



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School Prestwich

Mr Collins' Newsletter New Academic Year 26-27



Dear God,

In the bright eyes of our youngest child taking their very first school steps and the proud, guiding hands of our oldest pupil preparing for their final year with us, we see the beauty of Your creation. Please guide and protect our children, teachers, and families throughout this new and exciting year.

Amen.

Welcome Back! Wow – what a delight it has been to see all our children come bouncing back through the doors this week, full of stories, bigger shoes and even bigger smiles! Coming together for Mass with Father Gerard was the perfect way to kick things off: a moment to say a big thank you for our brilliant school family and to look forward to all the fun, friendship and learning still to come this year.

Calendar Dates. Your child is bringing home a printed copy of our Autumn Term Calendar of Events tonight, please pop it somewhere safe – all the dates are also on the school website, as always. And what a term it's shaping up to be! A real-life poet visiting school for Poetry Day, a Teddy Bears' Picnic, a trip to the IMAX Cinema and the Christmas Panto are just a few of the treats already lined up.

EYFS Open Evening. Save the date! This ever-popular event is now confirmed for Thursday 15th October at 5pm (moved forward from the 20th to help support our admissions process). It's the perfect chance for prospective parents to step inside our fantastic purpose-built Early Years unit, meet our brilliant staff, speak to the Leadership Team and discover everything we have to offer. School tours run the week after, for anyone keen to see the school alive with our children hard at work and play. Do you know a family looking for a first class Early Years place? Point them our way – ask them to contact the school office or pass on their details and we'll happily give them a call. Whatever your family's faith, you are warmly welcome here. Everybody welcome. All belong.

School Improvements You may already have spotted our smart new signage around school! We've also given the main corridors a lovely fresh look and laid new flooring in parts of both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Brand new Early Years climbing equipment is arriving this week and we are in exciting talks with local developers about transforming the Key Stage 2 outdoor sports areas. We also have a brand new outdoor classroom and kitchen garden on the horizon. What an exciting time to be a child here!

Uniform. The children look absolutely fantastic in their new sports kits and we are already reaping the rewards of extra lesson time. Thank you so much for supporting this change – all of us on the staff team feel very lucky to have parents so committed to helping our school go from strength to strength.



Supporting Our School: Building Fund. Over the last decade, the Diocese Building Fund has invested an incredible £1 million into our school facilities. To help keep our school looking and feeling amazing, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£30 per family (deadline extended to October 1st)**. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

Bank Details: NatWest Bank - Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School. Sort Code 01-07-20 - Account Number 09640134 - Ref: [Child's Name]

PTA 200 Club Winners! A huge congratulations to our latest £60 winner: M Cunningham (Governor), for August! Fancy joining in the fun? Sign up for our £5 monthly draw and you could be next:

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Have a brilliant weekend, and don't forget to follow all our adventures on Instagram **@ologprestwich!**

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“Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community” - Ofsted Inspection