



# St. Gregory's

Catholic Primary School

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## Welcome Back to a New Term at St Gregory's.

A very warm welcome back to all of our families as we begin another exciting academic year at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. I hope you enjoyed a restful summer break and are ready for the year ahead.

A special welcome goes to the 27 new Reception children who have joined our school family this term. It has been wonderful to see them settling so quickly into school life already. We also extend a warm welcome to the 12 new families who have joined us in other year groups. We are delighted that you have chosen St Gregory's and look forward to helping your children flourish both academically and personally.

## Celebrating Success:

A huge congratulations to our Girls' Football Team, who represented the school brilliantly this week. The girls showed tremendous resilience, determination and teamwork throughout the competition and were a real credit to St Gregory's. We are incredibly proud of the way they supported one another and never gave up.

A special thank you also goes to Miss Mair and Mr Drinkwater, who generously gave up their time to accompany and support the children. Mr Drinkwater even spent his birthday evening cheering on the team, which was greatly appreciated. Well done to everyone involved!

I would also like to thank the leaders of our School Faith Group, Georgia, Sophie and Annie, who accompanied me to a special Mass at St Mary's Church, Leyland. We joined many schools from across the Archdiocese and it was a wonderful occasion. It was particularly special to see the Archbishop celebrating Mass and to witness our pupils representing St Gregory's so thoughtfully and respectfully.

## Building Works Update:

I would like to apologise for the delay in completing the building works at the front of the school.

Unfortunately, due to planning issues and unavoidable administrative delays, progress has taken longer than anticipated. We are hopeful that the new front entrance will be completed by half term.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support while these improvements are taking place.

## Merit Assembly:

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members in school for our first Merit Assembly of the year. Thank you for joining us to celebrate the achievements of our children.

I would also like to apologise for any confusion surrounding access to the assembly this week. Mrs Thomas has sent out a text message to clarify arrangements.

From next week onwards, all parents and visitors attending Merit Assembly should enter through the gate located near St Gregory's Place. A member of staff will be available to welcome you and direct you into school.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to ensure that all visitors can access school safely and efficiently.

## ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK: WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATION Y4 - EXTRA BREAK!

| Class     | Pupils | Attendance | Authorised Sessions | Unauthorised Sessions | Lates | Ranking |
|-----------|--------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------|
| Reception | 28     | 96.24%     | 8                   | 0                     | 1     | 5       |
| 1         | 21     | 96.54%     | 8                   | 0                     | 1     | 4       |
| 2         | 22     | 97.93%     | 2                   | 0                     | 2     | 2       |
| 3         | 31     | 95.89%     | 6                   | 5                     | 1     | 6       |
| 4         | 33     | 99.72%     | 0                   | 1                     | 1     | 1       |
| 5         | 34     | 98.13%     | 2                   | 5                     | 1     | 2       |
| 6         | 33     | 92.56%     | 17                  | 7                     | 8     | 7       |



**This week's Weekly Wonders are:**

**200 CLUB** ↓

|        | Merit  | Star   | Value        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Year 1 | KAI    | ALVIN  | MOLLIE       |
| Year 2 | HARPER | ERICA  | ARABELLE-MAE |
| Year 3 | LOUIE  | HUNTER | EYLUL        |
| Year 4 | TYLER  | RILEY  | ELENA        |
| Year 5 | AZALEA | TYMUR  | ROGUE        |
| Year 6 | OAKLEY | ALICE  | MAX C        |

| July 200 CLUB   |     |              |
|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> | £50 | P B Moulson  |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> | £30 | E Lancaster  |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> | £20 | M.A Adlam    |
| August 200 CLUB |     |              |
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> | £50 | P. Spadlo    |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> | £30 | Mrs Heaton   |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> | £20 | C McGuinness |

### Free School Meals

The Government has recently introduced changes to Free School Meal eligibility. From September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit are entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings.

This is a significant change designed to support more families.

Please note that previous transitional protections have now ended, meaning some families may need to reapply to ensure entitlement continues. Even if your child is already receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is still important to register if you are eligible, as this enables the school to access additional funding to support pupils.

If you believe your family may qualify, please contact the school office who will be happy to help and advise.

### Looking Ahead:

As always, my staff and I are incredibly proud to serve the children and families of St Gregory's. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child continues to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and commitment to our school community. Together, we will continue to make St Gregory's a place where children are happy, successful and inspired to become the very best versions of themselves.

**Mr D Darbyshire**  
Headteacher



### 200 CLUB RENEWALS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

200 Club renewals are now open and cost £18 per year, closing at the end of September. Families who do not join or renew by then will be asked to pay the £15 Diocesan Levy directly.

Joining the 200 Club covers your Levy contribution and enters you into a monthly prize draw with prizes of £50, £30 and £20. The Diocesan Levy helps Catholic schools access funding for major improvements. This year, it is supporting our £120,000 entrance redevelopment and new meeting room. Future plans include further improvements and, potentially, an additional classroom. Your support through the 200 Club and Diocesan Levy helps make these projects possible.