



Newsletter

17th October, 2025



Weekly Attendance and Punctuality

Reception - 97.1%
Year 1 - 97.7%
Year 2 - 94.7%
Year 3 - 94.5%
Year 4 - 97.9%
Year 5 - 98.7%
Year 6 - 99.4%

Overall attendance for this week is 97.1%

Remember -
"We open the gate at half past 8!"

Lates this week:
13

Croxteth Farm Year 1

Year 1 children will be visiting Croxteth Farm on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Letters have been sent out to families about this trip.



As we close for half term holidays on Friday, 24th October, can we please remind parents that all Dinner Money, Wraparound provision balances and Clubs must be cleared by this date.

Dinner Money must be added to Parentpay in advance and Wraparound provisions must be paid for at the end of each week, unless you have set up a payment arrangement with the school office.

Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary!

23rd October
Year 1 trip to
Croxteth Farm

27th to 31st October
Half Term Holiday

3rd November
INSET DAY
(no children in school on this day)

4th November
Autumn Term 2
commences

Reminder to parents that we are closed on Monday 3rd November for our INSET DAY. School reopens on Tuesday 4th November.

Year 5 will be continuing their swimming lessons on Monday 20th October and will continue for a further two weeks after half term.



Safe Parking Reminder - Keeping Our Children Safe!

We would like to remind all families about the importance of safe and respectful parking around our school.

During drop-off and pick-up times, please use designated parking areas and avoid parking on the zig zag lines outside school, across pedestrian crossing areas and double parking. These practices not only disrupt traffic but can put children at risk.

We have today sent out a Parking Pledge to our families on the school app, in an appeal to encourage safer parking outside of school. This pledge has been recommended by Sefton Highways, who we are always working in close partnership with.

When you park your car during drop/off pick up times, please be mindful of where you are parking and the pledge that you have signed.

Let's work together to ensure a safe and smooth experience for everyone in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 17th October, 2025

Dear St. Gregory's Community,

We are flying through the Autumn term, and I continue to be so impressed by the quality of work happening across school. The children have not just been engaged but truly engrossed in a wide range of learning opportunities, covering the full breadth of our curriculum. It has also been a privilege to welcome several visitors and specialists into school - from our usual PE and Computing Specialists to Healthy Lifestyle workshops and Debating sessions - all further enriching the St. Gregory's child's experiences. (Not forgetting Reception's magical trip to ImagineThat!)

Celebration of the Word - Respond with Faith

Our Celebration of the Word this week was inspired by Luke 17:11-19, helping us reflect on how we can always Respond With Faith. Faith calls us to trust that God hears us and will respond to our prayers. We thought about how gratitude for God's gifts helps us to recognise His love and presence in our lives, and that He is our Saviour.



Parents' Evenings - Your partnership is appreciated!

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evenings last week, during which an incredible (%) of children were represented. Such a turnout is a heartening reminder of our shared commitment to securing the very best for every child - ensuring that each one knows they belong, can achieve, and can thrive both here at St. Gregory's and in life beyond school.

Travelling Library - A tremendous total!

It was also a joy to see so many families visiting our library for the Travelling Book Fair. The conversations about books and the enthusiasm for reading were wonderful to witness. Parents' purchases at this fair raised an incredible £412.05 for schoolbooks. Having held four fairs over the past two academic years, your support combined has raised an amazing £916.57 - every penny of which goes directly into refreshing and growing our class and school library. From all of us in our reading community - thank you!



Spotlight on... 'Thrive & Shine!', St. Gregory's Behaviour Curriculum

Our spotlight this week on our behaviour curriculum, Thrive & Shine! At the end of this newsletter, you'll see a brief overview of how our approach supports positive behaviours for learning. 'Thrive & Shine!' is not about compliance; it's about enabling every child to grow in positive behaviour so they may flourish both here at St. Gregory's and on their onward journeys, qualities that are commented on by every visitor I am privileged enough to show around school.

Governors - Our dedicated team of volunteer leaders



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of governors, who give their time, effort, and expertise so generously to support St. Gregory's. In recent weeks, governors have been busy visiting classrooms, engaging in training, spending time with teachers and leaders, ultimately deepening their understanding of our work in school.

