



St Gregory's Newsletter

Welcome to a brand-new school year at St Gregory's! We hope you all had a joyful and restful summer. It's a pleasure to see the children back, ready to learn and grow in their faith. A very warm welcome also to all our new families joining us this term — we are blessed to have you in our school community.

Let us begin this new academic year with open hearts, fresh minds, and the love of Christ guiding us every step of the way.

✚ Prayer and Liturgy – Autumn Term Reflections 🙏

As we begin this new school year, we give thanks for the opportunity to come together again as a school family. September has been a time of fresh starts, joyful reunions, and renewed commitment to living out our faith each day.

Welcome and New Beginnings

We began the term with a special **Welcome Liturgy**, asking God to bless our school community and guide us through the year ahead. A warm welcome was extended to our **new Reception children**, who have settled beautifully, and to any new families who have joined our school this term.

Gathering in Prayer

Throughout September, our assemblies have focused on the theme of **God's love and creation**, encouraging children to reflect on how we care for one another and the world around us. Our assemblies and daily reflections help us listen to the Word of God and think about how we can live it out in our homes, classrooms, and playgrounds. We also enjoyed a whole school Welcome Mass with Fr Stephen.

Looking Ahead

As we move further into the term, we look forward to celebrating the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, **Harvest Festival**, and the beginning of the **Month of the Rosary** in October. These are beautiful opportunities to deepen our prayer life and show our faith in action through kindness and giving.

A Prayer for the New School Year

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of a new school year.
Be with us as we learn, grow, and care for one another.
Help us to follow Jesus in all that we do,
And to bring light and love to our school community.
Amen.

We pray that this term will be filled with peace, learning, and blessings for every child, family, and member of staff.

First Holy Communion

For those wanting their child in Y4/5/6 to make their First Holy Communion, Family Ministry begins the weekend of 20th September.

Class Masses this term:

Wednesday 5th November – Year 6

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 4

Class Masses will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 9:30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join. We hope to see you there and thank you for your support.

Healthy Packed Lunches Reminder

As we begin the new term, we kindly remind all families that **St Gregory's is a healthy school** and we encourage nutritious packed lunches.

Here are a few helpful guidelines:

- Please include **fresh fruit or vegetables** each day.
- Avoid sweets, chocolate bars, and fizzy drinks — these are not permitted.
- Water is the best drink – it keeps children hydrated and focused.
- No **nuts or nut-based products**, please – we are a **nut-free school** due to allergies.
- Crisps or a chocolate covered biscuit are only allowed on a Friday.

Let's work together to support healthy habits that help children thrive both in and out of the classroom.

If you would like your child to change from a school lunch to packed lunch or vice versa, please let the office know on a Monday. Children must stay on the same dinner all week.

Uniform Reminder

- Grey trousers, skirt, or pinafore
- Light blue polo shirt
- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- **Black school shoes** (not trainers)
- Plain socks or tights (grey, black or white)

PE Kit:

- Red t-shirt
- Royal blue shorts or navy blue/black joggers or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- No sports clothing or football kits allowed

Please ensure **all clothing is clearly labelled** with your child's name to help avoid lost items.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children come to school smart, prepared, and proud to be part of our Catholic school.

If you need any help with uniform items or have any questions, please contact the school office – we're always happy to help.

**Children finish this half term on
Thursday 23rd October at 3:15pm**

If your child is being picked up by a different adult, please let the class teacher know via Dojo or ring the school office.



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