



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School Prestwich

Mr Collins' Newsletter End of Academic Year 25-26



To Y6 - May the Father of Life pour out His grace on you;
may you feel His hand in everything you do and be strengthened
by the things he brings you through:
this is our prayer for you.

Love from all the staff at Our Lady of Grace - You are always welcome here.

Dear Families. What a fantastic year! It is an absolute privilege to work with your wonderful children every day here at Our Lady of Grace. A huge thank you to Father Gerard, Margaret Cunningham, all our Governors and our wonderful staff for working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school happy, safe, and thriving.

Term Celebrations. From Family Night to the Oscars, we have had a blast! Scroll down to check out the photos of our favourite memories from this term.

Website Updates: 1 August @ 9am. We are launching a brand-new, modern curriculum this September. Head to our website on 1 August at 9am to view your child's upcoming topics and our updated school calendar.

Summer Reading Challenge. Get ready to read anywhere in the world! Your child is bringing home their Purple Mash login today to access over 250 exciting online books. Head to the Purple Mash Library via the menu or Reading Egg.

Uniform Reminders. Our updated Uniform Policy is live on the website. A few quick reminders:

Skirts: Current green skirts are still fine, but please replace them with grey ones when buying new items.

PE Kit: If School Logo kit is unavailable, plain **unbranded** dark green t-shirts & plain black tracksuit tops are acceptable.

Schedule: We will let you know your child's PE days in September.

Supporting Our School: Building Fund. The Diocese Building Fund has invested £1 million into our school facilities over the last decade. To keep our school amazing, we kindly ask for an annual contribution of **£30 per family** by 1 September. Over the Summer this fund will be helping us install new signage all around our school.

Bank Details: NatWest Bank - Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School. Sort Code 01-07-20 - Account Number 09640134 - Ref: [Child's Name]

PTA 200 Club Winners! Congratulations to our latest £60 winners: S O'Connor (June) and Mrs L Barmby (July). Please collect your winnings from the office. Want to support our PTA? Sign up for our £5 monthly draw:

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Have a wonderful summer break and do not forget to follow our adventures on Instagram **@ologprestwich!**

Tom Collins

MR T COLLINS BA (HONS) NPQH
Headteacher

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



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ologprestwich 🍕🍷 A Sunny Walk to Prestwich

With steps so light and spirits high,
Beneath a bright and cheerful sky,
The Year 6 crew from Our Lady of Grace
Set off for Prestwich at a steady pace.
No longer just pupils, but a certified team,
Chasing the end of a primary school dream.
The destination? A pizza feast!
Where hunger meets hunger, to say the least.
At Rudy's, the dough was spun and tossed,
A celebration where no joy was lost.
With bubbling cheese and tomato so red,
They feasted like royalty, beautifully fed.
Then out to the square in the golden light,
Where the summer sun was warm and bright.



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ologprestwich 🍷🍷 Our F2 children have loved planting and growing potatoes with Mrs Cuttill! They enjoyed reading The Enormous Potato and had great fun acting out the story together. A fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought their growing adventure to life! 🍷🍷 #EYFS #OutdoorLearning #TheEnormousPotato #SchoolLife less



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ologprestwich Introducing Our New PE Kit!



We are delighted to introduce our new Our Lady of Grace PE kit, available from September.

The new kit has been designed to provide pupils with a smart, practical and comfortable uniform for PE lessons, school sport and competitions, while promoting pride in our school.



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ologprestwich Gabriel Cup Champions! 🏆🏃

What an incredible achievement by our Year 5 and 6 athletics team, who were crowned Gabriel Cup Champions! 🏆🏃



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ologprestwich 🌿🐛 Microhabitat Explorers 🐛🐛

As part of their science lessons, Year 2 have been exploring and comparing the microhabitats around our school.



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ologprestwich New Intake Meeting 🌟🌟🌟

It was wonderful to welcome so many new families to our New Intake Meeting. Thank you to everyone who came along – it was fantastic to see such a great turnout and to begin getting to know the newest members of our school community.



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ologprestwich THE COUNTDOWN IS ON! 🏆

The glitz, the glam, the Year 6 Oscars! 🎬🌟 Tomorrow morning, the red carpet is rolling out and the energy is going to be electric.

