



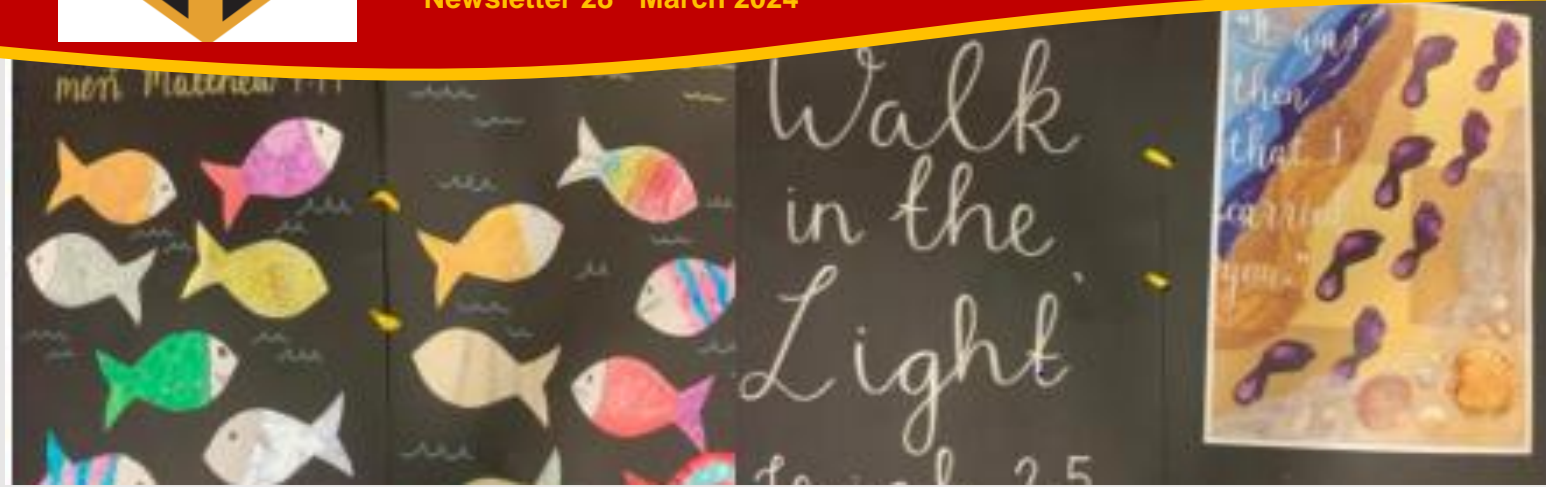
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Holy Week: the lead up to Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection which is celebrated by the Church at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Our children have had the opportunity to be a part of several enrichment activities this week to mark Holy Week. Thank you to our Lay Chaplain, Mrs MacElhatton who organised beautiful prayer stations in the Emmaus Room which children have accessed this week too.

Today was Ms White's last day at St Gregory's. We all wish Ms White lots of luck in her new role at St Mary's; she has been a brilliant asset to our staff team at St Gregory's over the past two and half years.

We have plenty to look forward to next term. We return to school on Monday 15th April and we will begin with our Easter celebrations. Pupils in Nursery-Year 2 are welcome to bring their Easter bonnets into school on the first day back and we will have a parade that parents may attend at 2.40pm on that day. Key Stage 2 children have a challenge to create Egg Heads of a cartoon character. These, too, should be brought into school on the first day bac

We wish you all a happy and holy Easter and an enjoyable time with your children.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Diocesan Junior Choir at the Chrism Mass

The Diocesan Junior Choir, which is formed of children from each of the three Catholic primary schools and led by Ms Campana, were invited to participate in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. This is a very special Mass which the Bishop celebrates on Maundy Thursday. All the priests in the diocese are invited. The children think they counted 'almost seventy!' priests today. They were delighted to see priests from parishes in Northampton: Fr Andrew, Fr Brendan and Fr Daniel; as well as Fr Jerry who is the previous Parish Priest at Sacred Heart parish.

The children received lots of compliments from the congregation and clergy for their singing and also their attitude and behaviour. Well done everyone!



Term Dates

Lent Term

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

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024-Friday 31st May 2024

Term starts: Monday 3rd June 2024

Term ends: Friday 19th July 2024

Advent Term

Term starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

Born for This

Performing Arts students from Weston Favell Academy visited us on Tuesday to perform 'Born for This', which tells the Easter Story. The students gave a powerful and impressive performance and the children from St Gregory's were spellbound throughout.

Thank you very much to Helen Furniss, who is a parishioner at the Parish of St Gregory the Great as well as a teacher at WFA, for offering our pupils and staff this opportunity to watch. We are very grateful!

Praise and Worship

Mrs Netherwood led a session of praise and worship this afternoon in school to mark the Triduum. The Hall was decorated beautifully with fairy lights and the colour purple to signify Lent. The children were in awe of the displays and were very reverent throughout. They particularly enjoyed Miss Forrestall playing the guitar and Keri's (our visitor) drumming.



Big Lent Walk

We had a brilliant time yesterday conducting our Big Lent Walk. We have walked over 400km collectively on our school site and spirits were high – hopefully the children were worn out ready for bedtime! Mr Chris Atkin, who is one of our Governors came to join us. He also works for Cafod in his spare time too.

We are close to reaching our target total for donations.

Please support us if you can!



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