



The Net

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 4th April - End of term
Tuesday 22nd April - Start of term
Thursday 24th April - Start of the MFL speaking exams
Friday 25th April - D of E Bronze award training day
Monday 28th April - Parent workshop 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Monday 5th May - Bank holiday
Thursday 15th May - Finance Governors
Friday 23rd May - Trip to Arthog
Friday 23rd May - End of the term
Monday 2nd June - Start of term



STAFFING

Welcome to:
Mrs Small - Administration Manager

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

We are four weeks into our Lenten journey and the term ends with our Big Lent Walk, where we come together as a community to support a great cause. In this year of Jubilee for the church, we are celebrating how we can be Pilgrims of Hope. This was well represented in our special volunteers mass that celebrated all of those in our community who provide service to others.

This term we were pleased to find out that we were named as the happiest school in Warrington, a great reflection of the positive relationships we have between our staff and pupils.

After a snowy start to the term in January, we have seen many events take place in school including our whole school careers fair, parent engage evenings, the launch of intervention events for KS4 and the all-important mock results day for Year 11. We have also celebrated the performing arts on World Theatre Day.

There have been an array of extracurricular events and trips. Pupils from across the year groups have visited Liverpool University, Priestly College, Inspiring Future Minds, Menai for the Drama residential weekend and a trip to Shrewsbury Prison for

history students. Our pupils have represented the school in multiple competitions from the Cronton Mond Trophy, Bowling Regional finals, Poetry Live, attended Liverpool FC Academy and competed in the Warrington sports finals. Our sports teams have been involved in multiple competitive events across the region and many of our pupils have been flourishing in their own sports teams outside of school. We are very proud of the sporting achievements of all of our pupils.

In the new term, we will be welcoming new colleagues to the senior leadership team. We look forward to working with Mr Lucas and Mr Daniel.

We also look forward to some exciting building work around our school next term, which will see us gain extra classroom space and a new staff carpark. There will also be many improvements around the school to classrooms and teaching resources.

I would like to as always thank my staff for their significant efforts this term and I wish all pupils, parents and all connected to St. Gregorys, a very well deserved rest and a Holy Easter.



Mr McGlinchey
Headteacher

WORLD THEATRE DAY 2025



To celebrate World Theatre Day, pupils took part in a special workshop led by Grace, a freelance movement director and choreographer. Pupils then performed for friends and family in a fantastic event after school. Well done to all those that took part!

LITERACY NEWS

Word of the Week	
Ponder	Justify
Legacy	Farce
Calamity	Benign

Archdiocese of Liverpool Public Speaking Awards

This half term, Key Stage 3 pupils were invited to participate in the selection process for St. Gregory's entrance into the Archdiocese Public Speaking Awards. This event will be held in July and will involve pupils from across the local area all vying to win the competition on behalf of their schools with a three-

minute speech.

We have been blown away by the level of interest expressed! A group of enthusiastic pupils met to discuss the qualities of a great speech as well as the topics assigned, which included everything from the United Nations to napping as a competitive sport. The next stage: choosing our two entrants. An update will be sent out as to our next meeting after the Easter break during which we will make our selection.

Good luck to our St. Gregory's speakers!

Miss Mannion

LRC NEWS



World Book Day

This half term's main event in the LRC has

been World Book Day.



The LRC was decorated in the theme of Harry Potter and we had games and activities in the LRC at break and lunch times for pupils to get involved with. Our quiz night was very well attended and enjoyed by all – well done to Mr Johnson's team 'The Whale Army' who won overall!

Our World Book Day competition was to 'Design a Sock for Dobby' and we gathered all the entries on

Dobby's washing line. The standard was very high and Lydia, Isabella and Xaelani were worthy winners.



Events this half term

Other events in the LRC this half term have included International Day of Happiness where we have displayed books that make our staff members happy, British Science Week book display and we celebrated World Theatre Day with a play showing of 'Wind in the Willows'.

Mrs Andrews

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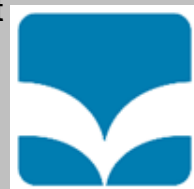
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Once downloaded the book can be read on all devices without the need for internet connection.

