St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9.10.26

Headteacher message:

Hello!

The year is well and truly under way now with lots of exciting things starting to happen here at school, not least a wide range of sporting activities after school. Below is an overview of what our **Extra Curricular Activities Provision** looks like for each class thus far. More will be added to it throughout the year, but just in case you were wondering when certain opportunities might be coming up, it's there for your perusal.

Teamworking is our focus Superskill this half term - along with **Empathy**. Please take any opportunity you can to practice these skills at home with your child - excellent skills for life!

And finally, just a note about **attendance**. Typically we have done very well with attendance at school, however we saw a bit of a dip last year. There was a wide range of reasons for this but just to make people aware - like we say to the children - the **best part of this school is the children and we need them here every single day so GREAT things can happen**. Please do all you can to ensure excellent attendance for your child.

Have a great weekend!



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

Extra-Curricular Activities to aid Personal Development

Sport	Music	Arts	Culture	Other

	Aut1	Aut 2	Spr1	Spr 2	Sum1	Sum 2
Rec		Nativity			SportsDay	Mini Skills
		Nativity				
		Theatre trip		Ballet Workshop		
		Allotment visit	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Dentistvisit Autumnwalk	Postbox walk Mini Skills	Winter walk Author visit	Librarytrip Supermarketwalk	Peoplewhohelpus (police,fire,nurse)	Role PlayCentre trip
Year 1			Mini Skills		Football Gymnastics SportsDay	
		Nativity				
		Ballet Workshop Nativity				
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	CommandoJoe	Commando Joe Brockholes (Science)	CommandoJoe Explorersworkshop	CommandoJoe ComputingWorkshop	Commando Joe Clitheroe Castle	Commando Joe Local Area walk
Year 2		Mini Skills	Mini Skills		Football Gymnastics SportsDay	
		Nativity				
	Opera workshop	Nativity				
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Guy FawkesWrkshop	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe Farm visit	Commando Joe
Year 3	Mini Skills (SEND) Mini Skills		Kurling (SEND) Gymnastics		SportsDay	Athletics
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Advent Service	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady
	Opera Workshop					
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe	Commando Joe ManchesterMuseum	Commando Joe Harris Museum (art)	Commando Joe Computing Workshop Eureka	Commando Joe Gardening Club Brockholes (Science)	Commando Joe Gardening Club Dentist visitor

Loving all, like Jesus, we flourish together

Sport	Music	Arts	Culture	Other

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Year4	MiniSkills(SEND) Mini Skills		Kurling(SEND) Gymnastics		SportsDay	Athletics
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady AdventService	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir
	Opera Workshop Art Club		Drama Workshop (Pied Piper)			
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	CommandoJoe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe ComputingWorkshop Computing Club	Commando Joe Multiplication Club	Commando Joe Clitheroe Castle
Year 5	Mini Skills(SEND)	MixedFootball Gymnastics	Kurling(SEND) TagRugby		Mixed Netball Sports Day	Cricket Athletics
	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices AdventService	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir
	Opera workshop Art Club					
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe Bikeability	Commando Joe First Aid	Commando Joe Ribby Hall(Science) Computing Club	Commando Joe Science Festival	Commando Joe Greeks workshop
Year 6	Mini Skills (SEND)	Mixed Football Gymnastics	Kurling (SEND) Tag Rugby		Mixed Netball Sports Day	Cricket Athletics
	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices Advent Service	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir Y6 Production
	Art Club					Y6 Production
	Mass Harris Museum	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Residential Science Festival	Commando Joe



Introducing our new 'Excellent Example' Team ...

These outstanding individuals have agreed to take on a new leadership role within school, carrying out jobs where they will be leading by example and helping everyone see exactly what it looks like to be a **Great Gregorian** each and every day.

Well done Team!



Happy Kinship Care Week for all our Kinship Families!



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/

Upcoming Dates

12 MON	Gymnastics club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
13 TUE	Confirmation Preparation Y6 (3.30pm-4.30pm) Multi Skills (3.30pm-4.30pm)
14 WED	Year 1 Mass (10.15am) Year 6 - Reception Buddy Walk (9.15am-10.15am) Commando Joe (Y5) (3.15pm-4.15pm)
15 THU	Rock Steady (9.00am) Parents' Evening Mixed Football (3.30pm-4.30pm)
16 FRI	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mass (10.15am)	14th October Year 1
Thursday 22nd October	Class Photos October Disco - KS1 (4.30pm-5.30pm) KS2 (6.00pm-7.00pm)
Friday 23rd October	School Closes for Half Term (3.15pm)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



RECEPTION	94.00%
YEAR 1	98.93%
YEAR 2	99.00%
YEAR 3	96.07%
YEAR 4	99.00%
YEAR 5	97.10%
YEAR 6	98.00%
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.44%



ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK:

Years : 2 & 4 !