I would particularly like to thank Mr Terry Freeman, who has stepped down from the role of Chair of Governors, though will remain a foundation governor. Mr Freeman has been a long-serving governor and supported St. Gregory's enormously, working closely with Mrs Albon and myself over many years. I'm grateful that Mr Freeman will continue in his role as a foundation governor. We're excited to welcome Mr Neil McDonald into the role of Chair, as well as Mrs Carol Chatten-Brooks into the role of Vice-Chair. Our new Chair and Vice-Chair will only build on Mr Freeman's strong foundations in shaping and supporting the strategic direction of St. Gregory's. I look forward to working closely alongside all our board; their service to St. Gregory's and to Catholic education is deeply valued and appreciated.

Staffing News

Finally, we have staffing news to share. Looking ahead, after an extraordinary 36 years in education – all of them here at St. Gregory's – **Mrs Thompson** will be retiring in July, at the end of the school year. Her lifelong dedication to teaching, and her care for generations of St. Gregory's families, have left an indelible mark on our school community and in the values our St. Gregory's staff hold dear. We are fortunate to have plenty of time ahead to celebrate all that Mrs Thompson has given to our children and our school.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perree".

Mr Joseph Perree
Headteacher

Nursery News! - Exploring Shapes and Building Creativity!

Our nursery children have been busy little learners this week as they dive into the world of shapes! Through hands-on activities, they've been exploring circles, squares, triangles, and more—using blocks, craft materials, and everyday objects to build exciting creations. From shape towers to imaginative models, it's been wonderful to see their creativity and understanding grow as they learn how different shapes fit together.

Well done, Nursery!



CELEBRATE!

Congratulations to all our Gold Medal, Special Award and Best Book winners for this week.



Spotlight on ... Behaviour – 'Thrive & Shine!'

At St. Gregory's, our **Fullness of Life** Curriculum is built on the belief that every child is a unique and cherished individual, created in God's image. Through our carefully designed learning experiences, we nurture the whole child—academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually—so that they feel a deep sense of belonging, know and grow in God's love, and develop the confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world.


Flowing from our Fullness of Life offer, our **St. Gregory's Way to Thrive and Shine** Curriculum ensures that every child has the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents, grow in character, and become a light to others. We inspire them to live with purpose, serve their communities, and make a meaningful, positive impact on the world around them. **Exemplary behaviour is a key part of our children thriving.** Our behaviour curriculum and approach is not about compliance; it's about **setting our children up for success in all its every sense.** Through clear expectations, routines, and opportunities for all staff and children to rehearse, model, and refine these behaviours, we ensure that our pupils understand **how** and **why** we behave. Frequent opportunities to practice these behaviours help them become intrinsic to daily life. Our behaviour curriculum is designed to be accessible for pupils from Nursery to Year Six, with adaptations to support all pupils, including those with SEND and additional needs—we **aspire for every child to thrive and shine.**

Rooted in our faith and values, our approach ensures that children do not simply succeed in school but flourish in life, stepping forward with wisdom, compassion, and joy to live life in all its fullness.


Upon entry to St. Gregory's, children are explicitly taught the routines which will set them up for success and enable them to thrive and shine as they move through and beyond St. Gregory's.

School leaders and staff take opportunities to refresh our children's knowledge and practice of our Behaviour Curriculum through multiple 'Refresh and Reset' weeks throughout the school year, for every year group.

Our Four School Rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Loving and Be Safe




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Thrive and Shine


Be Ready




S – Sit Up




L – Listen Carefully




A – Ask and Answer




N – Nod our heads




T – Track the speaker



We line up in 1, 2, 3.




**'1, 2, 3, Eyes on me'
'1, 2, eyes on you.'**




We STOP at the hand signal.


Be Respectful




Wonderful Walking and Wonderful Waiting




We hold doors open for others



We respect our environment and resources




We greet one another by name or title




We use wonderful manners

Be Loving


Compassion – showing kindness and care for others, especially those in need
Peace – promoting harmony and reconciliation
Thankfulness – recognising and appreciating others and opportunities
Responsibility – taking ownership of actions, choices and duties
Respect – honouring the dignity of all people and valuing diversity
Service – helping others selflessly, following Christ's example
Justice – acting fairly and standing up for what is right
Forgiveness – practicing mercy and letting go of resentment
Hope – Trusting in God's plan and looking positively to the future
Love – the foundation of all virtues – rooted in God's unconditional love



Kind Hands



Kind Feet



Kind Words

Be Safe: All our thoughts and actions help to keep me safe and those around me safe.