

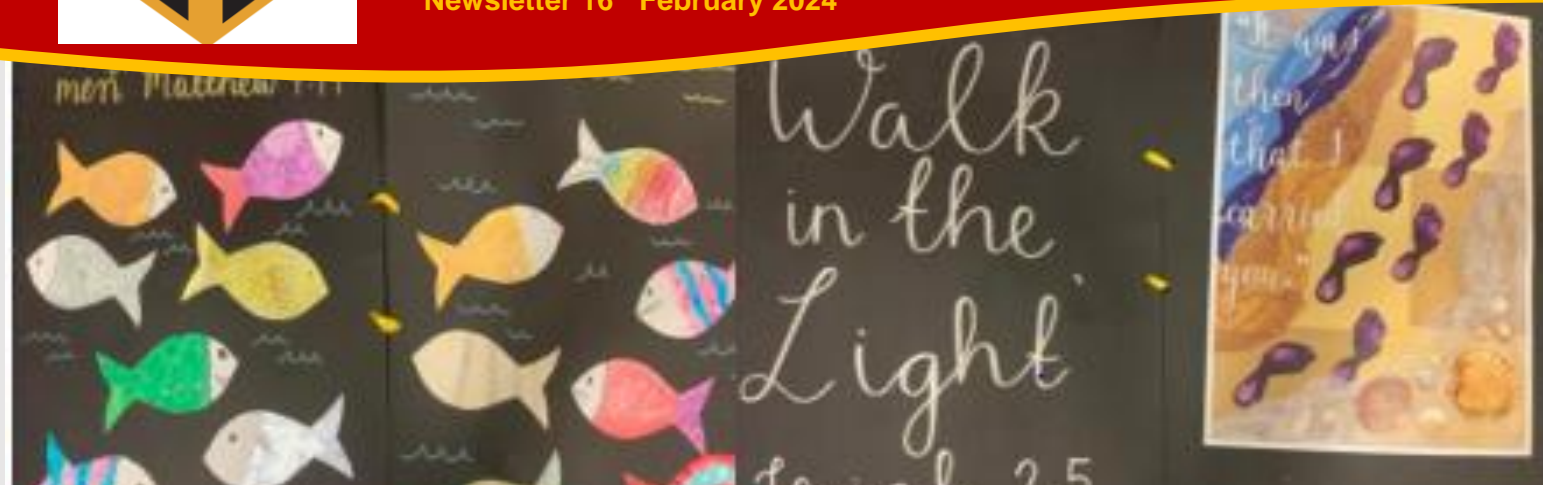


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term seems to have arrived very quickly this term – it is hard to believe it is here already! The children have been enjoying the warmer weather, particularly today's sunshine, at breaktimes and on the Adventure Playground too.

Next half term, although shorter than usual, is packed full of exciting events. Year 3 begin swimming on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February; the following week, on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, Year 5 are visiting Thomas Becket Catholic School to watch their production of Frozen Jr The Musical. Later that week, we have the Mothers' Day Gift Room (7<sup>th</sup> March) and our celebration of World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Parents' Evening bookings are now live. The dates for Parents' Evening are 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. On the 14<sup>th</sup> March, our Choir will be taking part in the Lent Reflection at the Cathedral. It begins at 5pm. Please do come along if you can. The invitation has been emailed to all families in our school community.

We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We wish you all an enjoyable half term!

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

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### Light Up Lent...

At St Gregory's, we are following the Diocesan initiative to 'Light Up Lent', by working to enrich our prayer lives. On Monday, we held our own penitential service, where we said sorry for the things we have done wrong and each made an individual commitment, making a promise to enrich our prayer lives, identifying one specific way that we planned to do this.

On Wednesday, we received ashes on our foreheads to mark the beginning of Lent as part of a beautiful Liturgy. Thank you to Abigail, Beatrix, Brianna, Elise, Georgia, Michael, Miranda, Nona and Skyler who led this.



### 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](#).

### Parents' Evening...

Parents' Evening bookings are now live on MCAS! You must book appointments for each individual child **by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. The booking system will then close. If you are having trouble booking your appointment, then a help session is happening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the letter emailed home today for more details.