WEEKLY AWARDS	SPELLING SHED	MATHS SHED
Key Stage 1	Adhya	Adhya
Lower Key Stage 2	Emmanuel	Jerome
Upper Key Stage 2	Chris	Dina

WEEKLY AWARDS – EXCELLENT EXAMPLE

Reception	Ollie
Year 1	Josephine
Year 2	Amber
Year 3	Jackson
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Chris
Year 6	Alex

WEEKLY AWARDS – SUPERSKILL



Reception	Miraal for showing creativity in the junk modelling area.
Year 1	Hallie-Mae for keeping on trying even when it gets tough!
Year 2	Evana for always being a peacemaker!
Year 3	Elisha for being a great team player in our class.
Year 4	Emmanuel for great problem-solving in maths.
Year 5	Mimi, Aysha, Iris, Gabrielle, Fatimah & Violet for showing great team-working and resilience when preparing for the Great Lancashire Debate.
Year 6	All of Year 6 for excellent resilience with long division.

WEEKLY AWARDS - BEST BOOK



Reception	Hasnain for some brilliant writing in phonics.
Year 1	Harlow for trying hard with her handwriting this week!
Year 2	Muhammad-Hassan for using his phonics in his writing!
Year 3	Sean for trying hard with his handwriting all week.
Year 4	Bobby for amazing effort with his writing this week!
Year 5	Isaac for a brilliant effort in his writing this week.
Year 6	Sophie for a great independent write.





OCTOBER DISCO

Thursday 22nd October 2026

KS1: 4.30–5.30 (doors open from 4.15pm)

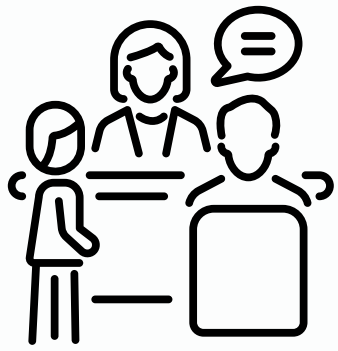
KS2: 6.00–7.00 (doors open from 5.45pm)

Tickets are £4.00. This includes a DJ, cake, drinks and a party bag to take home (NO cash is needed on the night).

Tickets will be available from Monday 5th October 2026 (please bring cash to give to the class teacher).



PARENTS' EVENING
IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Please read the following information carefully regarding arrangements for Parents' Evening.

Appointments between 1:30pm and 3:00pm

If your appointment is during the school day, please arrive promptly at the main entrance at your allocated time.

One of our Young School Leaders will escort you to the designated room where your meeting will take place. You will have the opportunity to view your child's books and discuss their progress with their class teacher as part of your appointment.

At the end of your appointment, you will be escorted back to the main entrance.

Due to our safeguarding procedures, parents and carers will not be able to remain in school to continue looking through their child's work once their appointment has finished.

If you would like to take your child home early following your appointment, you are very welcome to do so. Please notify your child's class teacher before your scheduled appointment so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Appointments between 3:30pm and 7:00pm

Please arrive via the main entrance, where you will be directed to your child's classroom. You will be able to view your child's work before your scheduled appointment with their class teacher. Please ensure you arrive with enough time to do this before your allocated meeting time.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping Parents' Evening run smoothly and safely.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We look forward to welcoming you.

We are recruiting!

PART-TIME CLASS TEACHER
(KEY STAGE 1)



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

The post is for 2 days per week in the first instance, until the end of the academic year 2026/27, based in Y1. Ideally the days to be worked would be Thursday and Friday each week

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.

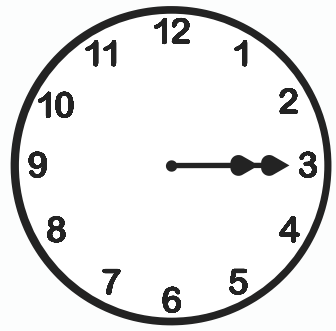
APPOINTMENTS

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.