

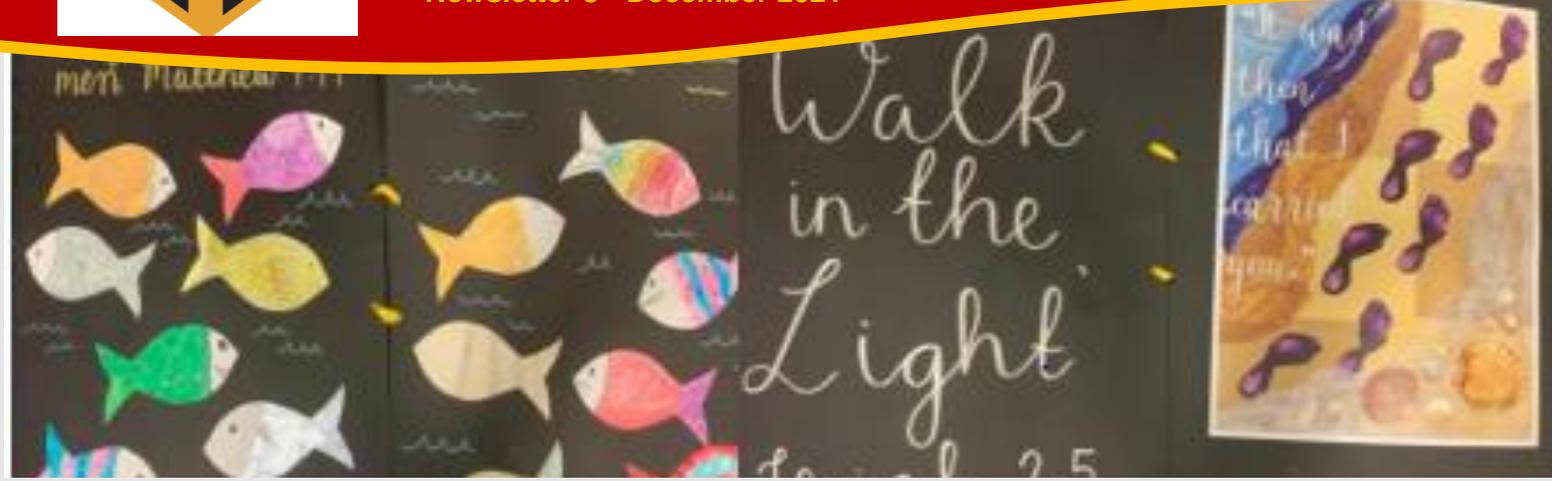


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 3rd December 2021



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at St Gregory's, with plenty happening to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is a time where we take time to prepare for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus. This week the children have participated in an Advent Enrichment Day with the focus being: 'Waiting Patiently in Joyful Hope.' The children have been exploring what this means through carefully planned activities. We have been delighted with their responses including their thoughtful actions for others.

On Wednesday, Year 5 met with Fr David, who led their RE lesson. The children really impressed him with their knowledge and thoughtfulness as they explored some religious artwork.

Our PTFA events have been a real success so far and we are looking forward to our evening with Nursery and Reception on Friday 10th December. Please ensure you have booked before the deadline. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day at St Gregory's. In exchange for the children wearing festive non-uniform, we ask that they bring in a donation for the Give Hope initiative from the Hope Centre. Please see the flyer attached for ideas.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the weekend!

**Best wishes,
Mrs Yuen**

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Beauty and the Beast comes to St Gregory's

On Wednesday, M&M Productions visited St Gregory's to perform their version of the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'.

There was great excitement in the Hall throughout the afternoon and the audience participated with great enthusiasm – even the teachers who were encouraged to get up and dance! It was a wonderful way to begin our preparations for Christmas.



Term Dates 2021-22

Advent Term

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Lent Term

Term starts: Wednesday 5th January 2022

Term ends: Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term: Monday 14th February 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

Term starts: Monday 21st February 2022

Term ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Pentecost Term

Term starts: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Term ends: Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 - Friday 3rd June 2022

Find the full calendar [here](#).

Advent Liturgy

Fr David visited St Gregory's on Wednesday to help us mark the beginning of Advent. He and Mrs Darwin gave a beautiful liturgy and blessing of the Advent wreath.

Thank you to Miss Jackson and Fr David who sang to bring the liturgy to a close.



Mapping Skills

Our Year Two children have been practising their mapping skills. The children have learned about the points of the compass and how to read a key on a map.

The children have identified our school on maps and have arranged pictures of our school grounds in order to make a large map. Well done Year Two!



PTFA Christmas Movie Nights

A big thank you to the PTFA and all the staff and parent volunteers who have made the Movie Nights so successful this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the movie experience and were impressed with the arrival of Father Christmas. We were delighted with the number of children who attended.

All children who came were given a snack bag to enjoy while they watched the film. The behaviour of all the children was excellent.

Thank you to all of the families who have supported these events; we are looking forward to planning more events ready for next term.



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