



# The Net

## St. Gregory's Catholic High School

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

End of term

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

Wear it Pink

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Start of term

**6<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance Mass

**7<sup>th</sup> November**

Inset Day

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance parade

**19<sup>th</sup> December**

End of term

#### Farewell to -

Mr Hammond

#### Welcome to -

Mrs McGibbon

Miss McGloin

Mrs Comber

Miss Boswell

Mrs Greaves

Mr Glover

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The first half term of the academic year is always the longest, and this one has certainly been packed with memorable moments and significant achievements.

One of the true highlights has been welcoming our new Y7 students into the St. Gregory's family. Each and every one of them has already made a positive impact on our school community. Staff have been genuinely blown away by how well they've settled in and how quickly they've begun to contribute to the life of the school. It was a fitting end to the half term to celebrate Mass for our new Y7 families, led beautifully by Father Dave. This special Mass is our formal welcome to the new year group, and it was a joy to share it together. We were also thrilled to open our brand-new teaching block, now officially named the 'Saint Margaret Mary' classrooms. This new space provides a fantastic environment for learning and reflects our ongoing commitment to growth and improvement.

Another truly proud moment was receiving an Outstanding judgement in all areas in our recent inspection. Achievements like this are only possible when the entire community—students, staff, parents, and governors—works together with passion and purpose. The inspectors were able to see the vibrant, faith-filled community we are all so fortunate to be a part of. Reports like this remind me of the daily hard work that goes into making our school such a special place, and it's wonderful to see that effort recognised.

In the creative arts, the Drama department and a huge cast are working incredibly hard in preparation

for their upcoming production of Matilda, which will take the stage in November. It promises to be a stunning showcase of talent and commitment, and I know it will be a performance to remember.

I must also extend a heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of student volunteers who supported our recent Open Evening. As always, it was the pupils who truly shone, offering a warm and inclusive welcome to our prospective families.

I've also been deeply moved by the generosity and spirit behind our recent charity campaigns, which continue to reflect our core values of compassion and service.

Finally, I want to give a warm welcome to our new staff members, who have already made a significant impact: Mrs McGibbon, Miss McGloin, Mrs Comber, Miss Boswell, and Mrs Greaves. We're also delighted to welcome back Mr Glover, who many will remember from his previous time at St Gregory's. Each one of them has brought enthusiasm, energy, and a deep commitment to our community.

After such a busy and successful half term, it's now time for everyone in our school community to take a well-earned break. I hope it is restful and refreshing, as we look ahead to the next half term—always a very special time in the school calendar—as we prepare to celebrate Christmas through the season of Advent. Wishing you all a peaceful and restorative break.

**Mr McGlinchey**  
**Headteacher**





### A Visit from the Author Matt Oldfield

This half-term's main event in the LRC has been the visit from Matt Oldfield, the author of 'Ultimate Football Heroes'. Matt led two writing workshops and two whole year group assemblies for years 7 & 8 to tell us all about his journey as a published author. He also signed books in the LRC. Matt's books are very popular in the LRC and meeting him was very exciting for many of our pupils! Well done to Eloise in Y8 and Toby in Y7 who won a signed copy of one of his books for an excellent explanation of why their football hero is an inspiration to them.



### National Poetry Day

We have also celebrated National Poetry Day this half term. The theme this year was 'Play'. We had some very creative ideas for our competition – well done to Emily in Y10, and Lily and Mia in Y7 whose entries won the public vote!



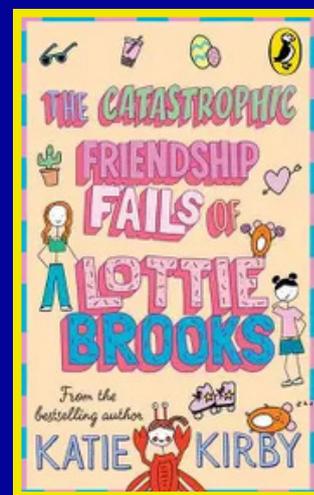
### Book Clubs

Book Clubs are well under way. Year 9+ Book Club is now on Thursday after school on 'A' week and Year 7&8 Book Club is now on Thursdays after school on 'B' week. We have quizzes, games and crafts all linked to books and after half term we will be starting to read the Cheshire Book Awards books.

Mrs Andrews

### Fiction Addiction

'The Catastrophic Friendship Fails of Lottie Brooks' by Katie Kirby



I enjoyed this book because it is very funny. It is about a high school girl's life and the book is her diary. I would recommend it to pupils who like fiction stories. There are many books in the Lottie Brooks series, and this is one of my favourite books that I have ever read!

Written by Hazel, a Y7 pupil

## ART - LIVERPOOL TRIP

Pupils in Y10 visited Liverpool Museum this half term. They explored the city and created some beautiful drawings!

Mrs Wynn



St. Gregory's High School Media Team

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Send a photograph that you have taken with 'The Great Outdoors' theme to Mrs Hennessey via email by

**3pm on Friday 12th December.**

The photo that best reflects the theme will win a prize!

## PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

- Entries will need to have a photo of their pumpkin with a piece of paper which includes their full name and form written on it!
- Each entry cost 50p which will then be collected by SVP members during form times.
- All submissions must be handed in by Monday the 3rd of November at 6pm through an email to Mrs Roberts - [hroberts@stgregoryshigh.com](mailto:hroberts@stgregoryshigh.com)
- There will be 3 prizes available for the Scariest Pumpkin, Funniest Pumpkin and Most Artistic Pumpkin!
- Most importantly every entry gets achievement points regardless! Dont be spooked and enter!



