

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy



After School Enrichment Activities

Spring 1
12/1/26-13/2/26



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Clubs start w/c Monday 12th January 2026
and will finish Friday 13th February 2026



Here at Our Lady of Grace we plan and deliver a range of meaningful opportunities outside of the classroom to broaden children's horizons. Through the delivery of extra curricular activities we aim to provide children and families extra support, opportunities, and activities beyond the school day. These activities help children learn new skills, stay active, and build confidence in a safe and fun environment. They also support families by offering childcare, clubs, and community programs that make school a place where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive together.

This booklet outlines all the clubs available this half term.



Faith Formation and Reflection

Faith formation and reflection clubs will help children to develop the following values:

- ▶ To trust in God's love and grow in our relationship with Him through prayer, learning, and reflection.
- ▶ To follow Jesus' example by showing love, respect, and kindness to everyone.
- ▶ To support one another, build friendships, and grow together as part of God's family.
- ▶ To take time to pray, listen to God, and reflect on how we can live our faith every day.
- ▶ To learn more about our Catholic faith, the Bible, the Saints, and how to live as disciples of Jesus.
- ▶ To look for ways to help others, just like Jesus taught us, showing care and compassion in our actions.
- ▶ To celebrate the joy of being children of God and share that joy with others through our words and actions.
- ▶ To take time to slow down, and find quiet moments to feel calm and peaceful.
- ▶ To pay attention to the present moment and noticing what we think, feel, and see.
- ▶ To take the time to be thankful for God, people, things, and moments that bring us joy.
- ▶ To learn to notice our thoughts and emotions, helping us make calm and caring choices.
- ▶ To look for the good in ourselves and the world around us, and we spread joy wherever we go.

Creative Clubs

Creative activities will help children to develop the following values:

- ▶ To explore, investigate and experiment with a range of stimuli, techniques, approaches, materials and media
- ▶ To create, design, devise their individual and collective work
- ▶ To present and display work, to develop and communicate ideas and evoke responses
- ▶ Use art-specific vocabulary to respond to, evaluate, explain, analyse, question their own and other peoples artistic works
- ▶ To enable children to develop a wide range of skills through a variety of creative activities
- ▶ To extend imagination through both knowledge and practical skills
- ▶ To enable children opportunities to develop physical, intellectual, emotional and social skills through the exploration of various and/or specific mediums
- ▶ Promote the development of technical knowledge and skills
- ▶ To raise self-esteem and develop confidence
- ▶ To develop more able and talented children

Health and Fitness

Sport & Fitness clubs will help children to develop the following values:

- To enable children to develop a wide range of basic and ongoing knowledge and skills through a variety of sports and fitness activities.
- To build confidence, self-expression & collaborative learning through the experience of team work
- To build self-confidence and social skills through the development of associated physical skills and to play/work together co-operatively through group work
- To enable pupils the opportunity to experience and share roles and responsibilities
- To support self-esteem and help children to recognise their self-worth
- To have fun learning a new skill
- To provide opportunities for children to promote and represent the school to a wider audience

Curriculum Clubs

Curriculum Clubs will help children to develop the following values:

- ▶ To enable children to develop a wide range of skills through a variety of intellectual and challenging activities
- ▶ To build self-confidence through the development and achievement of completing challenging, but fun tasks
- ▶ To develop more able and talented children
- ▶ To support self-esteem and help children to recognise their self-worth
- ▶ To enhance the pupils mathematical learning in a fun and engaging way
- ▶ Teamwork is promoted through their choice to collaborate with other children
- ▶ To develop skills on how to use a computer
- ▶ To foster an interest and love of books, stories and writing

Performing Arts Clubs

Performing Arts Clubs will help children to develop the following values:

- ▶ To be confident when performing songs, dances & drama
- ▶ To persevere when tasks are challenging
- ▶ To have fun learning something new!
- ▶ To develop hand-eye co-ordination, core strength and balance
- ▶ To work as part of a team
- ▶ To share ideas and feel confident when doing so

Minnie Vinnies

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Year 3 - 6
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mrs Catalano
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Thursdays 12:30-1pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week

Mini Vinnies group is part of the St Vincent de Paul Society and teaches children to care for people in need. In the group, you will pray together, learn about kindness and charity, and take part in activities to help our school, parish, and community. Mini Vinnies shows that even small acts of love can make a big difference!



