



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear St. Gregory's Family,

A very warm welcome back to a brand-new school year at St. Gregory's! I hope the summer break brought rest and quality time to you and your families.

What a brilliant first week back it has been. There has been a wonderful sense of joy right across the school—in our hall, classrooms, corridors, and playgrounds. It has been fantastic catching up with returning families and extending a special welcome to those joining St. Gregory's for the very first time.

As we embark on this new academic year, our dedicated staff are ready to inspire curiosity, creativity, and resilience, guiding our children to grow in kindness, respect, and faith. Together, we look forward to living out our mission every day as a community with Christ at the centre—loving, learning, creating, and celebrating.

We wholeheartedly welcome Miss Johnes (Y4 Teacher), Mrs Westhead (EYFS TA) and Mrs Warren (Temporary PPA Teacher) to our St. Gregory's team. We also send Miss Connolly our prayers and best wishes as she begins her maternity leave and prepares to welcome a newborn into her life. In her absence, we welcome Miss Brown to her role as Temporary Deputy Headteacher, as well as her role as permanent SENCO.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for bringing us safely together at the start of this new school year.

*We thank You for the joy of friendship, for the gift of learning,
and for the chance to grow in faith as one St. Gregory's family. Through the prayers and example of
St. Gregory the Great, help us to be people of wisdom, kindness, and service.*

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen

*You
are the
light
of the
World*
-Matthew 5:14

We know that children learn best when school and families work in close partnership. Your support, encouragement and engagement in school life means so much, and I thank you in advance for all that you do to help your children to thrive and to make us one St. Gregory's family. As was so openly received last year, we welcome your full involvement in the life of our school – whether through attending a variety of events, supporting learning at home, or sharing your time with us.

May this school year be one filled with joy, growth and success for every child in our care, and may we step forward with hope, confidence and faith in all that is to come. I look forward with both hope and optimism to our continued partnership with you, our families, in this new school year.

With every blessing,

Mr. Joseph Perree
Headteacher

*Please see below a summary and reminder of
some of the day-to-day essentials, as well as
some back-to-school photographs!*

Timings of the School Day

Breakfast Club	
Nursery to Year 6	7.45am – 8.30am (Last admittance is 8.30am)

	Morning Provision	Afternoon Provision
Nursery	8.45am – 12pm	1pm – 3pm

School Day	Window of Welcome	Compulsory Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8.30am – 8.40am	8.40am (children arriving after 8.40am must be accompanied by an adult to the office to be signed in late)	3.10pm
Year 1			3.10pm
Year 2			3.10pm
Year 3			3.15pm
Year 4			3.15pm
Year 5			3.20pm
Year 6			3.20pm

The Hub (After School Club)	
Nursery Children	Available Monday to Friday until 4.30pm
Reception to Year 6	Available Monday to Thursday until 5.45pm Available Friday until 5pm

Window of Welcome

Nursery children will continue to queue at their usual gate, next to the intercom, and Miss Dillon and Nursery staff will invite parents with their children to the Nursery door at 8.45am.

Reception to Year 6: Children from Reception through to Year 6 will continue to enter via the main gate, walk down the slope and head straight into class, where they will be greeted and welcomed by staff. Children should be in class no later than 8.40am.

Parents/carers of Reception Class: In couple of days, parents/carers were invited to accompany their children down the slope, to line their Reception children up on the playground. From Monday 7th September, Reception children will walk independently (or with their siblings, friends and/or Y6 buddy) down the slope and into class; staff will be on standby, ready to greet the children.

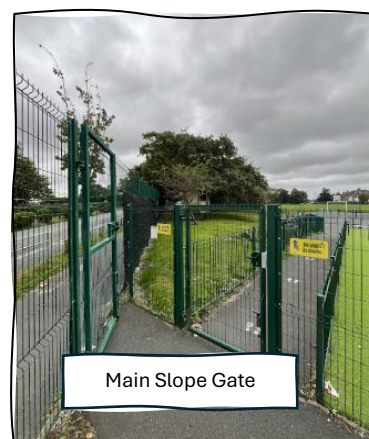
Any children arriving after 8.40am must be accompanied by their parent/carer to the school office, where their adult must sign them in.

