



24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025



## Weekly Attendance And Punctuality

Reception - 94.3%  
 Year 1 - 94.2%  
 Year 2 - 91.7%  
 Year 3 - 96.8%  
 Year 4 - 93.4%  
 Year 5 - 91.7%  
 Year 6 - 98.7%

Overall attendance for this week is 94.4%

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

Lates this week:  
14

## INSET DAY

Monday

3<sup>rd</sup>

November

2025

Reminder to families that school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for an Inset Day.

All children are to return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## Parking Pledge

We are introducing a **Parking Pledge** for all families to help keep our school community safe and respectful during drop-off and pick-up times. By signing the pledge, families agree to follow school parking rules, use designated areas, avoid blocking driveways, and model courteous behaviour for our children. This small commitment makes a big difference in ensuring everyone's safety, reducing congestion, and creating a calm and positive environment around our school. Together, we can make parking safer and smoother for everyone!

Thank you to all our families who have signed our Parking Pledge on the school app.

## Dates for your Diary!

### November

5<sup>th</sup> November  
Basketball Comp at Maricourt High School

7<sup>th</sup> November  
MUFTI DAY (1)

10<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5 Swimming Lessons continue

11<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 6 Height & Weight programme with Merseycare

13<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 2 visit to Chester Zoo

24<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 4 commence swimming lessons

26<sup>th</sup> November  
Cross Country at Maricourt High School

27<sup>th</sup> November  
Stay and Pray

28<sup>th</sup> November  
MUFTI DAY (2)

## WHEN I ARRIVE LATE TO SCHOOL



When a child arrives late to school, it can have several negative impacts on their wellbeing and learning. Arriving late often means missing important parts of the morning routine, such as registration, class announcements and preparation for first lesson of the day, which can make it harder for the child to settle and focus.

It can also cause feelings of embarrassment or anxiety when entering the classroom after everyone else has arrived on time. Over time, regular lateness can affect a child's confidence, learning progress, and sense of belonging in the school community. Consistent punctuality helps children start the day calmly, feel organised, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

We understand that sometimes life can be hectic of a morning and traffic issues along the way can also cause you to arrive late, however, we do ask that our families really try their best to arrive on time for school each day.

If you do arrive late to school, every child needs to be accompanied to the school office area and parents must sign the child in on the electronic machine in the foyer. Please do not drop off children at the late gate and leave them to walk into school unaccompanied. This is to ensure the safety of our children, as part of our safeguarding procedures.



## MUFTI DAY



Our school will be holding **2 Mufti Days** to support our **Christmas Bingo** fundraising event, which will be held on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

All children are invited to come to school in casual clothes instead of their usual uniform. We are asking, if families are able to, can you please donate the following items:

Mufti Day 1 - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Nursery/Reception/KS1 classes - chocolates/tinned sweets  
KS2 - fancy goods/gift sets

Mufti Day 2 - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
All classes - Bottles



The festive treats will go towards making our Christmas Bingo a fun and memorable celebration for everyone, helping support a joyful school community event!

We will be sending information out to families about our Christmas Bingo event after half term - watch this space for your tickets!



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Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Dear St. Gregory's Community,

As we reach the end of our first half term, it's a wonderful moment to pause and celebrate the success and joy of the past few weeks. The children have worked incredibly hard, showing enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity in their learning every day. We are so fortunate to have such a tremendously dedicated and



talented staff team who give their all to ensure every child belongs, achieves and flourishes. Our sincere thanks also go to you, our parents and carers, for your continued partnership, encouragement, and support – it really does make a difference.

### Attendance - a brilliant start to the year!

We're delighted to celebrate our children's commitment to excellent attendance and punctuality. Today, many pupils have been recognised for their sustained improvements and consistency across the half term – a true reflection of how families value every learning opportunity and the importance of being in school. Thank you for continuing to prioritise this vital part of school life.



### Parent Partnership - Coffee Mornings & Workshops

Thank you, too, for your thoughtful feedback on last year's parent workshops and for the suggestions you've shared for this year's cycle. If you haven't already, please provide your feedback on ParentApp. We're pleased to already be arranging sessions for families on *trauma-informed practice* – particularly relevant for supporting children and families who have experienced trauma, are neurodivergent, or have additional needs. These sessions will equip adults to help children build safer, calmer, and more nurturing environments. Our own staff training in this area has been truly inspiring, and we look forward to extending this learning to our parent community. We'll keep you posted as our parent partnership offer develops.



### Calendar of Events, 2025-2026

At the end of this newsletter, you'll find our *calendar of dates for the school year*. We've included as much as possible with the information currently available. While we hope there will be minimal changes, sometimes unavoidable circumstances mean we must make adjustments. Should this happen, we'll communicate any updates as early as we can.

### Reception Applications

Do you know anyone looking for a Reception place – either for the current Reception cohort or for September 2026? We would love to hear from families interested in joining our truly wonderful and nurturing Reception class and environment. Please encourage anyone interested to get in touch or visit us to see what makes our St. Gregory's family so special.



Finally, we wish all our children, families, and staff a wonderful, restful, and joy-filled half-term break. Thank you for a brilliant start to the school year – we can't wait to see what the next half term brings!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term holiday,

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

Mr. Joseph Perree  
Headteacher

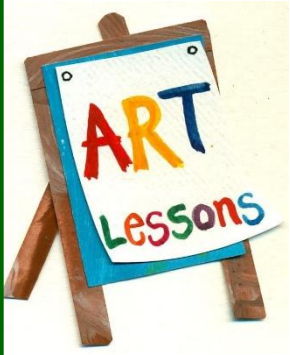
This week, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to Croxteth Farm! The children had a wonderful time exploring the farm and meeting all the animals. They loved seeing the cows, pigs, sheep, and horses up close, and even got the chance to feed some of them.



