



# The Net

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**3<sup>rd</sup> September**

First day of the term

**18<sup>th</sup> September**

Open Evening

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The summer term is the time when we reflect on and recognise the hard work of the school community over the full year.

This term we have enjoyed a special prom night for our Y11s who have now finished their five-year chapter at school. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 back in August to collect their GCSE exam results before they embark on a new journey in their education.

We have won many competitions over the summer term through our school sports teams and academic events. I would like to give a special mention to Charlotte in Y9 who won the Archdiocese Public Speaking Competition, our Faith in Action group who won an array of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and Emily in Y10 who won a National Drama Award for her performance in our school production of '39 steps'. We are blessed to work with such talent. In this Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church with its theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope', we have been celebrating the gifts and talents that our children put to use in the wider community; such as supporting their local parishes, organising fundraising

campaigns, being young carers and supporting local sports teams. All of these pupils received a Headteacher Award.

We had the pleasure of presenting many of our pupils with our 'Ambition for All' awards for the incredible achievements that have taken place across the year.

St. Gregory's had its second 'World Culture Day' this term. As always, this day was a great opportunity for our diverse community to come together and celebrate each other's cultures and heritage. It also helped us raise essential funds for the Healing Little Hearts Charity.

As always, I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of the entire staff team over this busy term and whole year. Every member of staff continues to go above and beyond for our pupils to ensure that our school community is successful.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very restful and safe summer break.

**Mr McGlinchey**  
**Headteacher**



# VPX ON TOUR

**GET READY FOR 4 DAYS OF FUN!**  
Join us across Warrington for four days of kids' events packed with games, creativity and unforgettable memories for the whole family!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST ★ 11AM-4PM**

6th ★ Bank Park, WA1 1UP  
13th ★ Warrington Town Centre  
20th ★ Victoria Park, WA4 1HN  
27th ★ WYZ, WA2 7NG

For more information visit our Facebook page or email [tony.spruce@cheshire.police.uk](mailto:tony.spruce@cheshire.police.uk)

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# HAF

## Holiday Activities and Food

**Are your children on benefit related free school meals?**

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If yes, they can attend up to 16 funded sessions this summer. Bookings will go live on Wednesday 25 June at 9am.  
Email [haf@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:haf@warrington.gov.uk) to find out more.

**Not eligible?**  
Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



#HAF2025

## CHAPLAINCY

### Good Shepherd Mass



St Gregory's was very proud to be part of the Good Shepherd Mass at the Cathedral this term. We were delighted to meet our new Archbishop afterwards too.

### Discovery Days



St. Gregory's welcomed pupils from many local primary schools this half term for our discovery days. A big thank you to all the pupils who came, it was amazing to meet everyone, and we hope you enjoyed learning more about the school

### Walking Day



60 pupils proudly represented the school at Warrington Walking Day. Well done to all involved.



## PROM

Y11 pupils celebrated 5 glorious years at St. Gregory's with their Prom at Statham Lodge. Thank you to Mrs Burns, Mrs Lee and Mr Smith for organising a wonderful event.



## HISTORY TRIP

Our students had an amazing day at the History Conference exploring the fascinating lives of the Countesses of Derby!

Talks from top historians, lively Q&A, and even a visit from Victoria Grimes of Granada Reports who interviewed some of our students—watch out for us on TV!

Mr Sexton

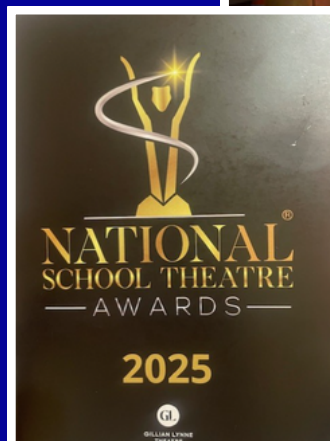


## NSTA

The Drama Team would like to share some fantastic news about Emily in Y10, who won 'Best Supporting Actress in a Play' at the National Schools Theatre Awards at the Gillian Theatre, London, for her role of Pamela in The 39 Steps. We are immensely proud of her achievement and the contribution she made to the production.

A nod also to the ensemble and Jacob Y9, who were also considered for an award as part of the process.

Ms Chappel



## CAREERS

### STEM Event



We are very proud of those pupils who attended the STEM Challenge Day at Liverpool Hope University. Anna and Naomi, along with two pupils from St Cuthberts, were the overall winners from the event and will represent the Northwest in January. Amazing work!

