



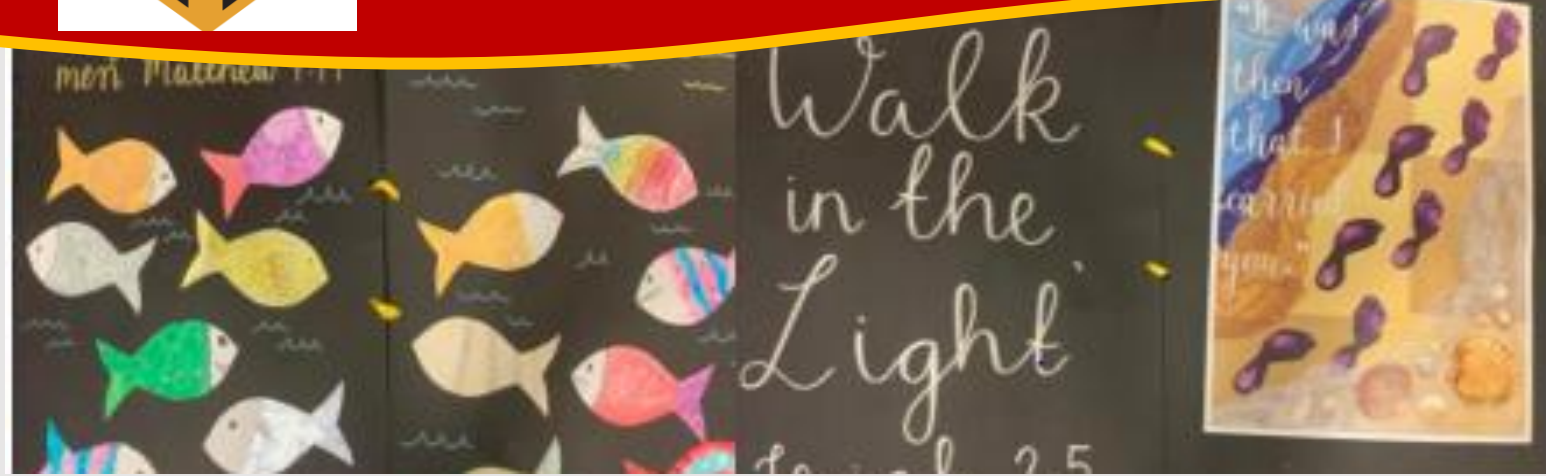
# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see lots of fantastic work happening in our classrooms this week; there has been a real variety of what children are learning across the school, but the children's enthusiasm and dedication to being the best they can be has been evident throughout the school.

This week too, we have had lots of prospective families visit our school with more to visit next week. Many of these families have booked a tour following personal recommendation from their friends so thank you to you all for your support and sharing your child's experiences at our school. We also welcomed several families on Tuesday to our Coffee and Chat event, which is running each Tuesday this month, please do come along to meet Mrs McElhatton if you can.

So far, we have raised over £200 for Caritas from our non-uniform day. Next week, all children will receive information about how families can further support the Love Christmas campaign.

At present, we have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to join our team. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please do share the information with them. It can be found [here](#).

Please remember next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET Day, therefore the school will be closed to all pupils.

We hope you enjoy the weekend.

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

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## Portraits and Poses

In Year 2 Art lessons, pupils have been learning how to create self-portraits as part of their project, Portraits and Poses.

The children have worked hard to develop their sketching techniques and have taken inspiration from famous royal portrait artists, such as Holbein. They have had lots of fun creating their own outcomes using pastels, paint and card and the finished artwork looks very striking – aren't they fabulous?!



## Term Dates

### Advent Term

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

Term ends: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

## Learning about Judaism

This week, Year 4 have been exploring Judaism as part of our focus on Other Faiths. The children learned about the importance of the Torah, how it is kept in the synagogue and how beautifully it can be decorated. We made our own mini Torah scrolls and made sure they were decorated to show how sacred the Torah is to Jewish people.



## Dinosaur Investigation

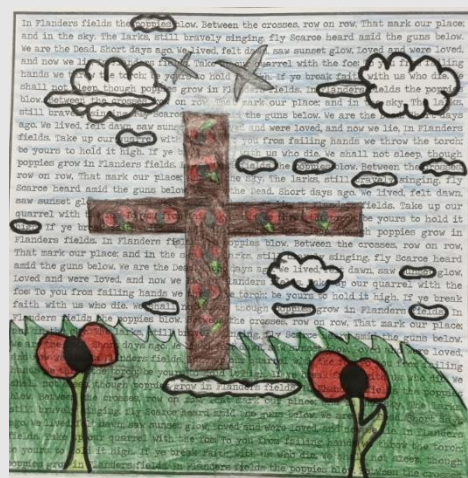
The children in Reception are studying dinosaurs just like paleontologists who are scientists that study fossils of living things from the past. We have been looking closely at our word of the week: 'extinct', thinking about how dinosaurs no longer exist. The children have learned the vocabulary 'herbivore' and 'carnivore' and their definitions.



## We remember...

Last week, pupils in St Catherine of Siena class remembered the soldiers who have given their lives in service. The children learned about blackout poetry and read the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', selecting the phrases that stood out to them and added a wartime image over the rest of the poem to create some striking art work.

*'In honour of remembering all the soldiers who died in all the wars, we commemorated Remembrance Day by creating blackout artwork and also drawing poppies over a copy of the poem in our class Reflection Book. We paid our respects and we will always remember them.'* - Nona



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# Coffee and Chat



**Mrs McElhatton, our School Chaplain, welcomes  
parents and carers to drop in to the Emmaus  
Room on**

**Tuesdays from 8.45am**

**during November, for a cup of coffee or tea and a  
chat.**

***'A chance to take a breather and touch base after  
morning drop off...'***

Please sign in at the Main Office.

Please park your car off site (unless you have a Blue  
Badge) to help keep our school site safe.

We will finish in the Emmaus Room at around 9.30am.

All are welcome - we hope to see you there!

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