

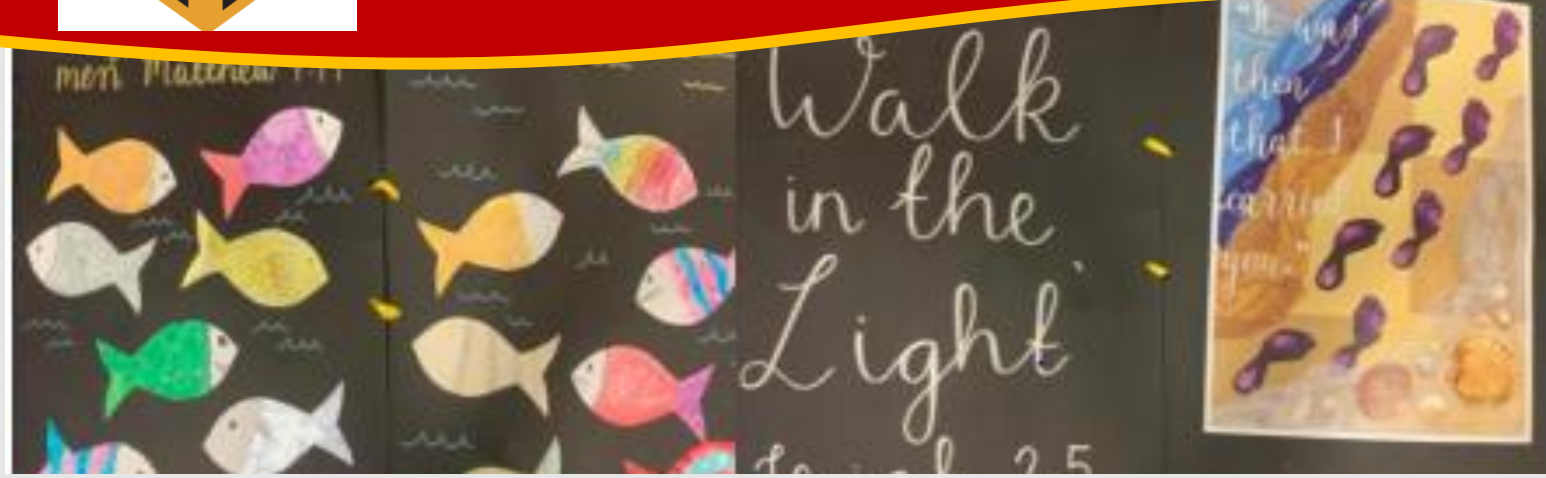


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

## ***A Message from Miss Marum...***

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week at St Gregory's! Earlier in the week, our Year 4 pupils were keen to show their multiplication skills when they completed the Multiplication Check – their practice has certainly paid off. Pupils in Year 1 were decoding real and 'alien' words as part of the Year 1 Phonics Skills Check, again, doing a brilliant job. We enjoyed two Sports Days with beautiful sunshine and rounded off the week with three Key Stage Two pupils representing our school at Thomas Becket Catholic School as part of the annual OLICAT Speech Competition, the PTFA's Fathers' Day Gift Room and six pupils singing as part of the Diocesan Junior Choir at the Jubilarian Mass at the Cathedral! Thank you to Daniel, Ashley, Beatrix, Phoebe, Brianna and Nona for their part in this.

We continue to remind our pupils about sun safety. Drinking water is available in all of our classrooms and in our outdoor areas and we remind the children to stay hydrated. Please ensure you send your child with a named hat and apply suncream before school.

You will have noticed on the term dates calendar that **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** has been designated as an INSET Day where staff from all of the twelve OLICAT schools will come together for professional development. School will therefore be closed to all pupils on this day.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

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## Sports Day

We enjoyed two superb Sports Days this week; our children were keen to show their sporting skills, proudly competing for their house in their coloured t-shirt. We enjoyed welcoming families to come and support their children during the morning, to see the children compete in their races. Lots of fun was had by everyone! Thank you to Mr Sherratt and Mrs Cowell for their excellent organisation of the event and Mr Clarke and the PTFA for the gazebos.

Information about the winning House and where to find more photos will be shared next week...



## Term Dates

### Pentecost Term

INSET Day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Term ends: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### School Year 2023-2024

### Advent Term

Term starts: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023-  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Term starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

INSET Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Term ends: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Find full term dates [here](#).

## Taotie Motifs

As part of their project learning about the Shang Dynasty, pupils in St Cecilia and St Catherine of Siena classes have designed and created their own Taotie mask motifs. Taoties are commonly found on Chinese ritual bronze vessels. The classes had lots of fun creating these with salt dough.



## OLICAT Speech Competition

On Thursday, Grace (Y4), Danielle (Y5) and Molly (Y5) visited Thomas Becket to participate in the Speech Competition. Grace talked about Our Solar System, Danielle had prepared a speech about the continent of Africa and Molly had researched Malala Yousafzai. The girls had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to our Semi Finalists too: Arianna, Ashleigh, Chizi, David, Debbie, Elise, Eliza, Freddie, Georgia-May, Jayleigh, Maryam, Nona, Phoebe, Sasha and Skyler – great work from everyone! The trophy could be ours next year!

## Beach Huts

Year 2 have been designing and making Beach Huts this term in DT. They started by investigating structures, folds and holds using paper, before moving on to creating their actual beach hut structure. After that they worked to make their structure look like a beach hut with paint and lollipop sticks. Perseverance and resilience are key skills that have been practised throughout!



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