



**Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School**  
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## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025



### LENT, ASH WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MASSES

We love pancakes! They remind us that Lent is close. A time of giving things up & always a test of our self-discipline. As a sign that we are ready & willing to accept the challenge, Father Philip will lead us in prayer as we hold an Ash Wednesday Service at school. Also, during Lent, families are invited to join school staff at Church every **Friday at 8am for Mass**. New this year, Masses will now include children singing Lenten Hymns – (a lovely way to start your day) After Mass (at 8:30), follow us back to school **to share breakfast together as a School & Parish Community**. Tea & coffee provided with milk & Cornflakes for the children (or bring your child's favourite). Please support this event. It would be great to fill the Hall with Parents, Grandparents & Siblings (all welcome). Join us for a relaxed & informal chat over a coffee. Also, look out for CARITAS boxes arriving home next week & visit the Latest News Section of the School Website with your child to learn more about Lent together.

### RISING NUMBERS

When I was appointed Acting Head (November) we had 270 children. Today we welcome 290. There are many reasons for this, Mrs Barmby, Mrs Wilson & the EYFS Team have been key. It is you however, the local community, that deserves a lot of credit. Positive comments at parents evening, reports of supportive discussions with Father Philip and articles in the Bury Times all inspire us. **These messages of support/encouragement show us that our hard work is recognised and our reputation of being a welcoming & successful school is growing locally**. Keep them coming. They make a difference! **If you know a child who will be aged 3 by the 31<sup>st</sup> March & are interested in joining Our Lady of Grace contact the Office**. We would love to showcase all that we offer.

### PARENT FRIENDLY COMMUNICATION

The School Office is working hard to support busy families & ensure details of events & key information are shared with parents in a way that supports them. **Please visit the Calendar Section of the School Website & Subscribe to our Live Calendar**. The school weekly schedule can then be easily viewed on your phone at a time that suits you. Information on World Book Day, Ancient Civilisations Week, Maths Evening, Y6 Boosters & more is now live!

### GOVERNORS & VOLUNTEERING

I am delighted to announce that the Governing Body have appointed Mr D Carey as Parent Governor & Mrs Jones as Staff Governor. Our Chair of Governors Mrs Cunningham, welcomed & thanked them this week. Both new Governors have vast experience working with children aged 3-16. I am sure their knowledge & love for the School/Parish will benefit our children greatly moving forward. **There are a number of ways that you can volunteer at school. Collect a form from the Office if you know somebody who may be interested**.

#### PTA 200 CLUB GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account Number: 04001990

Reference – (Child's Name)

£5 Monthly Standing Order

February CASH DRAW next weekend!

Still time to enter. Thank you for your generosity.

#### PTA WhatsApp Community

If you would like to be included on the WhatsApp Community.

Please email your number to the PTA  
[olog.pta@outlook.com](mailto:olog.pta@outlook.com)

Please reference your child's name.

**Remember to visit Latest News Section/Follow us on X @OLOGPrestwich. Enjoy the weekend!**

Tom Collins

MR T A COLLINS BA (Hons) NPQH  
ACTING HEADTEACHER

**"Pupils at Our Lady of Grace Achieve Highly" - Ofsted 2023**  
**"Christ is at the Centre of the School" – Salford Diocese 2024**

