St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 25.9.26

Headteacher message:

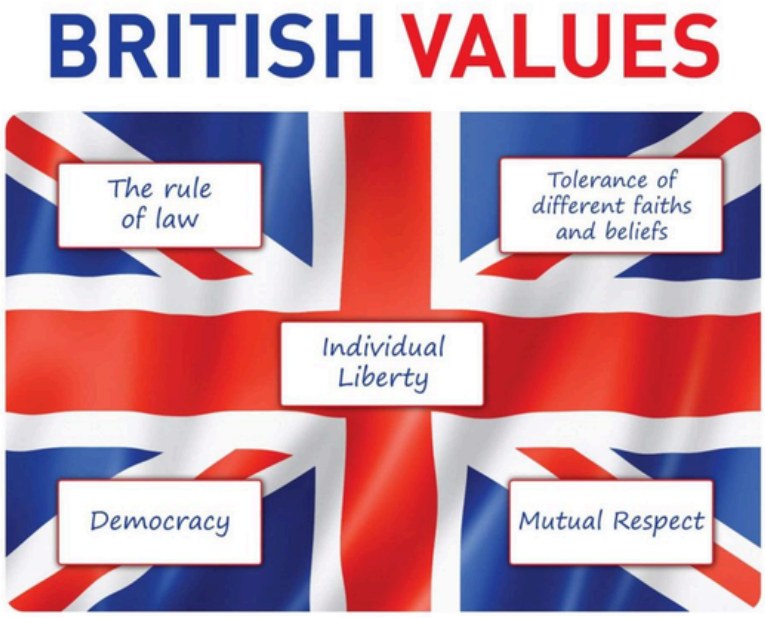
Hi all - hope everyone has had a good week.

We've been thinking about **British Values** this week (and have been enjoying singing our song about how 'there's so much more that unites us all!'). Feel free to test your child to see if they can name the 5 British Values (singing the song will help!) and see if they remember the main message that British Values are in place to ensure '**everyone can have a good life and be treated fairly**' - a pretty good messsage all in all.

Big congratulations to our new **Young School Leaders and School Council** representatives who were announced to the school today. We look forward to working with this pupil leadership team to help make Gregs even better for all!

All staff at school have completed **allergy training** this week and we've all got lovely shiny certificates to prove it!

Have a great weekend 👍





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

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2026&27

For anyone who is interested, here are the main areas we are looking to make even better this year. Lots of things are happening to bring this about but these are the main titles. If you would like to know more about this, just ask at the office. 👍

1. To ensure that all safeguarding procedures are in good effect so all children are 'well-safeguarded and set up to succeed'

2. To ensure that all children are 'flourishing' regardless of background or disposition

3. To further-develop curriculum provision and standards of teaching, learning and achievement happening across the school, particularly in relation to targeted areas (e.g. methods of assessment, Maths, Phonics and ensuring 'Strong Foundations' for all)

4. To further-develop the efficacy of our Attendance and Behaviour Policies so as to increase good attendance for all and keep improving the positive culture of our school

5. To further-develop the Personal Development and well-being offer for all members of our community so all children have opportunities to 'flourish'

6. To continue to further-develop our EYFS provision to ensure Strong Foundations for all

7. To continue to further-develop Leadership and Management efficacy across all areas so as to ensure success in all other identified priority areas

BALANCED MEAL



Please can we remind parents of children who bring packed lunches to school that children should be eating a **balanced meal at lunchtimes**.

Whilst we accept that some children can be ‘picky eaters’ and that some sweet things do still have a place in a child’s lunchbox, increasingly we are seeing more and more children bringing very ‘unbalanced’ lunches in which are often filled solely with things like biscuits, crisps, sweet things and chocolate etc.

As the experts would tell us, this isn’t good for children’s physical development and it also isn’t good for their concentration levels in the afternoon and sometimes even their ability to behave well.

Below are some hyperlinks to suggest a few ways maybe we could start making tweaks to what’s inside our children’s lunchboxes so every child can receive the right fuel to grow up big, strong and great!

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4fmd6f

Little reminder about children bringing grapes into school ...



Whole grapes are a severe choking hazard for young children because their size, shape, and smooth skin can completely block a child's airway.

Safe Cutting Guidelines

- Always cut lengthwise: Slice grapes down the middle from stem to base, never widthwise.
- Cutting them widthwise leaves a piece that is still the same round shape and size as a child's airway.
- Quarter them: For infants, toddlers, and young children, cut each lengthwise half into quarters.
- Remove seeds: Take out any large seeds before serving.

Age Recommendations

- Under 5 years old: Continue cutting grapes into quarters for children until they are at least 4 to 5 years old.
- **When in doubt: Keep cutting them up. An older child should only eat whole grapes if they can sit calmly, chew thoroughly, and not get distracted.**

Safe Eating Environment

- Supervise closely: Always stay within reach and watch children while they eat.
- Encourage sitting: Do not let children run, play, or talk excitedly while eating grapes.

