



## Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

### Mr Collins' Newsletter Start of Summer Term 2026



*Dear God, Thank You for the gift of summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun upon our faces and the increased light that brightens our days. Thank You for the beauty we see around us—the blue skies, green trees and colourful flowers. We are grateful for the opportunity to go outside, to take deep breaths and to enjoy the wonders of Your creation. Amen*

**As always, I have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school. I hope you all managed to get some good quality 'family time' over Easter. Summer Term is here – so many exciting events and the sun is shining (so far).**

**Our Lady of Grace Church** This term, we are looking forward to several special visits to Church. It will be Father Gerard's very first experience of a whole-school Mass (Ascension, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am) and Holy Communion (Y3 Sacramental children, 11am 6<sup>th</sup> June). We would love for you to join us at Church on either/both of these dates. **Everyone is welcome, everyone belongs.**

**School Improvements** Over the Easter break, I was delighted to secure the funding needed to move forward with our planned investments. This includes brand-new computers and an extensive refurbishment of both our indoor and outdoor spaces. Over the coming weeks, you'll start to see and hear about the impact of these projects. **Improving the learning experience/environment for our children.**

**Shine Assemblies** Summer Term marks the return of our Shine Assemblies! These have become a real highlight for students and parents alike. Please keep a close eye on your email; I will ensure every child receives an award and every parent has the opportunity to attend.

**We continue to strive towards inviting more parents into school more often.**

**Assessment Window** Summer Term is a vital time for assessments across all areas of the curriculum. We know from experience that children who are supported at home succeed more. To help your child reach their full potential, please ensure children get plenty of sleep, a great breakfast and arrive in the correct uniform. Daily home learning is also key—it is most effective when an adult or older sibling sits down to tackle activities together.

**BBC Bitesize is a fantastic resource that many of our families already enjoy using with their children.**

**PTA 200 Club** The March & April draws took place today Y2 (children). The winner for March is **Mrs Watkins** (F2 parent) and the winner for April is **Mrs Lee** (Y6 parent). Please contact the office to arrange collecting your winnings of £60! **Please, please, please, consider signing up to the 200 Club. It 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 Easter events to the iRock Concert held in school. (also on the '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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**"Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community" - Ofsted Inspection**