Bow ties? Crisp and ready. 🎩

Corsages? Fresh and pinned. 💖



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ologprestwich 🌟 First class fun at After School Club! 🏠🌟



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ologprestwich 🐰🐣 Fun at the Farm 🐣🐰

Our Early Years children had the best adventure, riding donkeys and tractors, feeding the farm animals, and enjoying lots of hands-on experiences. 🐰🐣🐣🐰



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ologprestwich ★🙏 F2 Stay & Pray 🙏★

Today, the wonderful F2 children welcomed their families into school to join them in prayer.



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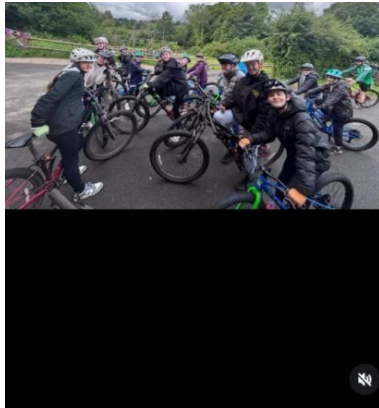
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ologprestwich Some activities from Alton Castle. 🌟🌟



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ologprestwich Lovely day for our Year 5 who had the experience of the wonderful Wonder Dome. 🌟🌟 less



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ologprestwich A good morning from our tired Year 6 children who have had a great day one and are fresh and ready for day 2. 🌟🌟 less



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ologprestwich Year 6 Bikeability 🚲🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟



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ologprestwich Year 5 and 6 have been buzzing with excitement in Science as they explored the topic of electricity! ⚡



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ologprestwich 🎵 Our Year 6 children have officially started rehearsals for their end of year production!



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ologprestwich Shine Assembly – Sports



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ologprestwich Great night is planned for all. Check your emails for the details and come on down. 🌟🌟 less



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ologprestwich Girls' Football Tournament 🏈💙

Our girls had a fantastic time taking part in the football tournament, playing with great determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout. There were some brilliant games and plenty of smiles along the way!



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ologprestwich Film Night 🎬🍿🌟🌟
A fantastic evening at our school Film Night! The children had a brilliant time relaxing with friends, enjoying the movie, snacks, and lots of laughter along the way.



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ologprestwich People Who Help Us 🙏🌟🌟

As part of our learning about People Who Help Us and to coincide with International Nurses Day, we were lucky to welcome two very special visitors into school.

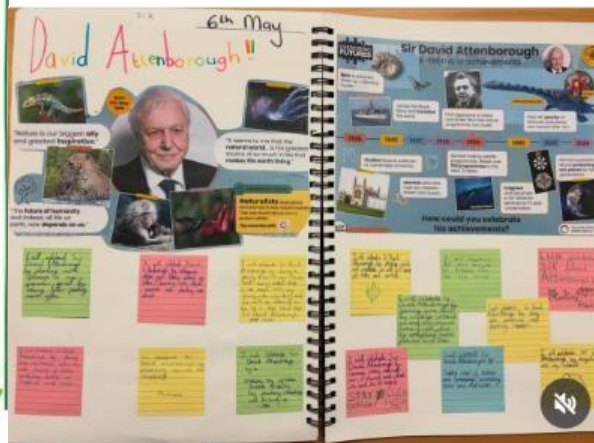


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ologprestwich SATs Week 🌟🌟🌟
Good luck to all of our Year 6 children as SATs begin next week. Remember — these tests do not define you. We are already incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.



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ologprestwich Happy 100th Birthday to Sir David Attenborough! 🌍🎉



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ologprestwich Netball success! 🌟🌟🌟
Our netball team have been smashing it against other schools, showing fantastic play, great teamwork, and real determination in every match. A brilliant run of performances — we're so proud of you all! 🌟🌟



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ologprestwich Today we welcomed a special visitor to school — The Mayor.

Our Year 6 pupils led a live debate about friendship. They spoke with confidence and shared thoughtful ideas. Our EYFS children created a medal and artwork. They were proud to show their work and explain their ideas. The Mayor was impressed with our litter picking work and the positive impact pupils are making in the community. less



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ologprestwich St George's Day in EYFS! 🇬🇧🌟
Our EYFS children had a wonderful time celebrating St George's Day. They made delicious jam and cucumber sandwiches, coloured in flags, and enjoyed lots of fun activities together.