# CHAPLAINCY & MISSION WEEK



## Discovery Days

Y6 pupils visited St. Gregory's this half term to take part in some of our Discovery Days. Pupils enjoyed Celebration of the Word in the Chapel along with Maths, Science, Technology and LRC lessons (just to name a few!) It was lovely to meet you all!

## Faith in Action

Some of our Y10 chaplaincy team visited Sacred Heart and St Joseph's Catholic Primary schools to launch the Faith in Action Award with year 6 classes.

## Y7 Retreats

Y7 pupils have enjoyed their retreat days this term. They had lots of fun learning more about the school and getting to know their forms better. This year there was a focus on the Jubilee year and the theme of Pilgrim's of Hope.

## Y7 Welcome Mass

It was lovely to have Fr Dave join us for Mass this term to welcome our new Y7's and their families to St. Gregory's. Thank you to all those that attended and joined us for the celebration.

## Mission Week

Between 22nd and the 26th September, St. Gregory's Catholic High School has been celebrating Mission Week.

As part of celebrations, pupils have been warmly welcomed to attend 'Breakfast with God' in the Chapel each morning before school. This special time has offered a quiet space for reflection, prayer, and gratitude. Throughout the week, pupils have taken the opportunity to write down what they are thankful for, filling the chapel with heartfelt messages of appreciation and joy.

St. Gregory's celebration has also included a reconciliation service and performances from RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original, transformative productions. Mrs Whitlow



## MATILDA

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

- Matilda: Lydia & Emily
- Miss Honey: Emily & Lousia
- Mr Wormwood: Dominic
- Mrs Wormwood: Georgia
- Bruce: Thomas & Ewan
- Mrs Phelps: Jessica, Thea, Jessica
- Acrobat: Melissa & Anya
- Escapologist: Zuzanna
- Trunchbull: Orla & Lucas

**Performance dates:**

- Monday 24th November: am performance to primary schools
- Monday 24th, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26th November: 7pm Performances

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER!**



# SPOOKY WORD SEARCH

HAUNTING  
SPECTRAL  
SUPERNATURAL  
EERIE  
SPOOKY  
FEAR  
BIZARRE  
PECULIAR  
PUMPKINS  
CREEPY  
BATS  
GHOST  
LOST  
WEIRD  
MACABRE

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## FARM TRIP - FP&N

Y7 pupils visited Lancashire Farm Education Centre this term to learn more about our food and where it comes from. Pupils took part in a milking competition, made butter and met the cows! Mrs Cross



# OPEN EVENING 2025

St. Gregory's welcomed pupils from local primary schools at our Open Evening in September. Here are just a few pictures from the evening.



## GCSE MOCKS



Well done to our Y11 pupils that have recently taken their first round of GCSE mock exams.

Mr Parry

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## MFL COMPETITION

St. Gregory's Spanish team came 1st and French 3rd, at Cronton Languages Day! It was a fantastic day working with ex-pupils Oliver & Lois. Plus, we got to spend the day with Emily - another former student who is now the Head of MFL at Sir Thomas Boteler. So proud!

Mrs Barrow



YOUNGMINDS

**Hello  
Yellow**  
FRIDAY 10 OCT

**We're supporting  
Hello Yellow  
for young people's  
mental health.**

**A Big  
Thank You!**



This half term St. Gregory's pupils and staff wore something yellow in support of 'Hello Yellow', a charity that provides young people with the tools to look after their mental health & empowers adults to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives. St. Gregory's would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their generous donations of both cakes and money, for buying ribbon and for making such a huge effort to wear yellow!

We managed to raise over £1,700!

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.



### 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.

Mrs O'Kane

## Y7 BOYS FOOTBALL



Well done to our unbeaten Y7 team on making their St. Gregory's High School debut. Scoring 3 fantastic goals and only conceding 1! Well done team!

## Y9 BOYS FOOTBALL



Well done to our fantastic Y9 football team on their performances against Kings Leadership Academy and Cardinal Newman. Brilliant results and effort from all of the players.

## Y8 BOYS FOOTBALL



Well done to our Y8 boys football team. Beating Penketh High School to continue the unbeaten run!

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS



Well done to our cross-country runners who represented school magnificently. Excellent effort from everyone involved!

## Y8 RUGBY



Outstanding effort from our Y8 rugby league team who were unbeaten in 3 games! Tremendous skill and courage shown by all!

## Y7 BOYS FOOTBALL ...AGAIN!



Well done to our Y7 boys football team who maintained their unbeaten start to high school life, with impressive wins against Bridgwater High School and Great Sankey High School.

## U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL



Mr Dean

**PATHWAY SUCCESS**

**u14 JETS**

**PATHWAY MANCHESTER THUNDER NETBALL**

**U14 BLACK COUNTY**

**WARRINGTON TOWN NETBALL CLUB**

**STATFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

*Isla Bradley*

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Well done to Isla in Y9, who trialed for several netball clubs this term including Loughborough Lightning, Notts Forest and Manchester Thunder. Isla has chosen to represent Manchester Thunder this season!