

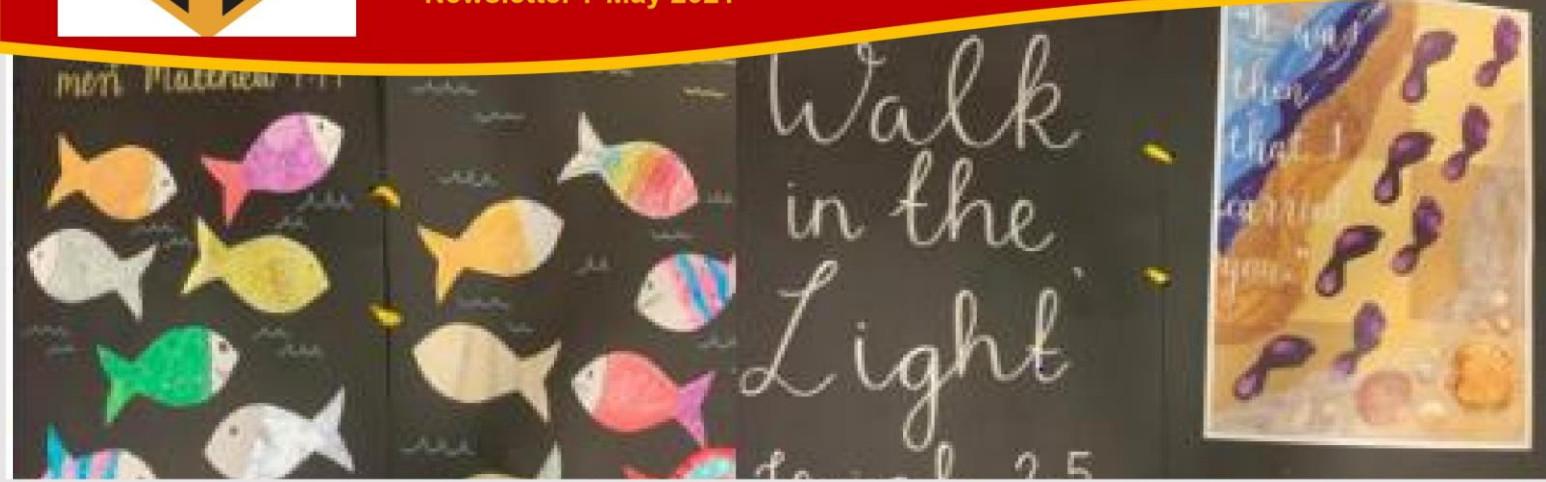


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so fortunate this year that we are able to celebrate a very special month in school, rather than at home. May is the month of Mary. For the Catholic Church Mary is incredibly special. She is the daughter of God the Father, the Mother of God the Son, the Queen of the angels and saints of Heaven and Earth. This month, we are looking forward honouring Mary in many ways. Already this week, we have been learning about Mary in Reflection Time through listening to songs about her and Fr Brendan Seery gave a wonderful assembly to Year 5 all about Mary and how we can follow her example by saying 'yes' to those things God asks us to do.

This week, I have enjoying spending lots of time in different classrooms across the school. It has been wonderful to see their thirst for learning and the progress they are making.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

**Best Wishes,**

**Mrs Yuen**

**Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion**

## The Year of St. Joseph

As well as it being the month of Mary, last weekend the Catholic Church also celebrated the Feast of St Joseph the Worker – it is a busy month!

You will know that Pope Francis has proclaimed this year 'The Year of St Joseph' and our Key Stage One children have been finding out more about this great saint with Miss Mayes. They looked at an eclectic mix of images of St Joseph and each child marked their favourite with a heart - a bit like an Instagram 'like'!

Next week, the children in Reception and Nursery add their favourites!



## Term Dates

### Pentecost Term 2021

#### Half Term:

31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

#### Term Ends:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Advent Term 2021

#### INSET:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

#### Term Begins:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

#### INSET:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

#### Half Term:

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Join Our School!

If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school in September, please let them know that we have a few places available for Reception in September 2021.

The School Office can take bookings for after school tours

We are also proudly displaying new banners on the fence along Booth Lane.



## Play Leaders

Northampton Town Football Club Community mentors work in our school each week. This week, Mr Fox trained six Year 2 pupils to lead play for their year group on the playground.

Well done to all the children involved. We know you will be fantastic role models!



## Clubs We Offer!

We are really pleased to be able to offer lots of clubs at lunchtimes to support our children's playtimes. Not only do we have Lunch Club in the Forest, we have increased our provision in other areas of the school. From Year 1 to Year 6, Mr Williams and our Pacesetter Coaches offer children the opportunity for structured play at lunchtimes. Mrs Cowell runs First News Clubs for Key Stage Two children and Mrs Claris and Mrs Shurvinton offer Times Tables Rockstars Club and Colouring Clubs for children in Years 2-4.



# Ways to Celebrate...

## May, the Month of Mary

Here some ways that the children could honour Mary in their homes this month:

1. **Singing** – Our children know lots of songs about Mary and we will be learning even more in preparation for our May Procession. This is one of [Mrs Darwin's favourites](#).
2. **Our Lady** – Encourage your child to find pictures of Mary. Which is their favourite? Why? Use a picture as inspiration to draw their own. What colours are used?
3. **Reading about Mary** – Read some Bible stories where Mary, Jesus' mother, was present.
4. **Marian Altar** – Could your child create a Marian altar to have at home or in the garden for the month. Remind them that blue is the colour for Mary; they could place rosary beads on it too.
5. **Hail Mary, Full of Grace** – This is a prayer that all our children know. Encourage them to pray this prayer each day.