Any problems? Please contact the LRC Manager

Mrs Andrews

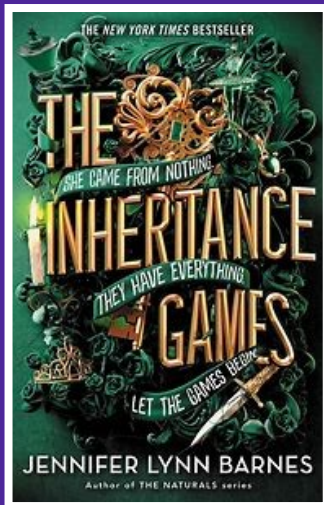


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FICTION ADDICTION

'The Inheritance Games'



The Inheritance Games is an interesting and mysterious book that captivates the minds of readers, transporting them to a different world where you always have to expect the unexpected.

Written by a Y8 pupil.



FP & N

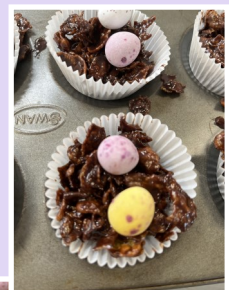
Here are just some of the amazing results from our Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils this half term.
Mrs Cross

Y9 Easter Practical

Y10 Meringue Kisses



Y10 Chocolate Tarts



Y8 Easter Practical

CHAPLAINCY

Form Time Mass

Our form time Masses have begun! Thank you to: Canon Christopher who led 7 Champions Mass, Father Raymond who led 7 Fishers Mass, Fr Dave who led 7 Julians Mass.



Ash Wednesday St. Gregory's pupils took

part in our Ash Wednesday Mass led by Father John. During the service, a representative from each form presented their 'Jars of Hope' as part of our Jubilee celebrations.



Children's Mental Health Charity this half term. Thank you to all those that donated or purchased a sweet treat.

Big Lent Walk

Pupils and staff took part in the Big Lent Walk at the end of term. Donations are still being counted so we will let you all know the total we have raised soon. Fingers crossed that we achieve our £1,000 goal!
Mrs Whitlow

SVP Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Over £110 raised for Place 2 Be

INTERVIEW WITH A TEACHER - MS CHAPPEL



Have you always wanted to teach?

I didn't initially, but I think I was destined to teach. So my first

dream was to be part of a community theatre group that would travel to theatre and education. That then led to teaching!

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My own passionate teachers at school and my uncle who was a teacher and always told me how lovely it was to teach. I also went to Romania when I was younger to teach in a Summer school and I met some amazing teachers there who inspired me. I went back each summer for 7 years!

Have you ever been an actor professionally?

Sadly not, but I would have liked that. Had I not been so involved in community theatre I think that would have been my next choice.

What sort of roles have you played in community theatre productions?

So when I was at school I was in 'Oliver' and it also the first production I did as a teacher. I was then in a George Orwell play, 'Animal Farm', and I played the lead hen. So I perfected my hen noises and I think I was very convincing!

If you could star in any musical or play, what would it be and who would you play?

I could pick out 10 easily, but I would have to go with Blood Brothers, Mrs Johnston, because of her maternal instinct and her social background not allowing her to follow her passion. Another play I love is 'A View from the Bridge' by Author Miller. There are a few strong female roles in that and one of them is called Beatrice, in fact I would probably pick Beatrice over Mrs Johnston. Its so hard to choose!

Its was World Theatre Day this half term, we love all of the decorations by the way. Why do you think the performing art should be supported?

All of the performing arts speak to us in a way that nothing else does. If you combine all of those performing arts you have stories. The arts bring those stories to life. Its gives you a different way of learning. Without the arts the world would be a less colourful place, and not as engaging because theatre is about making people question things and opinions, understanding that others think differently. In the world we are in now, post covid, people have withdrawn a little bit, and I think its our job, the people in the arts, to draw out peoples confidence again and help people reconnect.

Listen to the full interview on the podcast!

Interviewed by Bertie Y8, Dylan Y11, Lucas Y10, Daniel Y10, Jacob Y9. Photographed by Elizabeth Y9

BACK OF THE NET

Y9 Boys Football

Congratulations to our Y9 football team in reaching the semi-finals of the Warrington Cup competition after beating Beamont Collegiate Academy in the quarter finals.



Regional Kurling finals

Our students attended the regional Kurling at Cardinal Newman.



They demonstrated exceptional teamwork and achieved gold medals.

U14 Girls Football



Well done to the U14 girls making it to the last

8 of the Cheshire Cup. Unfortunately, Helsby High School beat us in a thrilling 3-2 match.

Mr Dean

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