

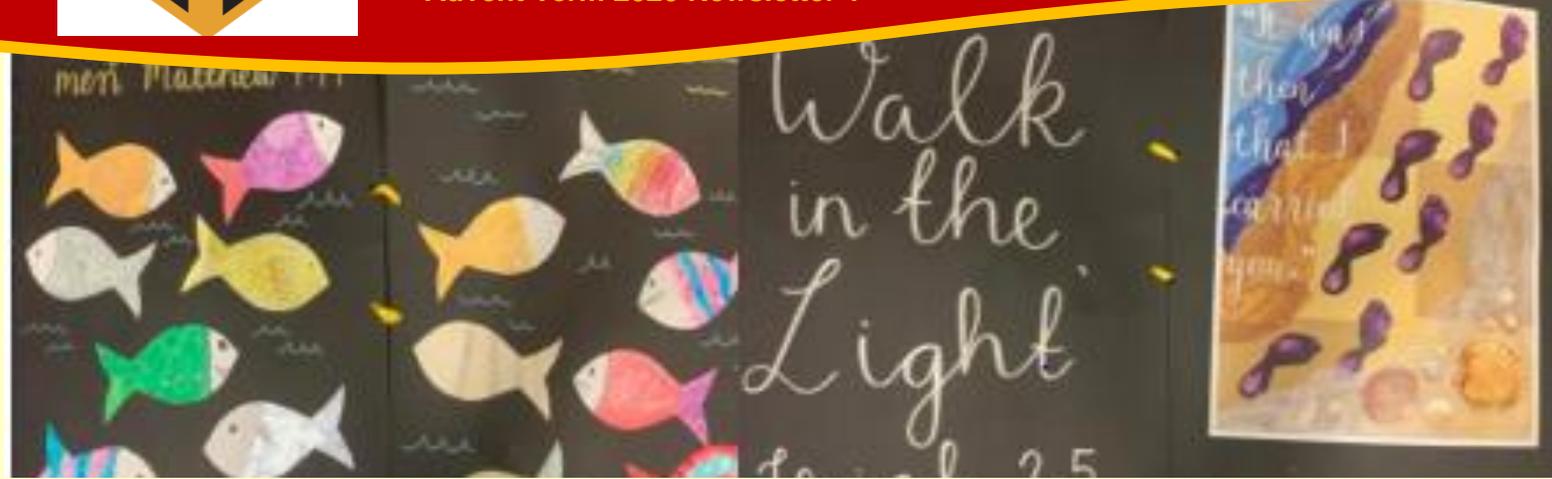


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2020 Newsletter 1



***“Walking together in the Light of the Lord.”***

## ***A Message from Mrs Yuen...***

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful welcoming all our families back this week. The school is once again buzzing with children's chatter and laughter and it is such a joy. A warm welcome also to all our new families joining us at St Gregory's. I hope you all settle in quickly and soon feel very much part of this very special school family. Over the summer, there has been lots happening. You may have noticed our new outdoor learning area evolving down by the prayer garden. Also, we are really excited by our new, very special room for our Year 6 children: 'The Year 6 Common Room'. We are looking forward to discussing this with your children in the coming weeks and more details will follow soon. A special thank you to Miss Marum for creating the final design and for sourcing all the furnishings and to Mrs Wilson and Mr Clarke for being brilliant and helping with the set up.

Thank you again for your support with all our arrangements in getting everyone back safely and for all your kind messages.

***Warmest Regards***

***Mrs Yuen***

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## Term Dates

## Our Year 6 Common Room



During Lock down, last year's Year 5 and Year 6 children were asked what they would have in a special room that was designed specifically for them. We received amazing ideas and these have been incorporated to create our very own Year 6 Common Room.

### Autumn Term

Term Starts:

Thursday 3 September 2020

### Half Term:

26 - 30 October 2020

Term Ends:

Friday 18 December 2020

### Spring Term

Term Starts:

Tuesday 5th January 2021

### Half Term:

Monday 15 - 19 February 2021

Term Ends:

Thursday 1 April 2021

### Summer Term

Term Starts:

Monday 19 April 2021

### Half Term:

31 May - 4 June 2021

Term Ends:

## Thank you

A very special thank you to Father David and Father Brendan who celebrated Mass with our children in school, on Thursday and Friday this week.

We would also like to thank all our parents, carers and children who have managed the new drop off and collection routine so well – it has been really effective and is running very smoothly.



## Attendance

We recognise that some families and pupils may be nervous about returning to school, however, we would like to reassure you that we are here to support you and your family and will do our utmost to help your child return to learning on our school site. Our staff are available to discuss any concerns with you. A reminder too that the government has not relaxed the rules on term time holidays from September. The latest guidance states: 'Many families will want to take a holiday over the summer period, which may involve travelling abroad. As ever, parents should plan their holidays within school holidays and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time.' A Penalty Notice can be requested from the Local Authority for unauthorised holiday absence.

## Staff Update



During the summer our Reception teacher Miss Blackah became Mrs Shurvinton - Congratulations to the happy couple!

We also welcome Miss Williams, in Year 1 and our new learning mentor, Mrs Harradine. We're delighted to have increased our team in support of your children.

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