### Swimming Success...

Our Year 4 children have completed their module of swimming and lots of certificates were awarded in assembly this morning. These children will now have PE on Mondays. Please make sure they wear their [PE Kit](#) to school each week.

Year 3 will now attend swimming each week!



### PE at the top of the school

This term, Year 6 have been developing their skills in hockey including passing and shooting, showing sportsmanship and teamwork. They have also been creating a gymnastics routine that showcases lots of partner and group balances, demonstrating flexibility, strength and coordination.

Everyone has really played a good part in each and every lesson. Well done!

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### School Uniform and PE Kit

Thank you to all families who ensure that their child is wearing correct school uniform and PE Kit, including school shoes. Please remember that, from Reception, pupils must be wearing **grey** skirts, pinafores and tights or trousers as part of their school uniform.

From Reception and above, PE Kit must be worn, with trainers or plimsolls on PE Days:

Mondays: St David Class and St Faustina Class

Tuesdays: St Cecilia Class

Wednesdays: St Catherine of Siena Class and St Oscar Romero Class

Thursdays: St Brigid Class

Fridays: St George Class

Nursery pupils should wear grey leggings and joggers along with Velcro trainer type shoes for their PE sessions which are on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

### World Book Day!

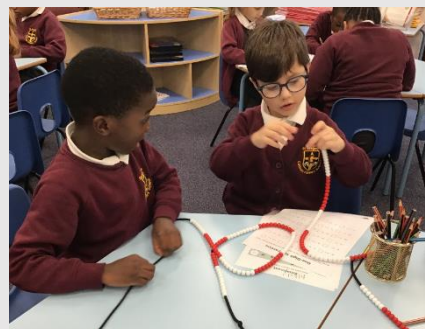
St Gregory's will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A letter has been emailed today and a paper copy has been sent home with all the details.

We are running two competitions in the lead up to the day – one for Nursery-Year 2 and another for Key Stage 2. We hope to see lots of entries.



### Manipulatives in Maths

In Year 1, the children have enjoyed using a wide variety of manipulatives to solve addition and subtraction number problems. The children have independently selected the most appropriate resource to answer each question and explained their understanding to their peers. The children have been so enthusiastic about their own learning and have been completing additional Maths work at home too!



### Mothers' Day Gift Room

The PTFA will be running their annual Mothers' Day Gift Room on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**All payments must be made by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**



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# Mothers' Day Gift Room



The PTFA will be hosting a "Secret Gift Room" for Mothers' Day.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to browse a range of gifts during the school day and select one for their Mum or a special person.

**£3 per child**



Please send payment via Bank Transfer for each child that wishes to purchase a gift by **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

It is not possible to pay for this event via the School Office.

**Account Name: St Gregory's Parent  
Teacher and Friends Association**

**Account Number: 27086660**

**Sort Code: 30-99-15**

**Reference: Child's Full Name**



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# Make an...

# ELMER™



Your challenge is to create your own **Elmer!!**



**Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One...**

**How will you create **Elmer**?**

**Remember to:**

- Make sure your name is on your entry.
- Bring your entry to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and give it to your Class Teacher.  
At least one prize per class will be awarded on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



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# DESIGN A SPY GADGET...



**All good spies need gadgets!**

**Your challenge is to design a gadget for a spy.**

To help create yours, you could take an everyday object and reinvent or redesign it by making it bigger, adding something and replacing or removing something.



**Using the BAR method for a skateboard...**



**Bigger:** Extend the rear of the skateboard, making it much bigger and put some shelves on it for storage.

**Add:** Add a small rocket motor near the back of the skateboard.

**Replace/Remove:** Remove the wheels and replace them with a hovercraft engine so that it floats in the air.

**Pupils in Key Stage Two...**

**Present your gadget in a way that works for you!**

**You could:**

- Draw a labelled diagram of your gadget, with an explanation of how it works.
- Create a prototype, with an information card explaining how it works.
- Design a poster to advertise your gadget so other spies will want to buy it.

**Remember to:**

- Make sure your name is on all parts of your entry.
  - Bring your entry to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and give it to your Class Teacher.
- Prizes for the most ingenious and well thought out designs will be awarded on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

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