



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,

As we approach the liturgical season of Advent, it is often important to stop and take a breath so that we do not become consumed by the busy-ness that the month of December can bring. This [online Advent pack](#) from CELEBRATE Trust, a Catholic ministry, can be used by families to mark the season of Advent.

We have enjoyed a varied week in school. The children particularly enjoyed Monday's pantomime and the PTFA Teddy Tombola was sold out on Wednesday; the children are already looking forward to another one!

Next week, our children will begin to explore Advent and our youngest children will begin to take it in turns to host the travelling Nativity in their homes each evening. Please remember to return the set to us the following morning so it can be passed on to the next family to enjoy.

Please do join us at our Advent Reflection at the Cathedral. Currently almost 25 of our pupils will be representing our school – we would love to see more in the congregation too!

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

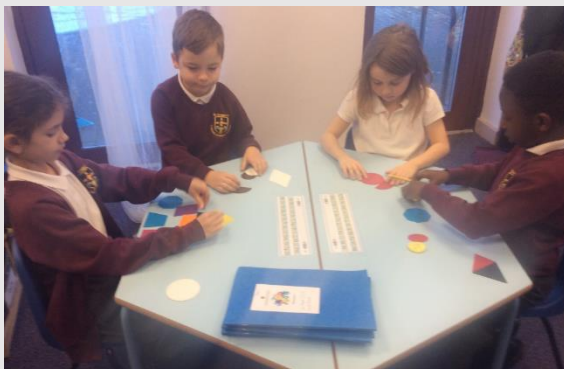
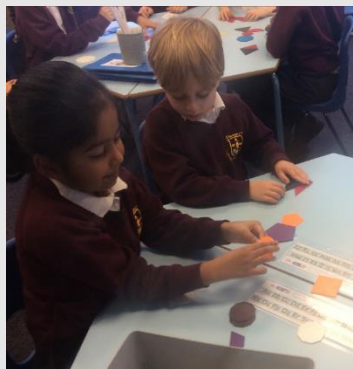
Miss Marum

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Spectacular Shapes!

Year 2 have been learning to name 2D and 3D shapes and exploring their properties. The children have learned to apply new vocabulary such as sides, corners, vertices and symmetry throughout the unit. They have worked as problem solvers to sort 2D shapes into categories; thinking carefully about the properties of each shape. Here are some of the super sorters in action!



Term Dates

Advent Term

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

Pentecost Term

Term starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Term ends: Friday 24th May 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

Jack and the Beanstalk

On Monday, we welcomed M&M Productions to perform Jack and the Beanstalk to the whole school. There were plenty of smiles, gaps and joyful giggles throughout the performance, which featured a captivating cast, extravagant costumes and terrible jokes! Mr Tibbetts and Mrs Netherwood even showed off their best dance moves!



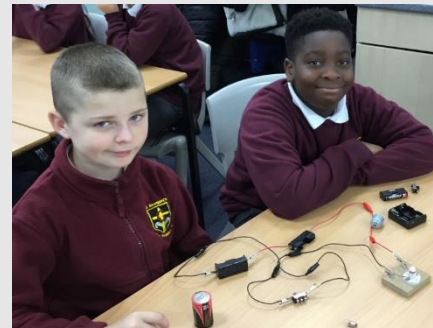
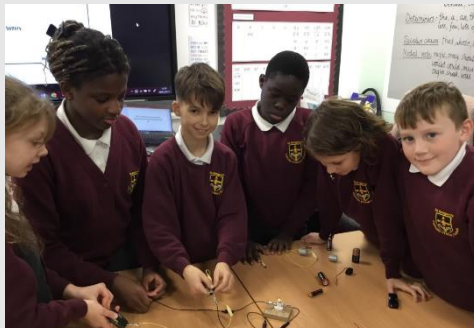
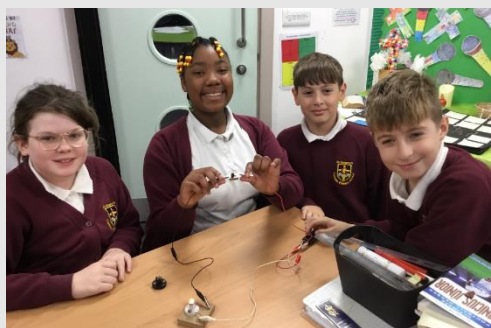
A busy first week...

