



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

Mr. Collins' Newsletter June 2026



Dear God, thank you for the gift of education. We pray for the academic journey of our children. Help us to enrich our curriculum, support our teachers & deliver lessons that spark curiosity & a love of life. Guide us as we continue to develop Our Lady of Grace into a modern & inspiring environment where children are nurtured, challenged & prepared for the future. Amen.

Dear Families - I hope you have all had a good half-term. This final half-term school will be alive with anticipation. We have a range of exciting events, trips & learning opportunities lined up. **Remember all dates are on the Website Calendar.**

Catholic Life and Mission - During May, we celebrated whole school Mass with Fr. Gerard for the first time. It really was a beautiful Ascension Day Service. Children shone through confident readings & uplifting singing. The Crowning of Mary at the end was a perfect expression of our traditions & faith. Looking ahead, the Liturgical Calendar is rich. We eagerly anticipate Holy Communion & Founders Day Mass (celebrated in school). Reminder: Tuesday (2nd June), Fr. Gerard invites you to his first Parish/Parent Coffee Morning (9:15am in the Cottage). Please do come along if you are able to—it is a fantastic opportunity to gather & connect. **Everyone is welcome!**

Sports & Extra-Curricular Provision - We value your feedback. You requested an increase in extra-curricular sports in KS1 & KS2. We listened. This week, we start a new partnership with Salford FC. The club's coaches are delivering high quality PE & teacher training plus they are running sports clubs after school. This investment ensures children receive elite-level instruction & expands after-school provision. Remember children should wear sportswear to school **each** Monday Y1 & Y2, Wednesday Y5 & Y6, Friday Y3 & Y4. We also look forward this term to the prestigious Gabriel Cup (Athletics), the Annual Rounders Rally at St. Michael's and **our always-wonderful & competitive Sports Days.**

Bringing Learning to Life - This term marks the launch of educational visits/trips. Taking learning beyond the classroom. From high-energy team-building & milestone celebrations at Alton Towers to historical & scientific exploration at the World Museum Liverpool, we are **providing memorable, horizon-expanding experiences that enrich & reward.**

End-of-Year Assessments - I would like to mention our fantastic Y6 pupils who completed their SATs last month. They approached the week with focus, maturity, & resilience. A credit to our school and their families. They are now focusing on celebrating their time with us & transitioning smoothly to High School. Other year groups are busy preparing for their own assessments. Over the coming weeks all children from Reception to Y5 are involved, e.g. EYFS Development Goals, Y1 Phonics Check & Y4 Times Tables Check. We approach these as opportunities to celebrate how the children are growing. You can support your child by talking to them about their school work, reading together & completing online activities such as BBC Bitesize together. **Children achieve more when parents engage with learning at home.**

An Outward-Facing School - To ensure your children receive a truly first class education, Our Lady of Gracen is dedicated to continuous professional development. We are proud to be collaborating with a number of the UK's top, national Education Consultants - recognised leaders in their fields. Dawn Robertson - Renowned National English Expert, Mylene McGuire - Distinguished Curriculum Specialist & Jonathan Fish - Acclaimed Early Years Advisor. All are on-site in June working with our teachers. We are creating a curriculum from Nursery right through to Y6 that is sequenced, engaging, relevant and memorable. Our aim is to cultivate a lifelong love of learning. **This is what your children deserve.**

Managing Concerns & Open Communication - Open, honest communication is the foundation of our strong school family. We recognise that parents may have questions or concerns regarding aspects of school life. Be assured that the Leadership Team at Our Lady of Grace is committed to being accessible, listening & acting swiftly. If you have a concern, comment, or positive piece of feedback, please email olog@bury.gov.uk & address to the Senior Leadership Team. We pledge to review & reply via email or phone within 48 hours. **Thank you for your continued trust.**

PTA 200 Club The May draw took place today. The winner for May is **L&R Scholes (Margot)**. Please contact the office to arrange collecting your winnings of £60! **Please sign up to the 200 Club. It makes a huge difference and is a great way to show support. Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account: 04001990 - Reference – (Child's Name) £5 Monthly Standing Order**

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

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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