

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 30.1.26

Headteacher message:

Hello!

I'd just like to share a bit of nice news from the Secretary of State for Education this week (technically she's every teacher's boss in the country!) … thanks and well done to everyone in the community for the contribution you have made towards enabling this to happen. Everybody who is part of this school – parents, staff, children, governors, parishioners – plays a part in making us such a 'great' school. Not every school gets these commendations, so thank you and well done! Together we achieve so much!

The message is printed in full on the next page.

In other matters, please just a little reminder that if you have more than one child at school and one of them is ill, please still try your very best to get the other one (or two!) in if they are fit and well and only keep them off if they too are ill. If you need help getting them in etc then just contact the office and we might be able to help with this. The best place for children to be is in school each and every day. Thanks for your help in advance with this matter 👍

Have a great weekend.

Mr M Quigley



If you would like to read the Parish's newsletter, please follow this link:
https://www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk/newsletter/

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Matthew,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Preston achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

Upcoming Dates

2 MON	
3 TUE	
4 WED	Mass Year 3 (10.15am)
5 THU	Rock Steady (9-10am)
6 FRI	Stay & Read Reception (8.45am)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



RECEPTION	86.30%
YEAR 1	97.10%
YEAR 2	88.62%
YEAR 3	96.00%
YEAR 4	98.67%
YEAR 5	94.33%
YEAR 6	91.72%
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.40%



ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK:

YEAR 4!

Headteacher Award



KS1: Elisha in Y2 for kind deeds towards her friends!

KS2: Ava in Y6 for kind deeds towards others!

WEEKLY AWARDS	SPELLING SHED	MATHS SHED
Key Stage 1	Omar	Omar
Lower Key Stage 2	Isaac	Ayleen
Upper Key Stage 2	Alex	Logan

WEEKLY AWARDS - EXCELLENT EXAMPLE



Reception	Mohammad Ryyan
Year 1	Amber
Year 2	Hope
Year 3	Farhan
Year 4	Mylah
Year 5	Suhila
Year 6	Ibrahim

WEEKLY AWARDS – SUPERSKILL



Reception	James for great problem solving in Maths.
Year 1	Joanna for showing resilience when completing her work!
Year 2	Amaan for showing empathy.
Year 3	Bella for showing empathy to others in class.
Year 4	Maria for showing great resilience and independence in new situations.
Year 5	Bella for solving lots of division problems!
Year 6	Piotr for excellent problem solving skills in Maths.

WEEKLY AWARDS – BEST BOOK



Reception	Amelia for a good understanding of Jesus blessing the little children.
Year 1	Marcellus for answering questions about Zacchaeus.
Year 2	All of Year 2 for a great retell of Jesus in the desert.
Year 3	Jerome for a good understanding of what the Kingdom of God is and is not.
Year 4	Lyla for a great storyboard about Jesus' speech to John.
Year 5	Julia for some great contributions about The Inner Life of a Christian.
Year 6	Adam for some great contributions about The Inner Life of a Christian.

TOAST



Unfortunately, toast will not be offered on **Friday 6th February.**

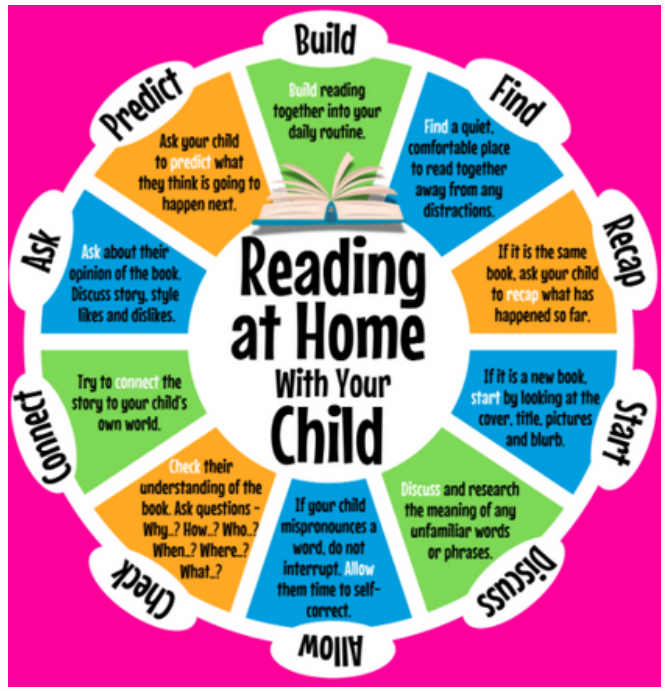
Please feel free to send a healthy snack with your child.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

2026 Year of Reading

As 2026 is the 'Year of Reading' we are encouraging parents and carers to encourage reading at home! Just 5-10 minutes of reading with your child each day can make a world of difference.

When you read together, you're not only building strong reading skills—you're also creating cozy moments of connection, boosting confidence, and showing your child that learning matters.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

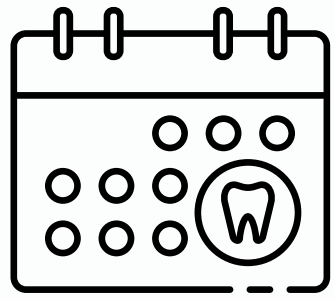


Just a quick reminder that we are a **nut free school**. Please check packed lunches and any food sent in for birthdays to make sure they don't contain nuts.

We would also appreciate you reminding your child not to share their packed lunch as some children have allergies.

Thanks so much for your understanding and support!

APPOINTMENTS



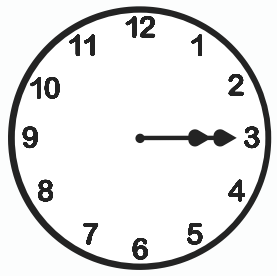
We kindly ask that, where possible, dental and other appointments are arranged outside of school hours to help minimise learning time missed.

If an appointment is later in the morning, please still send your child to school as normal. They can then be collected from school at the time of the appointment.

Please remember to message the school office via Dojo with any appointment details.

Thank you!

LATE COLLECTION



We understand that traffic can sometimes make it difficult to get to school right on time for the 3:15pm pickup.

However, from Monday, any child who is not collected by 3:20pm will be taken to the After School Club (collect from front of hall door on Blackpool Road).

If children are not collected by 3:25pm, the session charge will apply.

Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We would like to remind you that to secure your child's place at St Gregory's Breakfast Club, **bookings and payments must be made in advance.**

Breakfast club runs from 7:45am - 8:45am (£3.50 per session) & After school club runs from 3:15pm - 5:15pm (£7 per session).

A range of fun activities is on offer along with a variety of healthy drinks and snacks.

Please get in touch if you plan to use the tax-free childcare service or Universal Credit. We will send over instructions regarding the payment option on Parent Pay.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with bookings or payments, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.