### Design Challenge



Pupils took part in Cronton College design challenge. The STEM event gave them the opportunity to work alongside professionals including architects and site managers, to design their own Eco Classroom. Well done to those that took part!

### Big Bang



Y7 pupils attended The Big Bang Fair this term in Birmingham. Pupils had a fantastic time at the event aimed to inspire the next generation with hands-on STEM activities, experiments and workshops

**Mr Poland**

## SPEAKING COMP

A massive congratulations to Charlotte in Y9 who took home the first-place trophy at the Liverpool Archdiocese public speaking competition!

Talking in front of judges and a room full of strangers, she represented our school speaking about gender equality and was accompanied by the wonderful Evelyn in Y9 who talked about the need for action over passive silence. Both pupils made St. Gregory's so, so proud.

Miss Mannion



## LITERACY



### Archdiocese Public Speaking Competition

Well done to Charlotte Y9 and Evelyn in Y9 for representing St. Gregory's at the Liverpool Archdiocese public speaking competition at St. John Rigby college in Orrell. The two pupils performed inspiring and thought-provoking speeches examining Martin Luther King's philosophies and exploring the freedom of women around the world. They made us very proud and placed 1st in the competition. Well done, you two!

### Lexia Updates

We are pleased to confirm that we will be continuing the use of the Lexia PowerUp platform to support our least confident readers in the next academic year. In fact, the program has been so effective, we will officially be rolling it out to some of our Year 9s and Year 10s, giving them a helping hand with their reading as the curriculum becomes more challenging. Well done to all of the pupils who have made progress on Lexia PowerUp this year!



Miss Mannion

‘St. Gregory’s Cat’ Drawing by a Y7 pupil

## LRC

During June, the LRC activities and displays have centred around Pride, Empathy Day and Refugee week. Throughout June, the First Chapters competition has been hosted in the LRC, with pupils reading samples of books in form time and then voting to win one of the books. Well done to Jaime in Y7 who won ‘Blackhole Cinema Club’ by Christopher Edge, Ethan in Y8 who won ‘River – a Warrior Cats novel’ by Erin Hunter, Ruby in Y9 who won ‘The Word is Murder’ by Anthony Horowitz and Cloe in Y10 who won ‘Caraval’ by Stephanie Garber.

In July we celebrated Culture Day through displays to promote books from different cultures and our ‘Around the World in 18 Books’ quiz. Well done to Jacob in Y7, Daniel in Y8 and Isabella in Y7 who got the top marks!

Book Clubs have been busy adding to the book reviews in the LRC and on the LRC catalogue and they have created new displays to promote their ‘Recommended Reads’ for this academic year, providing great inspiration for our current and new users of the LRC. Mrs Andrews

## Fiction Addiction



### I am Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak

I loved the book! It was funny, interesting and calming to read. I would recommend it to others as it is amazing!

Written by Olivia, a Y7 pupil

# MATILDA

**The main roles for our 2025 production Matilda have now been decided:**

Matilda: Lydia Newsom & Emily Burns

Miss Honey: Emily Murphy & Lousia Taylor

Mr Wormwood: Dominic Powell

Mrs Wormwood: Erin-Kacie Nelson & Georgia Herridge

Bruce: Thomas Byrne & Ewan Jolley

Mrs Phelps: Jessica Rimmer, Thea Samson, Jessica Taylor

Acrobat: Melissa Benbow & Anya O'Kane

Escapologist: Will Garden and Zuzanna Rychter

Trunchbull: Orla Hammill & Lucas Howgate



**Performance dates:**

Monday 24th November: am performance to primary schools

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26th November: 7pm Performances

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON!**



## PARTY IN THE PARK

St. Gregory's pupils attended a 'Party in the Park' afternoon at Walton Gardens this term, delivered by the Warrington Wolves Foundation. All those pupils that attended enjoyed an afternoon of activities in the sunshine!





## THEATRE TRIP

Y10 pupils had a theatre trip to see 'Dear England' at the Lowry this term. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time! Ms Chappel



## EDALE TRIP

The geography department have had several trips to Edale over the last few weeks. Those Y10 pupils who attended, had an amazing time and enjoyed their beautiful surroundings as they collected their fieldwork data. Mr Bacon



## AFA

Well done to all those pupils that received an certificate at our Ambition for All evening. You have all made St. Gregory's proud with all of your hard work. Mr Lucas



## LAS RAMBLAS - SPANISH TRIP

Y10 Spanish pupils visited a Spanish restaurant to try Spanish foods and practice ordering their food in another language. Mrs Loxley







## CULTURE DAY



St. Gregory's pupils had an amazing time celebrating Culture Day at the start of July. Here are just a few pictures from the day!  
Mrs Baldwin







## THE BAKE OFF

Well done to those that took part in St. Gregory's bake off 2025. All of the cakes produced were of the highest quality and sold to raise money for St Rocco's Hospice.