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ologprestwich Growing and learning in EYFS 🌱🌻

Our EYFS children have been busy planting and caring for their own plants. They've loved getting hands-on, watching them grow, and learning all about what plants need to thrive. A wonderful way to explore the world around us through curiosity and care! 💙



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The Cathedral Singers, Richard Pr...



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ologprestwich Chess Tournament Success 🏆🏆🏆🏆

A huge well done to our pupils who represented the school at a recent chess tournament. The children demonstrated fantastic concentration, strategic thinking, and resilience throughout the competition, competing brilliantly against other schools.



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ologprestwich What a beautiful morning we had last Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Prestwich! 🌟

We are so proud of our Year 3 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion. Seeing them reach this milestone after months of dedication on their Sacramental journey was truly moving.

First ever Mass held in Our Lady of Grace School Hall this morning



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ologprestwich Thank you Father Gerard. This morning's Mass was a wonderful way to mark the anniversary of our school. The children were amazing. What a lovely start to the week.

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ologprestwich Rounders Champions Again! 🏆🏆🏆🏆

What a fantastic achievement by our rounders team, who have won the competition once again! The children played brilliantly throughout, showing excellent teamwork, determination, and skill in every match.





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ologprestwich 🌟🌟 Year 6 have been working with The Movement Project to learn a dance routine!

Lots of energy, enthusiasm and some great moves on display as they prepare for their final performance. We can't wait to show you the finished result! 🎵🎶



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ologprestwich Year 6 Transition Workshop 🌟🌟🌟

Today, our Year 6 children took part in a valuable transition workshop led by the wonderful team from Bury Youth Service. The session focused on preparing for the move to high school, helping children to think about the opportunities, challenges, and exciting experiences that come with starting Year 7.



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ologprestwich What a year for our Netball Team! 🏆🏆🏆

As the season comes to an end, we want to celebrate the incredible success of our netball team. Through hard work, determination, teamwork, and skill, the girls have enjoyed a fantastic year of matches and competitions, achieving some brilliant results along the way.

Most importantly, they have represented our school with pride, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude at every event.



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ologprestwich 🌟🌟 Inspirational twilight session alert! 🌟
A massive thank you to Rachel Thompson from Salford Diocese for leading an absolutely brilliant after-school twilight session on Collective Worship today! 📖🙏
Our teaching team left feeling incredibly inspired, grounded, and equipped with wonderful new ideas to bring back into our classrooms. Rachel's insights reminded us all of the heartbeat of our school community—creating meaningful, reflective, and engaging spaces for our children to connect and grow.



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ologprestwich KS1 Sports Day 🏃🏃🏃

What a fantastic Sports Day for our KS1 children! The field was full of energy, smiles, and determination as the children took part in a variety of races and activities.

It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best, cheering each other on, and showing great sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support and encourage our young athletes.



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ologprestwich Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day at the World Museum! We took part in an exciting workshop and explored five floors packed with fascinating exhibits and discoveries. A brilliant day of learning, exploration and fun!

It was lovely to welcome staff from St Monica's into school to speak with our Year 6 children about the transition to high school. The session gave pupils the opportunity to ask questions, learn more about what to expect, and feel excited about the next stage of their journey.



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All-conquering Prestwich netballers unbeaten

OUR Lady of Grace RC Primary School's netball team have completed a flawless 2025/26 campaign, winning every match and sweeping up all major honours in a season described as "outstanding".

The Prestwich-based side lifted the P&WJSSA Annual Autumn Netball Tournament, the P&WJSSA Annual Spring Netball Tournament, the P&WJSSA Netball League and the Bury Netball League, capping a remarkable year in which they went unbeaten across 35 matches.

Beyond the silverware, the team's unity and consistency have been central to their success.

The squad has developed a strong bond on and off the court, combining high standards with a positive team spirit throughout the season.

Manager John Cihlar, who has more than 50 years' experience in primary school sport across Salford and Bury, believes the group stands out among all those he has worked with.

"This team has been without

doubt the most outstanding of any I have been involved with," he said.

"They have gelled as a group, treat each other so well and they are such good company."

