



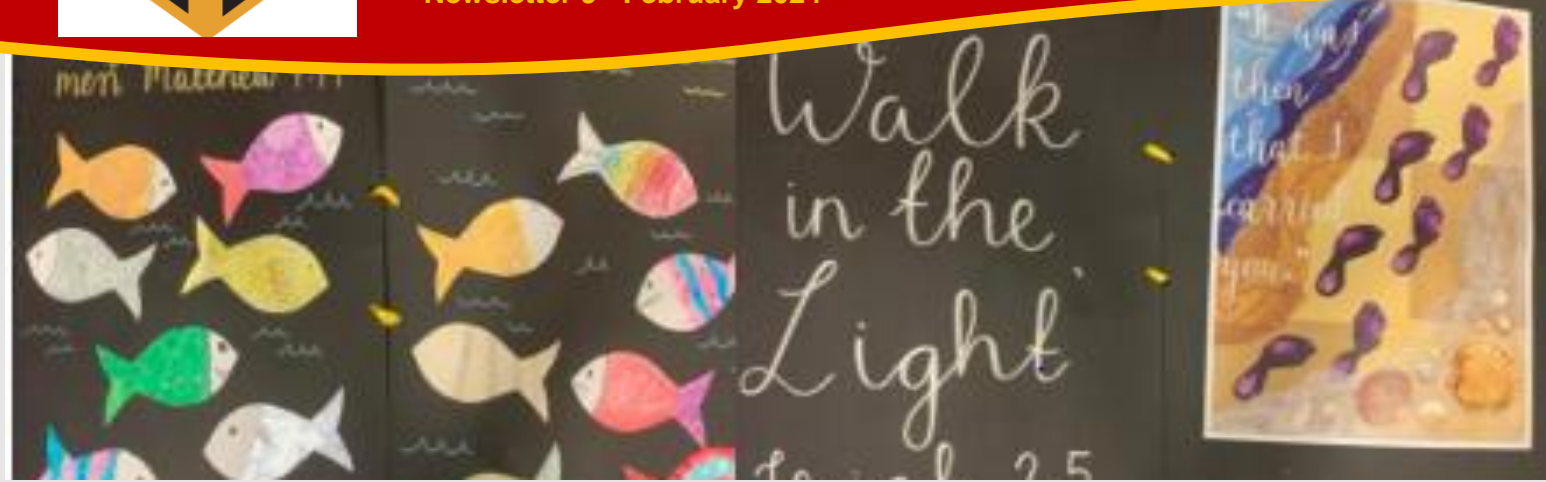
# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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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 wonderful week in school with lots happening across all the classes.

We have welcomed Mrs Cramphorn to our staff team, who will be working in our Reception Class for the remainder of this academic year. Some of you may remember Mrs Cramphorn as she used to be a part of Nursery team here at St Gregory's. We are delighted that she has chosen to return to our school; her experience and dedication to Catholic education is really impressive and we hope she enjoys the time here with us. She has enjoyed getting to know the children this week.

A group of Year 2 children started their time at DT Club this week. We look forward to see what they design and make as a result! Our Year 4 children have their final session of swimming on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February; they have worked extremely hard to improve their skills over the past year. We hope that some of them will continue to practise their skills with their families or encourage their adults to help them attend swimming lessons to further improve their skills. Year 3 will start swimming on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

We look forward to the final week of the half term next week, which also sees the beginning of the Liturgical season of Lent.

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

**Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion**



### Artists at work...

The Year 2 classroom was a hive of activity earlier this week. Mrs N-G, who teaches St David Class their Art lesson each week, had different groups of children building their artistic skills by accessing different activities throughout the afternoon. The children have been developing their observational skills to practise their sketching skills as well as creating their own pots from clay. The children displayed some brilliant learning behaviours, showing independence and resilience throughout the afternoon!



### Term Dates

#### Lent Term

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

#### Pentecost Term

Term starts: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Term ends: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024-Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Term starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Term ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

### Rainbow Hampers...

Congratulations to our Rainbow Hamper winners. Thank you to all those who had purchased tickets. The winners were drawn in our Celebration and Worship assembly on Friday morning. It was clear to see that some people had bought a huge number of tickets! The winners have all been contacted to collect their prize! Well done and thank you for your support of the PTFA rainbow hampers this year.



### Building our vocabulary...

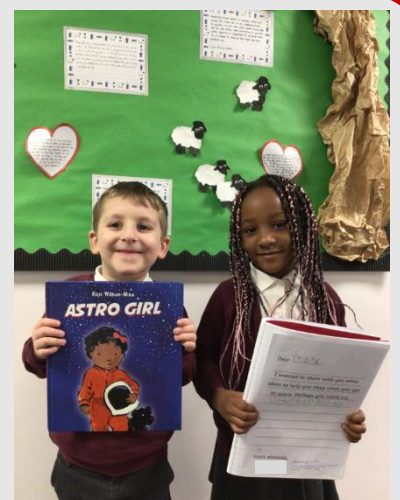
From Year 2 to Year 6, we have invested in Mrs Wordsmith resources for each class to continue to help build our children's vocabulary. These resources will display a key word each week, which the children will be taught and encouraged to use in context wherever they can in their talk and their throughout the week (and beyond!)



### Letters to Astrid

The children in Reception have been working extremely hard to apply their phonetic knowledge to their writing as well as thinking carefully about their letter formation too!

Over the last week in English, we have been using our focus story to write a letter to our main character Astrid who we know wants to become an Astronaut. Through our reading we have come to learn that Astrid thinks it will "be very hard" to sleep in space but she will do it. We decided to give Astrid some advice on how she could fall asleep better offering ideas that we have used/use to help us sleep. Collectively, the children came up with some great suggestions and we have all written a letter to Astrid to help her and give advice about how to get to sleep.



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