**FAITH FORMATION AND
REFLECTION**

Winter Crafts

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Foundation Stage
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mrs Whitwam
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Mondays 3:15-4pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week



Our winter crafts after school club is a fun and creative space for Nursery and Reception children to explore seasonal arts and crafts. Through simple, hands-on activities like painting, sticking, and making winter-themed creations, children will develop their fine motor skills, imagination, and confidence. Perfect for little hands and big creativity!

CREATIVE

Invasion Games

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: KS2 Y3-6
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mr Sigley
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Monday 3:15-4:15pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week



Our Invasion Games after school club is an action-packed session designed for pupils aged 7–11 who enjoy teamwork, movement, and friendly competition. Children will take part in a range of fun invasion-style games that focus on attacking, defending, passing, and spatial awareness. The club helps develop physical skills, confidence, communication, and fair play in a safe, supportive environment — perfect for building both fitness and teamwork skills.



HEALTH AND FITNESS

Football

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Port Vale
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Tuesday 3:15-4pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week



Our KS2 Football After School Club is a fun and engaging session for children who enjoy learning and playing football. Pupils will develop key skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork through structured activities and small-sided games. The club promotes fitness, confidence and sportsmanship.



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Hockey

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Year 1 and 2
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Port Vale
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Thursday 3.15pm – 4pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week



Our Hockey after school club is a fun and active introduction to the game of hockey. Through simple, age-appropriate games and activities, children will learn basic skills such as holding a stick safely, controlling the ball, and working as part of a team. The club helps build coordination, confidence, and a love of physical activity in a safe, supportive, and playful environment.



HEALTH AND FITNESS

Recorders

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Y4-6
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mrs Amison
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm **(Please note that this club does not start until Tues 20th Jan due to the Young Voices concert W/C 12th)**
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week

Our KS2 Recorder Club is a fun and supportive club, allowing children to make music through the recorder. Children will learn how to hold and play the instrument correctly, read simple musical notation, and play a range of tunes together as a group. The club helps develop musical skills, listening, concentration, and confidence, while encouraging teamwork and enjoyment of music.



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Songbirds

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Y1-3
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mr Hayes- City Music School
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Tuesdays 3:15pm-4pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week

- ▶ Our Songbirds Club is a joyful and energetic singing club where young voices can shine. Through fun songs, simple actions, and musical games, children will develop their confidence, listening skills, and sense of rhythm. The club encourages creativity, expression, and a love of music .



Dance

- ▶ YEAR GROUP: Year 3, 4, 5, 6
- ▶ CLUB LEADER: Mr Case
- ▶ DAY/TIME: Wednesday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- ▶ 1 Children's University credit per week



Come along to Street Dance with Mr Case to learn how to dance with energy, rhythm, and style. The club helps you get better at dancing, stay active, and have fun with friends.



PERFORMING ARTS



Children's University



The Children's University is an International critically-acclaimed charity which encourages all children aged 5 to 14 years to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills through participation in innovative and creative Learning Activities outside of the school day.

Learning Activities are designed to:

- Raise aspirations, self-esteem & confidence
- Encourage curiosity and a love of learning
- Enhance motivation and build resilience
- Introduce new life experiences
- Offer progression in learning and personal skills development

From Year 1 the amount of hours spent in after school clubs are recorded. It is the learning hours (credits) achieved that lead to the award of a Children's University Certificate.

Children are awarded 1 credit for each after-school session they attend. They can also gain credits for educational visits and supporting the school in after school events. Children can also achieve credits if they attend clubs outside of school if they are accredited with the Children's University.

Children will receive a certificate each year dependent upon the number of credits they have, and if they have achieved the next award.

Certificates start at

Bronze Certificate – 30 credits

Silver Certificate - 65 credits

Gold Certificate – 100 credits






























And continue onto Awards, Degrees & Diplomas



Children's University



Which Children's University certificate and badge will you receive?

Children's University Certificate Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Children's University Award	30 hours 	65 hours 	100 hours 
Children's University Certificate	130 hours 	165 hours 	200 hours 
Children's University Diploma	230 hours 	265 hours 	300 hours 
Children's University Degree	330 hours 	365 hours 	400 hours 
Children's University Postgraduate Award	430 hours 	465 hours 	500 hours 
Children's University Postgraduate Certificate	530 hours 	565 hours 	600 hours 
Children's University Postgraduate Diploma	630 hours 	665 hours 	700 hours 
Children's University Masters Degree	730 hours 	765 hours 	800 hours 
Children's University Doctorate	830 hours 	865 hours 	900 hours 
Children's University Fellowship	930 hours 	965 hours 	1000 hours 