



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

Mr Collins' Newsletter March 2026

A TRUE PRIVILEGE Since my appointment as Headteacher, I have been overwhelmed by kind messages, cards and words of support at the school gate, it really makes a difference. I feel incredibly privileged to lead a school within such a supportive community. I love our corner of Prestwich – what a place to work – (as I write the Lorax has just walked past my office door!) Your children are wonderful and the staff team here are so dedicated and hardworking. I will serve this school with **openness and integrity**. It will be the children, not the Headteacher, at the heart of every decision.



I have high ambitions for our school, you will see improvements immediately:

Environment: We are starting work to refresh our physical spaces to ensure our school is an inspiring place to learn.

Reading: To further boost our reading standards, we are introducing a new, robust phonics scheme with new books.

Parent Voice: You wanted more opportunities to visit school! This month sees **Lenten Stay and Pray**, dates were in Feb Newsletter. These are short (20 minute) sessions where you can experience a prayer session with your child's class. The focus will be **'Everybody Welcome All Belong'** Please attend if you can.



Looking Ahead I am delighted to share that our **summer educational visits and experiences** have now been booked! These are vital for bringing learning to life.

- EYFS** **3RD July Smithills Farm Bolton.** Bottle-feed hungry lambs, hitch a bumpy ride on a tractor trailer, and even pet a giant python if you're feeling brave!
- YEAR 1&2** **23rd June Imagine That! Liverpool** Fixing supercars in the garage, creating giant bubbles in the science zone, or becoming a star on the big stage in the ultimate giant play-town!
- YEAR 3&4** **17th June Liverpool World Museum** - Face-to-face with dinosaurs, blast off into outer space, and discover creepy-crawlies from every corner of the planet—all under one roof!
- YEAR 5** **3rd June Planetarium Wonder Dome & Orienteering Day** Enter a giant space dome and travel across the galaxy! Afterwards experience an orienteering walk to sharpen map reading skills back on earth.
- YEAR 6** **3rd June Alton Towers & Alton Castle Residential** Get splashed on the high-speed Congo River Rapids & Face the fury of Nemesis Reborn. Stay with your friends in a real-life Gothic castle. Mountain biking, scaling giant walls, survival trekking & hitting bullseye in archery battles!

PTA 200 Club Winner

The February draw took place today (by The Lorax). The winner is Mrs Perrin (Alfie's mum Y2) – Congratulations! Please call to the office to receive your winnings £60!

Please consider signing up to the 200 Club. It really makes a huge difference and is a great way to show your support. Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account: 04001990 - Reference – (Child's Name) £5 Monthly Standing Order

If not done so already, please follow us on Instagram @ologprestwich. Here you can learn about all the exciting things happening. From recent victories for our Netball & Football Teams to the Ladauto Si Team (Gardeners) litter picking around Prestwich - answering the Bishop's call to take care of God's world. (All also on Latest News Section of Website).

Thank you for all that you do to support what we are trying to achieve here.

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