End of the School Day Handover

Nursery children are collected from their class door.

Reception children are collected from the side classroom door.

All other classes are collected from the main gate in which the children entered, at the slope.



To limit congestion, we ask that families stick to the allocated sides for collection (see right) and move quickly away from the school site once they have collected their child.



School Uniform – Autumn Term

As we begin the new school year, we return in Autumn/Winter uniform, as shared in July and detailed below. Our school-recommended supplier is Premier Sports and School Wear Ltd, Ormskirk: <https://premierwearuk.net/product-category/schools-academies/shop-by-school/st-gregorys-primary-school-lydiate/>. To help with cost, we have continued to limit the ‘St. Gregory’s branded’ uniform items. Please note that our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is always available via the school office. As always, if the shop is not publicly displayed, please feel free to ask and we will be more than happy to put the available items out for families. To further keep recurring costs down (and to reduce learning time lost to hunting out missing uniform), we insist that all school items are clearly labelled, with permanent markings as a minimum, though ideally with sewn in/ironed on labels.

Nursery Class	Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
St. Gregory’s Sweatshirt Plain, Bottle-Green Joggers Plain Gold Polo Shirt Black Pumps (not trainers)	St. Gregory’s Jumper / Cardigan Gold Polo Shirt Dark Grey Long Trousers Grey Socks Bottle-Green Skirt or Pinafore White Socks/Tights Black School Shoes (not trainers) Water Bottle Book Bag	St. Gregory’s Jumper / Cardigan White Shirt Green & Gold Tie Dark Grey Long Trousers Grey Socks Bottle-Green Skirt or Pinafore White Socks/Tights Black School Shoes (not trainers) Water Bottle Appropriately sized School Bag

Wraparound Provision

Our wraparound provision remains incredibly popular, from the warm welcome and breakfast at the start of the day, to the fun and games at the end; our children and staff thoroughly enjoy the time spent together either side of the school day.

Breakfast Club: £3.50 p/child

Afterschool Hub: £10 p/child



All wraparound places must be booked and paid for in advance. As always, if there is any difficulty in making payment, please speak with Mrs King or myself, and we will confidentially support as best we can. If the place is no longer required, advance notice must be given, so school may offer the place to a family in need and/or adjust staffing accordingly. Places that are not cancelled in advance will still be charged for. Thank you sincerely to those families who have already booked and paid for places; your support is sincerely appreciated.

Afterschool Clubs

School staff will continue to work with the pupil voice to ensure we provide a wide range of afterschool clubs, meeting the pupils' requests and interests as much as possible. Clubs will continue to run from the end of the school day until 4.20pm and will change and develop seasonally. Please note that clubs will always run from the second week of a new half-term; clubs for this half-term will commence on Monday 14th September.

Meet the Teacher

Teachers invite parents/carers to a 'Meet the Teacher' session, where you can hear about your child's upcoming year, and how school and home can work in partnership to meet the needs of all. This is a short time in the classroom immediately at the end of the school day. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at these sessions, the dates for which are below.



Year 1: Thursday 17th September

Year 4: Monday 21st September

Year 2: Thursday 24th September

Year 5: Wednesday 16th September

Year 3: Monday 14th September

Year 6: Tuesday 15th September

Attendance

I want to take a moment to celebrate the excellent attendance we enjoyed at St. Gregory's in the last academic year. Your partnership in ensuring children attended school on time, every day, and for the full school day, was invaluable. We know that every moment in the classroom matters, and even small amounts of missed time adds up.



We urge families not to book any holidays that will result in children missing term time. To support with family holidays, we have again structured this school year to include a longer May holiday, made up of carefully placed INSET days. Holiday request forms must be submitted in advance of time taken and only those taken in exceptional circumstances will be authorised; these circumstances are very rare. National guidance regarding fining for term time holidays is in effect, with information available on our school website and within our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available on our school website:

<https://www.stgregorysprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance+%26amp%3B+Punctuality&pid=36>

We really do thank you for prioritising positive attendance and punctuality, and therefore prioritising children's education.



