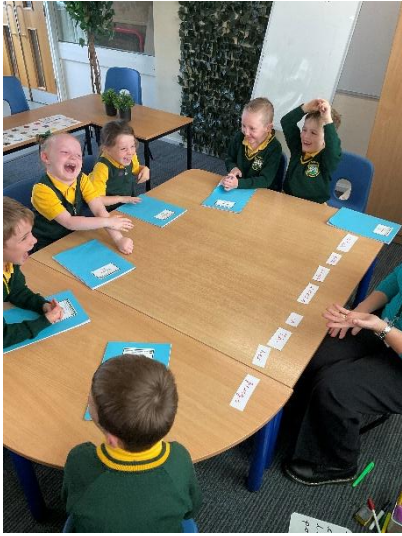
<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>



Some wonderful writing work has been produced this week throughout St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

Writing is essential for developing foundational communication skills that support children throughout their education and beyond. It helps them express their thoughts and ideas and builds confidence in their ability to communicate.

Being a good writer, strengthens reading comprehension, vocabulary and critical thinking, as children learn to analyze and reflect on what they read and experience.



# CELEBRATE!

*Congratulations to our Gold Medal, Special Mention and Book Award winners this week.*

