



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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Mr Collins' Christmas 2025 November

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Advent

A wonderful & special time at Our Lady of Grace. A season of **preparation, hope and joy** as we journey towards Christmas. Throughout Advent, children are involved in prayer, reflection, & acts of kindness, learning to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We embrace this season by lighting the four candles of our Advent Wreath, which symbolise the virtues of hope, peace, joy & love. Through collective worship, hymns, & spiritual activities, children prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. We have a busy schedule of events throughout December (see below).

Christmas Cheer

If you know of anyone in our community who may need cheering up at Christmas, please email the School Office. Our army of elves (the children) will gladly make and post them a Christmas Card to lift their spirits.



Closer partnership with St. Monica's continues on 10th Dec



Father Philip has been working hard to prepare the Church

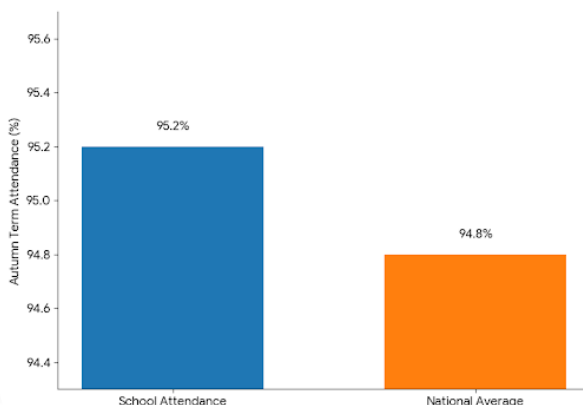


The Y3/4 children launched Christmas preparation on Monday

Attendance

In partnership with families, Our Lady of Grace has achieved impressive attendance figures. Thank you for supporting us, this is a team effort. High attendance indicates happy children (the heart of our Mission). Attendance will remain a priority. **Children with 95%+ school attendance achieve more throughout their whole lives.**

Autumn Term Primary School Attendance Comparison



Autumn Figures by Year Group

Year 1 = 96%

Year 2 = 95%

Year 3 = 95%

Year 4 = 97% (Wow!)

Year 5 = 95%

Year 6 = 96%

Parent Voice

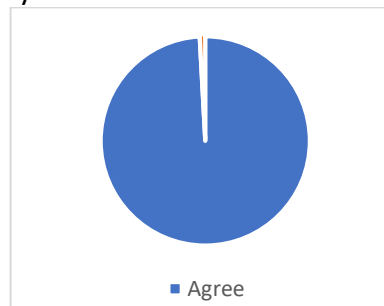
Over the last 12 months I have tried to ensure that parents feel more involved & heard. To support this, during November we embarked on our largest ever Parent Voice initiative. With over 120 families taking part (a new record) we sought to listen to parent feedback. I have presented the key takeaways below.

Parent Questionnaire November 2025

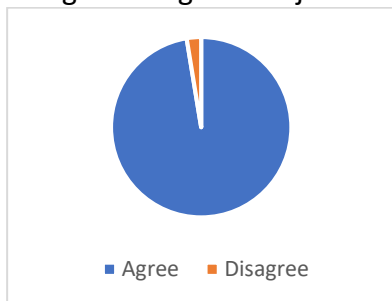
My child is happy at this school.



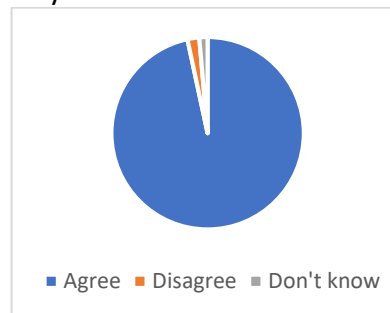
My child feels safe at this school.



School has a good range of subjects & activities



My child does well at school.



Key Findings from Analysis

Analysis of the results show that families currently feel **very positive** about school life and the care, love, and support their children receive at Our Lady of Grace. Many parents praised the **sense of community** and all the **improvements implemented recently**.

Sample of Positive Parent Comments

- **The school provides a safe and nurturing space for children to thrive.**
- **The learning environment is welcoming, bright and clean.**
- **The Leadership & Office Team are more approachable. We feel increasingly respected and valued.**
- **The teachers all encourage the children to achieve their potential and to do their best.**
- **Staff are passionate, dedicated and go the extra mile to help the children grow.**

Areas for Improvement

The school is committed to improvement. Based on parent feedback, the school will strive to improve the following areas – watch this space!

- Extra-curricular clubs for younger children.
- Outdoor learning opportunities.
- Family events.
- Detailed curriculum information.
- Greater use of technology in lessons.

Volunteering at Our Lady of Grace

School is still on the lookout for volunteers to read with children and support on Educational Visits. If you know of anyone who might be interested in giving something back to the community, ask them to contact school for an 'expression of interest form'.

Christmas Key Dates & info

Below is a list of all the events that have taken place/are due to take place in **December**. I know that it is a busy time. Note which ones include your child. I hope this helps.

December at Our Lady of Grace



- Monday 1st Y3/4P Mrs Poole's class** Advent Assembly. Families welcome.
- Thursday 4th Y6 Grandparents Party** 2pm. Y6 Grandparents. Christmas jumpers and/or accessories.
- Monday 8th Y3/4A Immaculate Conception Mass.** At Church 9:30am. Full uniform. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 9th Christmas Dinner** **All children.** Festive jumpers/accessories
- Wednesday 10th School Choir** - St Monica's High School Advent Partnership 6:30pm at Church. Full uniform.
- Thursday 11th Early Years Nativity** 9:15. Track suits/PE Kits Families Welcome.
- Thursday 11th Y 1 – Y6 Pantomime Trip.** Middleton Arena Full uniform.
- Friday 12th Early Years Christmas Party** with entertainer, party food & games. Own clothes
- Friday 12th Before 9 After 3 Club Christmas Party** Christmas film, party food & games. Pyjamas in a bag.
- Tuesday, 16th School Council Fun Day,** wear own clothes bring in £1
- Wednesday 17th Y2, Y5 & Y6 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** 6pm Church. Y2 & Y5 Full Uniform all welcome.
- Thursday 18th All Children Toy Day.** School closes for Christmas at 2pm.

All the key dates, as always, can be found in the Calendar Section of the School Website (@ologprestwich Instagram). In Latest News on the Website you will also find photographs of all these special events.

It has been a true privilege to work with your lovely children this year. On behalf of all the staff here at school we wish you a happy Christmas and all the best for 2026. We will all be rested and ready for another exciting term on **TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY 2026**. Thanks for all you do to support your children and this great school.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Collins

Mr T Collins BA (Hons) NPQH

Acting Headteacher

This is our school, let it be full of love, love of one another, love of life itself, but most of all, the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



“Our Lady of Grace is an outstanding Catholic Primary School” - RE Inspection
“Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community” - Ofsted Inspection

PTA Club Winner

The November draw took place today (Mrs Poole's children). The winner is the Perrin Family (Y2) – Congratulations! Please call to the office to receive your winnings £60! **You have until 2026 to enter our December draw.** Thank you to everyone who supports the 200 club. It makes a huge difference.