

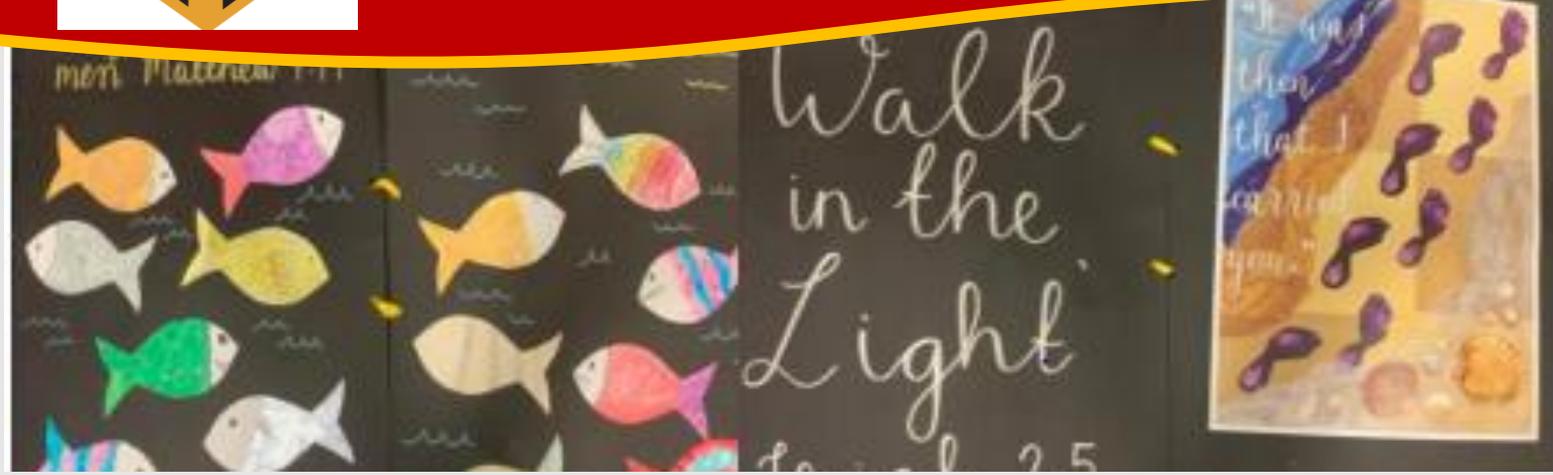


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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***"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."***

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week has been full of festive cheer at St Gregory's and culminated in our Christmas Jumper Day today and we look forward to our Nursery Carol event on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December and our Reception-Year Nativity Production, 'Children of the World' on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Fr David visited us on Wednesday again, this time to celebrate Mass for the Feast of our Lady Immaculate. During his homily, he talked about Mary's beauty and how beauty is not always what we see on the outside. Fr David encouraged us to hold out our hand and ask Mary to be with us in times of need. Our whole school shared in this beautiful, prayerful moment.

Thank you once again to our wonderful PTFA who held the Nursery and Reception Movie Night today. The behaviour from the children was excellent. All of Nursery and Reception children enjoyed seeing Father Christmas in school earlier in the day too.

Next week, is the final week of term. We say goodbye to Mrs Kyriakides and Mrs Bech next Friday and thank them for their contribution to St Gregory's. We welcome Mrs Hardwick who will be the Year 2 Class Teacher when Mrs Keeling begins her Maternity Leave. The Year 2 children will meet Mrs Hardwick on Tuesday next week.

We look forward to seeing you at the various events next week.

**Best wishes,  
Mrs Yuen**

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## Farewell to Monsignor Kevin McGinnell

Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, who has been the Episcopal Vicar of Education for the Diocese of Northampton for over 30 years will be retiring from this role at the end of this calendar year. A Mass of thanksgiving for his ministry was held at the Cathedral on

Tuesday evening to which the Catholic schools were invited. Thank you to Casey, Jessica and Evie who represented St Gregory's, as well as Olly and Dylan who were also in attendance.



## Term Dates 2021-22

### Advent Term

Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Lent Term

Term starts: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Term ends: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Half Term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Term starts: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Term ends: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### Pentecost Term

Term starts: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Term ends: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

Term starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Find the full calendar [here](#).

## Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our wonderful catering staff who served Christmas Dinner to over 200 pupils and staff on Wednesday. Our lunchtime staff worked tirelessly to ensure that each child enjoyed their meal – we hope the children told you all about it!



## Coombs Raffle!

Coombs Catering, who provide our lunches each day, ran two raffles this week – one for staff who ordered a Christmas dinner and one for children who ordered a Christmas dinner. Well done to our winners! The children won a baking set each and Mrs H and Ms White each won a chocolate hamper! Thank you Coombs!



## 'Everyone Needs Hope' - the Hope Centre Advent campaign



Thank you to everybody who participated in our Christmas Jumper day today. It was wonderful to see everyone looking so festive in their Christmas knitwear and outfits. Thank you so much for all your generosity with your donations; we have a huge amount to donate to the Hope Centre's campaign! Thank you also to our Year 6 pupils who have organised the donations ready to send.



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