We take part in Operation Encompass

Lancashire Constabulary

Operation Encompass

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse

Lancashire Safeguarding Boards

"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."

At St Gregory's we fully support the work of Operation Encompass to help break the cycle of Domestic Abuse.

The Operation Encompass lead at St Gregory's is Mr M. Quigley (and Mrs G. Wright / Mrs S. Nightingale in his absence)

For further information on this matter see:
https://www.operationencompass.org/


St Gregory's
Catholic Primary School
OPEN DAY
Come and see our wonderful school in action!
Resilience
Gratitude
Peace-making
Team-working
Creativity
Problem-solving
Empathy
St Gregory's
Catholic Primary School
Deepdale
Respect
Listen
Excellence
Best
Kindness
Monday
28th September
9:30 - 10:30
or
1:30 - 2:30
Everyone is welcome!
If you can't attend either of these times, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative visit.
Blackpool Road, Deepdale
Preston, PR1 6HQ
01772 795415
www.st-gregorysps.co.uk
Loving all, like Jesus, we flourish together

Upcoming Dates

28 MON	EYFS Open Day (9.30am-10.30am) & (1.30pm-2.30pm)
29 TUE	
30 WED	Year 3 Mass (10.15am)
1 THU	Rock Steady (9.00am)
2 FRI	Buddy Assembly (9.15am)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Masses (10.15am)	**30th September Year 3** **7th October Year 2** **14th October Year 1**
Friday 9th October	**Hello Yellow Day**
Wednesday 14th October	**Year 6 & Reception Buddy Walk**
Thursday 15th October	**Parents Evening (1.30pm - 7.00pm)**
Friday 23rd October	**School Closes for Half Term (3.15pm)**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



RECEPTION	95.86%
YEAR 1	95.52%
YEAR 2	97.00%
YEAR 3	97.07%
YEAR 4	97.67%
YEAR 5	93.87%
YEAR 6	98.67%
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.70%



ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK:

Year : 6!

Headteacher Award



KS2: Stephen; Harry; Maks; Ahmed and Franek for excellent team-working at lunchtime

WEEKLY AWARDS	SPELLING SHED	MATHS SHED
Key Stage 1	Ammarah (Y2)	Yashfa (Y2)
Lower Key Stage 2	Zain (Y4)	Zain (Y4)
Upper Key Stage 2	Dina (Y5)	Dina (Y5)

WEEKLY AWARDS – EXCELLENT EXAMPLE





Reception	Maleeha
Year 1	Aamina
Year 2	Ayman
Year 3	Medhi
Year 4	Emmanuel
Year 5	Amelia
Year 6	Hallie

WEEKLY AWARDS – SUPERSKILL





Reception	Ronnie for showing resilience with our fine motor activities.
Year 1	Aarav for showing gratitude with his lovely manners this week.
Year 2	Finley for being a peacemaker outside and helping others!
Year 3	Codie for great teamwork in Science
Year 4	Tabassum for wonderful, creative writing.
Year 5	Reya for showing great resilience and putting 100% into her work this week, even with a broken elbow!
Year 6	Fatima for great problem-solivng in Maths with her Roman numerals.

WEEKLY AWARDS - BEST BOOK





Reception	Sriyansh for beautiful handwriting in phonics.
Year 1	Devina for trying extra hard with her hand writing this week!
Year 2	Antoni for a fabulous RE poster on being a good Steward!
Year 3	Eliza for great written work in English this week!
Year 4	Amarissa for working hard on her presentation.
Year 5	Gabriel for an amazing setting description in English.
Year 6	Joshua for a great newspaper artiicle abour rationing.

OUR YOUNG SCHOOL LEADERS











ESHAL



AALIYAH



AHMED



USAYD

SCHOOL COUNCIL

OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS:



Y1: Miley and Rosiina

Y2: Rosie and Harris

Y3: Freddie and Lottie

Y4: Zain and Darcy

Y5: Fatima and Amelia

Y6: Franklin, Bella and Franek



We are recruiting!

PART-TIME SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT (30 HOURS 8.45AM - 3.15PM)

We are looking for a dedicated, knowledgeable professional who is committed to getting only the best for the children in their care.

In the first instance, the position would be to work with Key Stage 1 children with Special Educational Needs. Experience of working with children with autism would be beneficial to this role.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACK

Please visit our website: www.stgregorysps.co.uk
or contact the school office on 01772 795415 to book a visit.

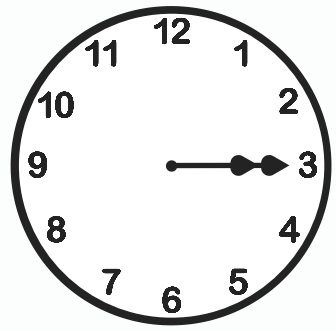
APPOINTMENTS

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.

LATE COLLECTION



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

However, 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.

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.