Mr Hickman, our new Maintenance Technician, started work with us this week. You may have already seen him in the mornings at the Drop Off Zone. Mr Hickman has been very busy so far, dealing with a few heating troubles in the cold weather and even a lost dog who sought refuge on our school site before the children arrived this morning! The dog has since been reunited with his very grateful owners!

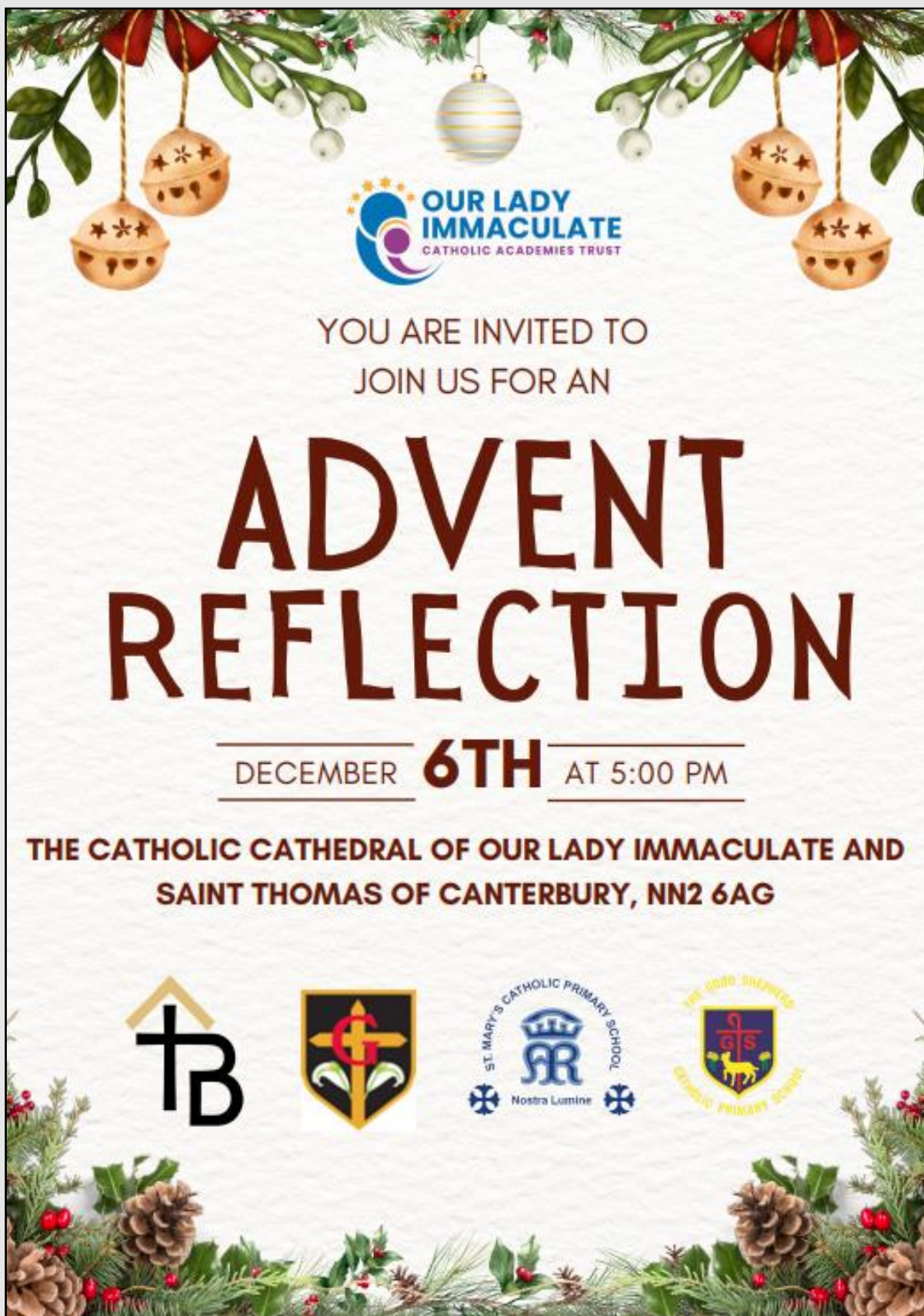


Electrical Circuits

Our oldest pupils have been investigating electrical circuits in their Science lessons, incorporating switches and motors and recording what happens. They've had lots of fun experimenting!



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