



## Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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### Mr Collins' New Year Newsletter 2026

#### New Year

It has been a pleasure to welcome your lovely children back to school this week. Staff spent Monday preparing for another busy term at Our Lady of Grace. Please have a look at the Calendar of Events (sent home today) or go to the Website Calendar. The INSET day included staff training on Glockenspiels (we recently purchased 36) so prepare to hear about fun music sessions. On Tuesday the Epiphany gave us a focus to gather & say thank you for keeping us all safe over Christmas. Children spent time looking ahead & discussed how we could all support each other in 2026.

#### SHINE Assemblies

This month I will be launching a new initiative 'Shine Assemblies, children from Reception to Y6 who 'Shine' in class will be nominated to receive an award, (as all of our children 'Shine' everyone will have their moment in the spotlight). We have had similar assemblies before but I have decided that families should be involved. When your child is nominated up to two family members will be invited to join us. This will allow us to celebrate together. Keep an eye on your emails between now & May. We will give you as much notice as possible.

#### Rising 3's

Thirteen new children have joined our EYFS Centre (all are delightful). Even the most experienced staff are surprised with how well they have coped, impressive. This doesn't happen by accident. It is a result of hard work & preparation by the Office Team, EYFS Team & their families, Thank you. I feel blessed to welcome you all.

#### Attendance and Uniform

Please support us by doing all you can to ensure that your child arrives every day **on time** and in the correct uniform. We are proud of our attendance figures and how smart the children always look. Studies show that children who attend primary school regularly and are presented smartly go on to achieve more.

#### PTA 200 Club winners

December draw took place (Y2 children) (winner Mrs Jones EYFS) – Congratulations! Please collect your winnings! **Please consider entering our January draw. This initiative is proving to be extremely useful.**

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

Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account: 04001990

Reference – (Child's Name)

£5 Monthly Standing Order

Still time to enter for the next draw.

#### PTA WhatsApp Community

If you would like to be included.

Please email your number to the PTA

Please reference your child's name.

[olog.pta@outlook.com](mailto:olog.pta@outlook.com)

News & Socials 'Follow us' on Instagram & encourage others to do so! We post accomplishments & news!

Yours sincerely,

*Tom Collins*

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*This is our school, let it be full of love*



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**"Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community" - Ofsted Inspection**