Mrs Cross



2nd place



3rd place



1st place





## WELLBEING



### Inspiring Future Minds Project

It was lovely to welcome Amanda back into school this term, following the completion of the Warrington Wolves Inspiring Future Minds project. Pupils who took part were thrilled to see Amanda. She even brought in some free tickets to a home game!



### Mental Health Ambassadors



Whilst Wellbeing Wednesday has been postponed during the GCSEs, our Mental Health Ambassadors have made themselves available around school during both lunches, for anyone who wishes to speak to them.

They have also considered the wellbeing of school staff and distributed Self Care Cards as a reminder of some ways to look after yourself when you are having a stressful day!

### Wellbeing Wednesday

Come along if you would like to speak to Mrs O'Kane, a Mental Health Ambassador, or if you just want a quiet space in the middle of the day to reset.



Wellbeing Wednesday recommences this week!

Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be available in the Chapel over BOTH lunches.

You can come along to speak to them, to play some games, have a quiet space to reflect or to make new friends.



### Self-Care

Summer Mental Health Tips from your Mental Health Ambassadors.

We sent out a Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey via Class Charts to all parents/carers and pupils, to help us review the support offered in school.

Thank you so much to all Parents/Carers and pupils who have taken the time to complete it, your feedback is very much appreciated.

Mrs O'Kane



# Summer

## Mental Health Tips



[www.youngminds.co.uk](http://www.youngminds.co.uk)

### 1. Create a routine

If you're feeling a little lost in the summer, creating your own routine can really help. You could pick up a new hobby or use the opportunity to regularly do something you've always wanted to. It may not be bright, sunny or hot everyday here in the UK, but there's always something you can do!

You could use the summer to brush up on your swimming, or learn a new sport. Simpler yet, you could buy a sketch book and sit in a park and practise your drawing

### 2. Volunteer and help others

One thing I've got involved in this summer is volunteering. There's all types of volunteering, such as helping at local events or for a charity. I'm sure there's something that will suit what you're interested in!

Volunteering is great because you don't have to commit to it as much as you would a job, but it also allows you to do something for the good of others, which can also feel very rewarding. It's also a good way to keep busy, and keep your mind distracted.

### 3. Connect with friends

The summer is a good opportunity to connect with old friends, friends from primary school or a school you might have just left. If you are finding it difficult to leave the house, you could connect with people in other ways. You could send a message, write a letter or give them a call.

### 4. Make small but significant changes

If the activities above like volunteering, meeting with friends or trying a new hobby are not things you feel able to do, you could make little but significant changes to your routine. If you are able to, you could eat outside, be in the fresh air, or listen to some music.

### 5. Look after yourself

The most important thing to do is to pay attention to yourself, don't ignore your feelings if you feel bad, talk to someone and tell them how you're feeling. Remember to rest if you start to feel burnt out. Make the most of self-care resources and remember that you're never alone.



## BACK OF THE NET

### Y9 FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our Y9 football team who performed brilliantly in their semi-final against Great Sankey High School this term. Outstanding performances by everyone!

### DOE



Well done to the 101 year 10 pupils who have successfully completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition! They showed great resilience, skill and courage to complete their expedition in very challenge weather! We are proud of you all!

### Y7 FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our Y7 football team on an excellent performance in the Warrington Schools football final. A fantastic performance by all of the players!

### RUGBY



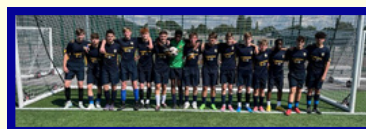
Well done to our U14 girls rugby team who have qualified for the schools finals. The girls showed great resilience and determination, having played four games in hot conditions.

### Y8 RUGBY



Well done to our Y8 Rugby League team who won 48-10 in the North West Counties Plate quarter final! Well done team!

### Y10 FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our Y10 football team on reaching the Warrington School's football final. An excellent performance by all of the players with a fantastic attitude shown by all.

### SPORTS DAY



Mr Dean