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# St. Gregory's

Catholic Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message

**06/11/2026**

Welcome back to a new term at St Gregory's. This is always a special time in the Church's year as we begin the season of Advent, a period of preparation, reflection and hope as we journey towards Christmas.

We started the week beautifully with Mass at church on the Feast of All Souls. As always, the children represented our school wonderfully, showing great reverence, respect and impeccable manners throughout the service. We are extremely proud of them.

This term, we have welcomed six new children and their families to our school community. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled into school life and become part of the St Gregory's family. It was also wonderful to welcome so many parents, carers and grandparents to our Friday Celebration Assembly this morning. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

## School Extension Update

I am delighted to announce that, from Monday, we will once again be opening the front of the school following the completion of our new extension. The development looks fantastic and I am incredibly proud of the transformation. Not only has it significantly enhanced the appearance of the school, but, more importantly, it has greatly improved the security of our site, helping us to provide an even safer environment for our children.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Cassidy + Ashton Surveyor. Phil Gornall and Ashbarn's Construction company for their support and professionalism throughout the project. I would also like to thank all of our families for your patience throughout this build.
The Building Levy that parents contribute to while attending a Catholic school helps to fund important developments such as this. Without your support, projects of this scale, including this £130,000 investment in our school, would not be possible.

## Looking Ahead

As we begin this Advent journey together, let us continue to reflect on the values that make St Gregory's such a special place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I wish all our families a happy and peaceful weekend.

*Mr D Darbyshire*
***Headteacher***

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## Achievements and Talents

It has been another busy and successful week with many talents on display. Children have represented the school at a Glow in the Dark competition and at Indoor Athletics events, with all competitors demonstrating commitment, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship.
We were also delighted to receive special recognition at the Chorley School Sport Partnership Awards, receiving a certificate for our ongoing participation and commitment to sporting events throughout the year. This achievement reflects the dedication of both our pupils and staff, and I would like to congratulate everyone involved.
What a wonderful way to end today's assembly. We were treated to a beautiful performance of Count on Me by Bruno Mars, with Georgia in Year 6 playing the guitar brilliantly and Emily delivering a stunning solo. Their talent, confidence and teamwork made for a truly special moment enjoyed by everyone.

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

| Class | Attendance | Authorised Sessions | Unauthorised Sessions | Lates | Ranking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reception | 92.53% | 23 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| 1 | 95.88% | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | 95.87% | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 94.13% | 11 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 96.69% | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 93.58% | 24 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| 6 | 90.91% | 21 | 13 | 3 | 7 |

## This Weekly Wonders are:

## Super Star Pupil's

| | Merit | Star | Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| EYFS | Honey | Willow | Freddie |
| Year 1 | Willow | Freya, Sonny, Roman, Berlin, Harvey & Cody | Isabelle |
| Year 2 | Teddy | Serayah | Oliver |
| Year 3 | Ezra B | Jayden | Oliver |
| Year 4 | Ruben | Elena | Edie |
| Year 5 | Phoebe | Amairah | Sienna |
| Year 6 | Emily | Georgia | Isabelle |




### Year 4 Holy Communion:

A reminder that next Thursday 12th November at 6pm , there will be a meeting for all parents whose children are enrolled on this year's Holy Communion programme.

The meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes. Children are welcome to attend and will be with me while Fr Graeme speaks to parents.

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### Congratulations Holy Cross

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to Holy Cross Catholic High School, our Catholic feeder school, on their fantastic Ofsted report.

This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of staff, pupils, governors and the wider school community.

We are proud of our strong partnership and look forward to continuing to work together to support the children and families we serve in Weldbank, Chorley.

https://www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/ofsted/

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