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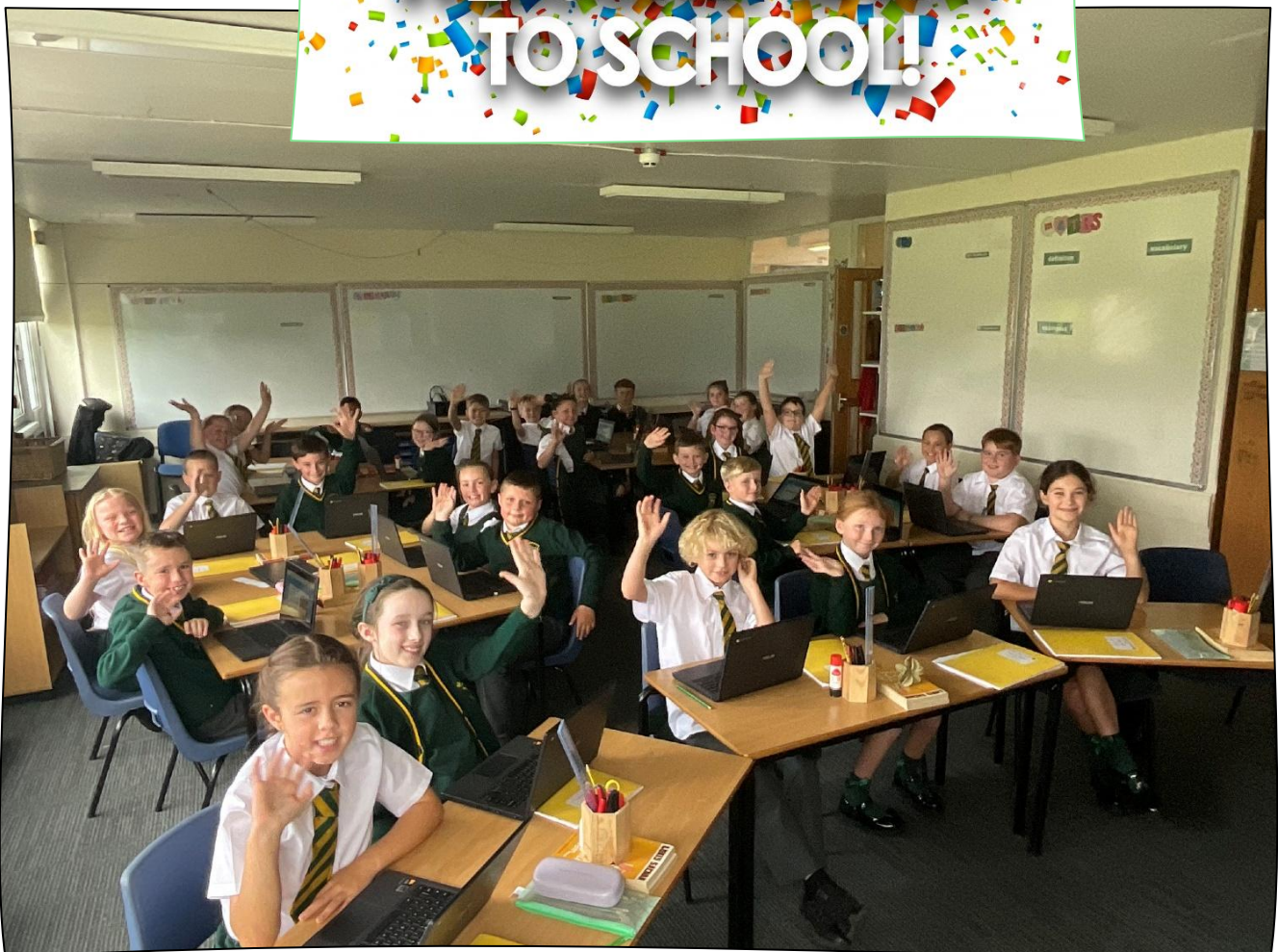


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