



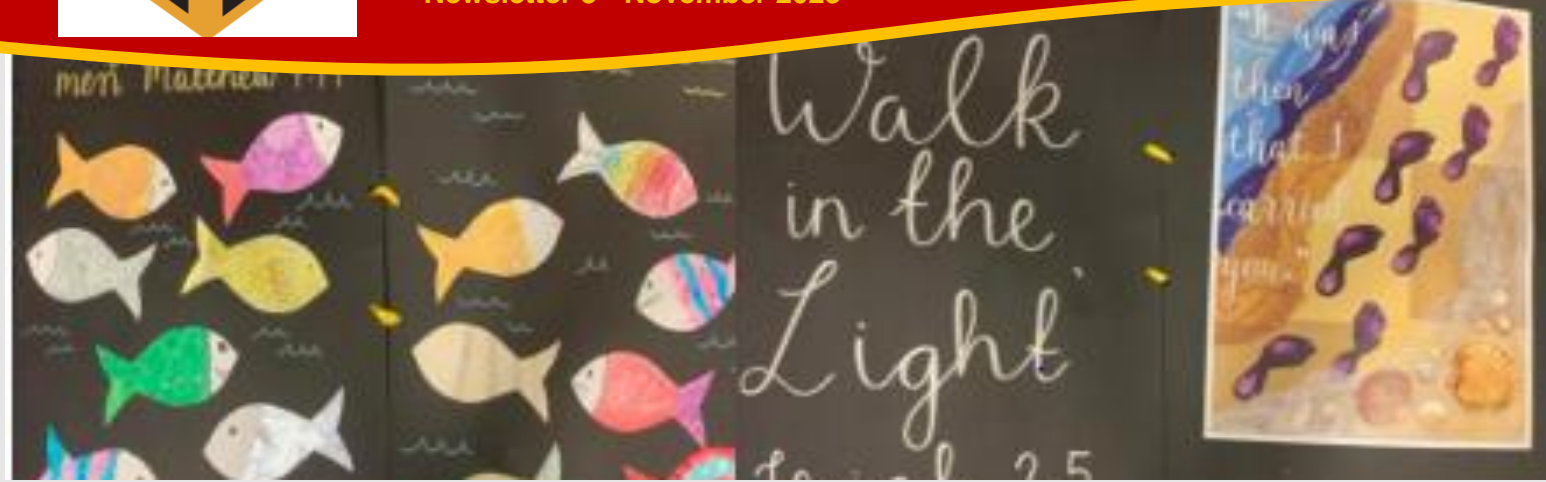
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 3rd November 2023



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The children all started back at school on Monday with smiles on their faces ready for learning, which was great to see. Welcome to the new families who have joined our school this week.

Thank you to all families who shared names of their family members and friends who have died; these have all been written in a special book, which is placed in our prayer space at the front of the school. These people will be remembered in our prayers throughout the month of November.

On Tuesday, we said goodbye to Mr Clarke, who has been our Site Supervisor for almost 25 years. His dedication and commitment to our school has been outstanding. The whole school met with him on the playground at the end of his shift on his final day where he received cards and gifts thanking him for his amazing contribution to our school. We look forward to welcoming our new Maintenance Technician in the coming weeks.

Next Friday, we say 'see you soon' to Mrs Finch, who will be starting her Maternity Leave. We welcome Ms Mzembi to our staff team from Monday, who will be covering Mrs Finch's Maternity Leave.

We hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Marum

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Coffee and Chat with our Chaplain

Our Lay Chaplain, Mrs MacElhatton, will be hosting a Coffee and Chat morning each Tuesday throughout November in the Emmaus Room. It will run from 9am-9.45am. All parents and carers are welcome. Please sign in at the Main Entrance and Mrs MacElhatton will meet you.

On Tuesday 7th November, Ms Mzembi, our new Reception Class teacher will also attend so that parents of pupils in St Brigid Class can meet her and welcome her to our school community.

We hope you will be able to attend.



Term Dates

Advent Term

Term starts: Monday 30th October 2023

INSET Day: Friday 24th November 2023

Term ends: Wednesday 20th December 2023

Lent Term

Term starts: Thursday 4th January 2024

Term ends: Friday 16th February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 19th February 2024-
Friday 23rd February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 26th February 2024

Term ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

Poppy Appeal

From Tuesday 7th November, pupils from our School Council will be selling poppies and other associated items at morning breaktimes to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. We ask for donations of at least £1 per item.

We also have a number of 'snap bands' included in our Poppy Appeal pack, donations for these can only be made at the School Office.



School Photographs

We welcomed the school photographer on Friday 3rd November who took individual and sibling photos of pupils from Nursery to Year 6. You should have received a card, which enables you to view your child's photograph(s) online.

All orders are to be made via the link on this card and orders must be made by **13th November**.

The day ran very smoothly and the photographer commented on how responsive our children were to her instructions and how smart they looked in their school uniform. What great compliments!

Open Morning – 8th November 2023

We continue to welcome lots of families for tours of our school ready for Reception in September 2024. If you know of anyone who has a child turning 4 before 31st October 2024, please do encourage them to come and have a look around our school, either at an Open Morning event, or by booking a tour via the School Office. The deadline for school applications for Reception 2024 is **15th January 2024** and applications must be made via the council the person is living in at the time of applying. Find more information for this for West Northamptonshire [here](#).



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