

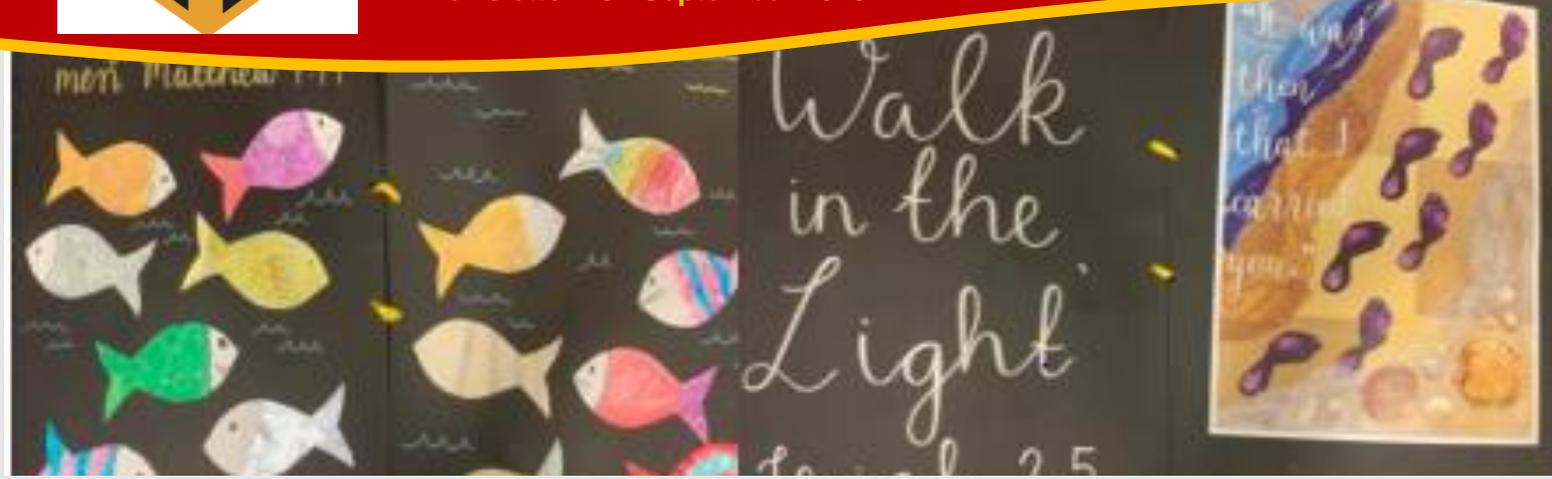


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant start to this academic year. We have welcomed many new families to our school, particularly in Nursery and Reception and all the children have settled into their new classes well and are enjoying their learning.

We were pleased to welcome Fr Andrew Behrens from the Parish of St Gregory the Great last Friday to celebrate Mass for the beginning of the school year. The pupils who attended gave thanks to God and were active participants in the Mass – their enthusiasm was infectious, particularly on a hot, sunny Friday afternoon!

Thank you to Aahan, Abigail, Chuma, Eva, Helena, Jachinma, Jenya, Joshua, Justin, Michael, Michelle, Nona, Sochikaima and Temple, who represented our school beautifully at Mass last Sunday too. Lots of people from the parish were very interested to hear our school news and several families have come to visit hoping to enrol their children here.

Thank you for your patience when getting to grips with using the My Child at School app to book school lunches and clubs. This will be our main form of communication going forward. Please ensure you have it downloaded on your phone and that all contact details are up to date.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

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## New beginnings...

Our new pupils in Nursery and Reception are really settling in well. The pupils in Reception are learning their way around the school, getting to know the Hall, playground and field well and everyone is making new friends which has been great to see!

A reminder that PE days are as follows:

Mondays – 2 St David; 3 St Bernadette and 3 St Teresa of Calcutta. 4 St Faustina will also have swimming on this day.

Tuesdays – 5 St Cecilia; Nursery AM.

Wednesdays – 5/6 St Catherine and 6 St Oscar.

Thursday – R St Brigid; Nursery PM.

Friday – 1 St George.

## Term Dates

### Advent Term

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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

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

### Lent Term

Term starts: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Term ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024-  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

## My Child At School app

It is vital that you have this app on your device. It is now our main form of communication and will be where parents book Extra-Curricular clubs, Parents' Evenings, school dinners; pay for school trips and receive communication.

**My Child at School (MCAS)**



or visit [www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com)

## Diocesan Junior Choir

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils work with Ms Campana, the Diocesan Choral Director, each week in school and they are already sounding beautiful! In addition to this, the following Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have been invited to join the Diocesan Junior Choir this term following their super work in class last year: Ashleigh, Cody, Debbie, Fatma, Georgia, Hadley, Laci, Lily-Ann, Naa'Irah, Samira, Sebastian and Zendaya. What an accolade!



## Catholic Life update

It has been a busy few weeks where Catholic Life has been concerned! Fr Andrew visited to celebrate Mass for the start of the academic year; several pupils represented the school at St Gregory the Great on Education Sunday; St Teresa of Calcutta class had a special Mass to mark the feast day of their class patron saint. It was wonderful to have parents join us for this too. Our new Lay Chaplain, Mrs McElhatton, has joined our team in school and has met lots of pupils during her first few days.



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