

ST. GREGORY'S



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

Newsletter

21st November, 2025.

Children in Year 4 will commence their swimming lessons on Monday, 24th November.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Please remember to send your child into school with a full swimming kit and complete the consent form on the school app.



Parking Pledge!

Thank you to all our families who have agreed and signed our parking pledge on the school app. This pledge requests that families avoid parking on or opposite the zig zag lines outside of school during pick up and drop off times.

Please help us to make Sandy Lane a safer road for our children and families by following our Parking Pledge!

Mufti Day



We will be holding our second Mufti Day on Friday 28th November, in support of our Christmas Bingo event.

All children are welcome to come into school wearing their own clothes on this day. If you are able to, we kindly ask to donate a bottle drink for this event. Thank you to all our families for your support and generosity!

Munchkins
Meals that make a Difference

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Monday BBQ Chicken with Sunshine Vegetable Rice or V Mac & Cheese with Mixed Green Salad Shortbread Biscuit</p> <p>Tuesday Big Breakfast or V Tuna Pasta Bake & Crispy Salad Oat, Apple & Honey Slice</p> <p>Wednesday Chicken & Vegetable Pie, Carrots & Peas, Roast Potatoes or V Quorn & Bean Chilli with Boiled Rice Fruit Jelly & Cream</p> <p>Thursday Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread with Side Salad or V Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry, Vegetable Rice Fruit Sponge & Custard</p> <p>Friday Fishy Friday Garden Peas & Sweetcorn, Chipped Potatoes or V Broccoli & Cauli Cheesy Pasta Bake Chocolate & Banana Brownie</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Monday Cooks Choice Pizza, Coleslaw, Mixed Salad, ½ Jacket Potato or V Tomato, Basil & Roasted Vegetable Pasta with Crispy Salad Peach & Pineapple Flapjack</p> <p>Tuesday Oven Baked Sausage, Mashed Potato & Garden Peas or V Veggie Curry with Rice & Naan Bread Homemade Mini Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Slice</p> <p>Wednesday Honey Glazed Gammon, Cauliflower, Broccoli & Gravy with Paprika Roasted Potatoes or V Vegetable Tray Bake, Crispy Green Salad Jam Sponge & Custard</p> <p>Thursday Chicken Korma Curry with 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread or V Cheese & Potato Puff, Baked Beans Ice Cream Pot</p> <p>Friday Fishy Friday Mushy Peas Chipped Potatoes V Veggie Fajitas with Mixed Salad, Chipped Potatoes Lemon Drizzle Cake</p>	<p>Week 3</p> <p>Monday Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Mixed Salad or V Veggie Cottage Pie & Greens Fruity Oat Cookie</p> <p>Tuesday Chicken Tikka Curry With Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or V Pizza Pockets with Salad Sticks, Potato Wedges Vanilla Cup Cake</p> <p>Wednesday Roast Turkey & Gravy, Sweetcorn & Green Beans, Paprika Potato or V Quorn Bolognese with Pasta & Onion Bread Marble Cake</p> <p>Thursday Cajun Chicken & Vegetable Pasta with Herby Bread or V Cheese & Onion or Salmon & Broccoli Frittata with Jacket Potato & Salad Frozen Yoghurt Pot</p> <p>Friday Fishy Friday Garden Peas & Sweetcorn, Chipped Potatoes or V Bean & Cheese Quesadilla with Crispy Mixed Salad & Chipped Potatoes Cookie</p>
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Available daily:
Fresh sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fillings, salad and fresh bread

Also available daily:
Fat free yoghurt, fresh fruit, fresh fruit juice, semi skimmed milk and fresh water

V Suitable for vegetarians

At St. Gregory's, we are committed to providing healthy, balanced school dinners that help every child feel energised, focused, and ready to learn.

Our menus include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grain options, and nutritious proteins, with meals prepared to support children's overall wellbeing.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful school cook Sara (though in Sara's absence, we've been blessed with Helen!), and two wonderful assistants: Vicky and Pat. Our Kitchen team bring warmth, care, and creativity every day, through the delicious, nutritious meals, as well as taking time to learn children's favourite choices and encouraging them to try new foods.

We encourage families to talk with their children about trying new foods and making positive choices at lunchtime. Together, we can build healthy habits that last a lifetime!

Take a look at the exciting menu provided through Sefton Council. We will also be holding special lunch days coming up very soon - watch this space!

Has your family's financial situation changed recently?

If it has, do you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child?

Applying is discrete, quick, simple, and could make a real difference to your family while also providing your child with healthy, nutritious meals every day at school.

Even if your child has packed lunches, registering unlocks additional funding and support for school activities and resources.

We encourage all families who think they might be eligible to apply—please contact the school office or visit the link below for more information.

Every eligible child deserves this support!



To check if you are eligible for free school meals, please follow this link:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals/>

Reserve Nativity Dates

For all major events, school keeps dates in reserve should exceptional circumstances mean an unavoidable change is needed.

We have reserved Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativities, should the need arise.

Please note: this is only a reserve - we're still looking forward to welcoming families to our nativities on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December!





Our Reception class had a wonderful time taking part in a role-play of a baby's baptism. The children explored the traditions and symbols associated with the ceremony in a fun and interactive way, learning how communities celebrate and welcome new members. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to develop their curiosity, empathy, and understanding of different cultural and religious practices, all while enjoying a hands-on, memorable experience in the classroom.



Our Year 5 pupils visited Hope Street Café in Ormskirk this week, to deliver hampers to other families in the local community who are facing difficult times, as part of our Social Signature initiative. The Café serves and supports in a variety of ways: people who are homeless, those in significant financial difficulty, and those who are neurodivergent.

The children were proud to support this important cause and gained a real sense of the difference they can make through kindness and generosity. It was a valuable learning experience about empathy, community spirit, and helping those in need, leaving both the children and recipients with smiles all around. (Mr Perree and Miss Weston were holding back tears of pride!)

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Year 5 families who generously donated items for the wonderful hampers. Your kindness and support made a real difference. We are truly grateful for your generosity—it is wonderful to see our school community come together in such a positive way!



During their visit to Ormskirk, our Reading Ambassadors visited Waterstones. They hunted out a variety of high-quality texts to appeal to readers of all ages and stages, from some creative choices for EYFS, right up to inspirational, classic, and brand new texts for Y5/6.



St. Gregory's Catholic
Primary School Presents...

BINGO NIGHT!

THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER
STARTING at 6:00 PM

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

£2.00 per adult
£1.00 per child

Bingo tickets and refreshments
on sale during the event!

Come along for an
evening full of fun,
prizes, and community
spirit - everyone
welcome!



CELEBRATE!

See how our
children
Thrive & Shine!



Well done to all
our award
winners!





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Autumn Term 2025/2026

Autumn 1

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

Autumn 2

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



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Spring Term 2025/2026

Spring 1

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

Spring 2

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



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Summer Term 2025/2026

Summer 1

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

Summer 2

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