



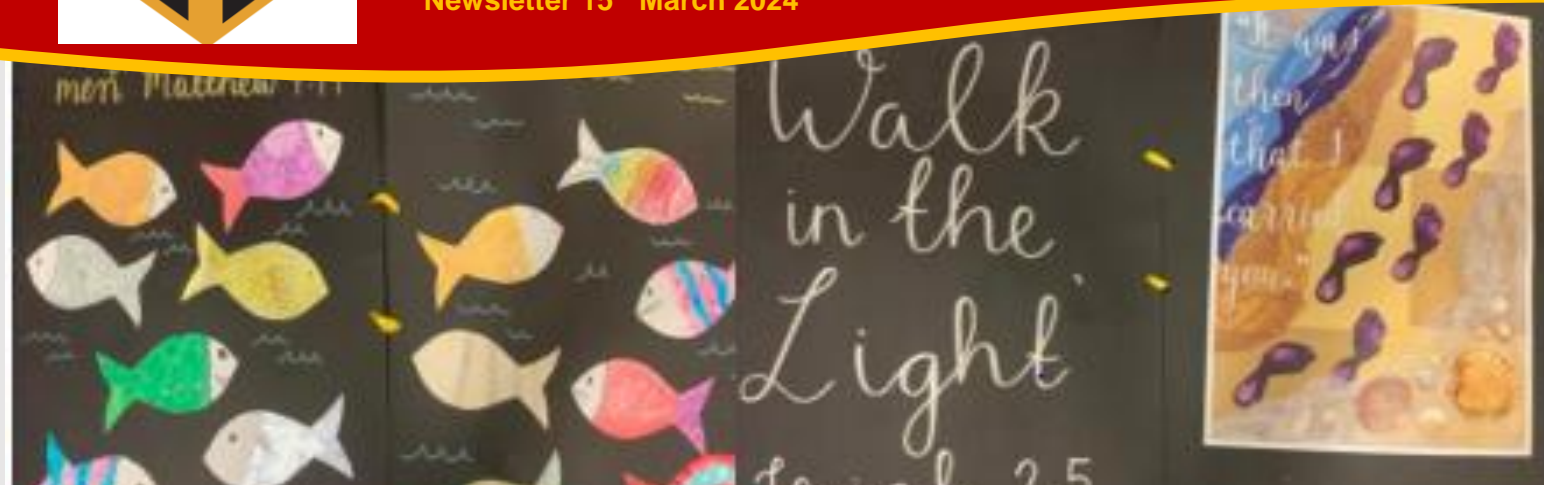
# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy, but productive week in school. Thank you to all families who attended Parents' Evening earlier in the week; this is an invaluable opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their effort, progress and attainment. The teachers really value the time to speak with you and share the children's successes with you.

It was wonderful to see Mrs Lucy in school earlier this week who will soon be returning following her Maternity Leave.

It is hard to believe that next week is the last full week of this term. We break up on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please do see Mrs Yuen's Lent Letter sent earlier this term for activities for children that are being run at the parish of St Gregory the Great over the Easter weekend. At the end of this newsletter, you will find details of our Easter Bonnet Parade and KS2 Egg Heads Competition.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you in school on Monday.

**Best wishes,  
Miss Marum**

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## Lent Reflection

Once again, we enjoyed a beautifully reflective Lenten service where we journeyed through the Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral on Thursday evening. This year, it was almost entirely led by students of the four Catholic schools in Northampton, with very little input on the night from the staff. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence, spirituality and musicality grow over the past five years. Thank you to all the families who supported their children in attending and who attended themselves. Thank you, too, to Olly from Year 6, who travelled from station to station with the cross bearer from Thomas Becket Catholic School.



## Term Dates

### Lent Term

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

### Advent Term

Term starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

## School Photos...

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, the school photographers will be in school taking a photograph of each class and some of our Pupil Leadership teams.

All pupils, including Year 6, must wear **full school uniform** on this day please. Details of our school uniform can be found [here](#).

Year 6 should wear their PE Kit to school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March instead.

Thank you for your support!

## The Diocesan Junior Choir

Well done to the Diocesan Junior Choir who sang at an important Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening. Their excellent singing was not only commended by Bishop David, but we also received this message from the Diocesan Education service:

*'The children sang beautifully and certainly made sure for me that the Mass was a special and very prayerful occasion. Please pass on my thanks to all involved and let them know that there were so many leaders of Catholic schools across England and Wales that were very impressed with their behaviour, their joy and their prayerful singing who spoke to me about this after Mass. They were all a real credit to their school communities and the schools across the Diocese of Northampton.'*

## Supporting Gregory Care

Throughout the year, we support Gregory Care. Recently, our Year 3 children have designed and created beautiful Easter bookmarks and our Nursery children have made Easter cards that reflect the season.



Mrs Cramphorn delivered these to Gregory Care earlier today and they were gratefully received by the team, who are putting together Easter bags for some of their parishioners. As always, we are really pleased to be involved with our local parish.



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# Easter Bonnet Parade...

When we return to school, we will be celebrating Easter throughout the Easter season starting with an Easter Bonnet Parade for our younger pupils in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** on:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**at 2.40pm**

Pupils who wish to participate, will need to make their Easter bonnets, over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique designs.

Parents are welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Doors will open no sooner than 2.35pm. Please park off-site and wait by the Adventure Playground gate.



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# Easter Egg Heads...

When we return to school, we will be celebrating Easter throughout the Easter season. We invite our pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) to boil an egg(s) and decorate them as a favourite cartoon character – be creative, the bolder the better!

These need to be brought into school on the morning of:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*Please place the Egg Head in an egg box or decorated box with the child's name clearly visible.*

Prizes will be awarded for each year group during the first week back!



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