The players' development has also been strengthened by their involvement outside school, with many members of the squad attending DNA Netball Club at Philips Sports Centre, in Whitefield.

Cihlar added: "Most of them attend the very excellent DNA Netball Club. I would also like to pay tribute to their parents who have been so supportive."

With the school year nearing its end, the team's achievements mark a memorable chapter for the school, as the group prepares to move on following an exceptional unbeaten season.

And Cihlar admitted there will be sadness as the group prepares to move on.

"The school year is drawing to a close and I will be extremely sad to see these truly delightful set of girls leave our school," he said.



The all conquering team, back, Ella Crossley-Walsh, April Rhodes-Heaton, Lola Keith, Liz Lee, Darcy Berry and Emmeline Graham; front, Hanna Hubicka and Grace Welch





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ologprestwich Today, our children attended a vital Water Safety Code assembly to learn how to enjoy the water safely, whether they are at the local pool, by a river, or the British seaside! 🏖️

With the warmer months on the horizon, it's so important that our pupils know exactly what to do in an emergency. They did a fantastic job listening and answering questions on the core messages.

#WaterSafety #FloatToLive #UKSchools #PrimaryEducation #SafetyFirst less



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ologprestwich KS2 Sports Day 🏃🏃🏃🏆🥇



What a fantastic KS2 Sports Day! The children showed incredible determination, resilience, and teamwork as they competed in a range of track and field events.

It was wonderful to see everyone giving their all, encouraging one another, and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge thank you to all the parents and families who came along to cheer on the children and help make the event so special.



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ologprestwich Keeping cool and carrying on! ☀️💧

With temperatures rising outside, we are very lucky to have air conditioning throughout school, helping our children stay comfortable, focused and ready to learn.



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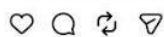
ologprestwich Keeping Cool in EYFS! 🌞💚💛

With the warm weather here, our EYFS children had a fantastic time exploring and playing with ice to help keep cool! Through hands-on play, they enjoyed investigating how the ice felt, changed, and melted, all while having lots of fun together.



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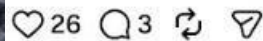
ologprestwich ✨ Transforming the way we teach primary English! ✨

We are absolutely thrilled to be working with the brilliant primary English consultant, Dawn Robertson (@justdawned), to completely revitalise our English curriculum! 📚👉



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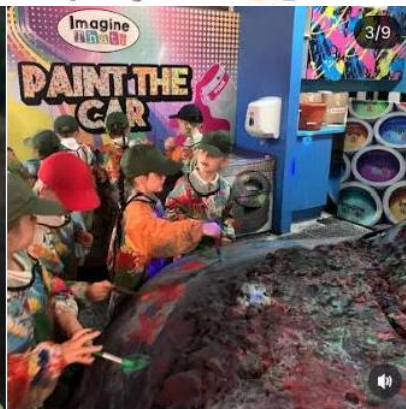
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ologprestwich Chess Club with the Wonderful Mr Cihlar ♟️💚💛

A huge thank you to the wonderful Mr Cihlar for his dedication and enthusiasm in leading our chess club. The children thoroughly enjoy developing their strategic thinking, concentration, and problem-solving skills each week while having great fun along the way.

It's fantastic to see so many budding chess players growing in confidence and skill. Thank you, Mr Cihlar, for inspiring our young minds! 🧠♟️



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ologprestwich Year 1 and Year 2 had an absolute blast at Imagine That! in Liverpool! From exploring the Imagination Village to getting stuck into messy play, slime making, and hands-on science experiments, their curiosity and energy were completely off the charts. 🧪👉 less



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ologprestwich 🌟🌟 What a fantastic Early Years Sports Day! 🌟🌟

Our little superstars had so much fun running, jumping, balancing and cheering each other on. One of the biggest highlights was our exciting Hobby Horse and Unicorn Race 🦄🐾



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ologprestwich 🌟🙏 F2 Stay & Pray 🙏🌟

Today, the wonderful F2 children welcomed their families into school to join them in prayer.

They beautifully shared the Parable of the Talents with fantastic reading and acting. As a class, they thanked God for their talents through prayer and song. They happily shared some of the amazing gifts and talents they've developed over the year.



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