The visit helped the children learn more about where our food comes from and how farmers care for the animals.

Everyone had lots of fun walking around the farm, asking great questions, and spotting different animals. It was a fantastic day full of learning, laughter, and muddy boots!





Our Year 5 children have been exploring the fascinating world of art through a study of the **Rococo, Modernist, and Abstract** movements. They have learned how each style reflects different periods in history and ways of expressing creativity, from the elegant, decorative designs of Rococo to the bold experimentation of Modernism and the expressive freedom of Abstract art. The children have analysed famous artworks, discussed the artists' intentions, and created their own pieces inspired by these movements.

Inspired by abstract art, the children created their own pieces of art, using acrylic paints and canvases. They used four primary colours with lines and shapes.





# 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)**



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## **Autumn Term 2025/2026**

### Autumn 1

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sep: INSET Day (Staff only)
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep: Autumn 1 Begins
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y5 Swimming Begins
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Sep: Photographer (Individuals)
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Sep: Stay & Pray Class Worship (9am)
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Reception Reading Meeting (6pm-7pm, for Reception Class families)
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Welcome Assembly (Reception Class & New Families)
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct-Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents' Eves
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup>-Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Book Fair
- Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Y1 Croxteth Farm
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: School Closes for Half Term Holiday (usual time)

### Autumn 2

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: INSET Day (Staff only)
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Autumn 2 Begins
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mufti Day (1 of 2)  
Early Years/KS1 - chocolates/tinned sweets  
KS2- fancy goods/gifts sets
- Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y2 Chester Trip
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y4 Swimming Begins
- Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Stay & Pray Class Worship (9am)
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mufti Day  
All classes – Bottle Donations
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Y4 First Reconciliation (in school)
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Y6 SATs Meeting (Y6 parents)
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Bingo
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y5/6 Choir at Beechcroft Residential Home (during lunchtime)
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup>-Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances  
(EYFS at 9.15am; KS1 at 2pm)
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner Day!  
Children may wear a Christmas Jumper/Festive Decoration with their uniform.
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Ecumenical Carol Service (6pm – 7pm, for Choir; all welcome)
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Curriculum Showcase (8.50am, all welcome)
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Choir Carol Concert, 4pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Whole-School Pantomime (Atkinson Theatre)  
No Christmas jumpers- full school uniform, though children may wear a festive decoration if they wish.
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nursery Christmas Party (afternoon)
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: School Closes at 1.30pm for Christmas



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## Spring Term 2025/2026

### Spring 1

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Spring 1 Begins
- Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y6 at Southport Eco Centre
- Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y3 at Norton Priory
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Y4 at Chester Roman Experience
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Jan: Stay & Pray Class Worship (8.50am)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Choir at Young Voices (Co-op Live Arena, Manchester)
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y3 Swimming Begins
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb-Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y3 Residential (CHET, Crosby)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: School Closes for Half-Term Holiday (usual time)

### Spring 2

- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Spring 2 Begins
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y2 Trip to Chester Zoo
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb-Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: Book Fair
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb-Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Parents' Eves
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>-Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: Book Fair
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y5 at Liverpool Old Docks Museum & Bus Tour
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar-Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y5 Residential (York City Centre)
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: World Book Day
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar: Science Fair (3.30pm in the school hall)
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Mar: Lenten Reconciliation Schools' Service at St. Gregory's Church
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar: Curriculum Showcase (8.50am, all welcome)
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y1 at Storybarn, Calderstones Park
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar: Stay & Pray Class Worship (8.50am)
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Good Shepherd Fundraising Week (KS2 Enterprise; all children able to join the fun & donate)
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Talent Show in afternoon
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: School Closes for Easter Holidays (usual time)



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## Summer Term 2025/2026

### Summer 1

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr: Summer 1 Begins
- Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Apr: Reception at Martin Mere
- Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May: Stay & Pray Class Worship (8.50am)
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 Swimming Begins
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May-Thur 14<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATs
- Thur 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y3 at Catalyst Centre
- Thur 21<sup>st</sup> May: School Closes for Half-Term Holiday (usual time)
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May: INSET Day (staff only)

### Summer 2

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jun: INSET Day (Staff only)
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun: INSET Day (Staff only)
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun: Summer 2 Begins
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jun: Y6 at Western Approaches
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jun-Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jun: Y4 Residential (Malham, Yorkshire)
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Y5 at Quarrybank Mill (Victorian Service Costumes)
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jun: Stay & Pray Class Worship (8.50am)
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jun: Y1/2 Liverpool Philharmonic Trip (Return at approx. 3.30pm)
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (KS1 9am; KS2 1pm)
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jul-Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul: Y6 Residential (Robinwood, Wrexham)
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jul: Curriculum Showcase & Art Exhibition (8.50am)
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jul: End-of-Year Reports shared
- Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Jul: KS2 Performance (1.30pm for Y3 & Y5 families)
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jul: KS2 Performance (10.15am for Grandparents) (1.30pm for Y4 & Y6 families)
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jul: Optional Parents' Eve
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jul: Y6 Leavers' Mass, 10am, in school
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jul: Summer Disco (EYFS/KS1: 4.30pm – 5.45pm) (KS2: 6pm – 7.15pm)
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jul: School Closes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays