

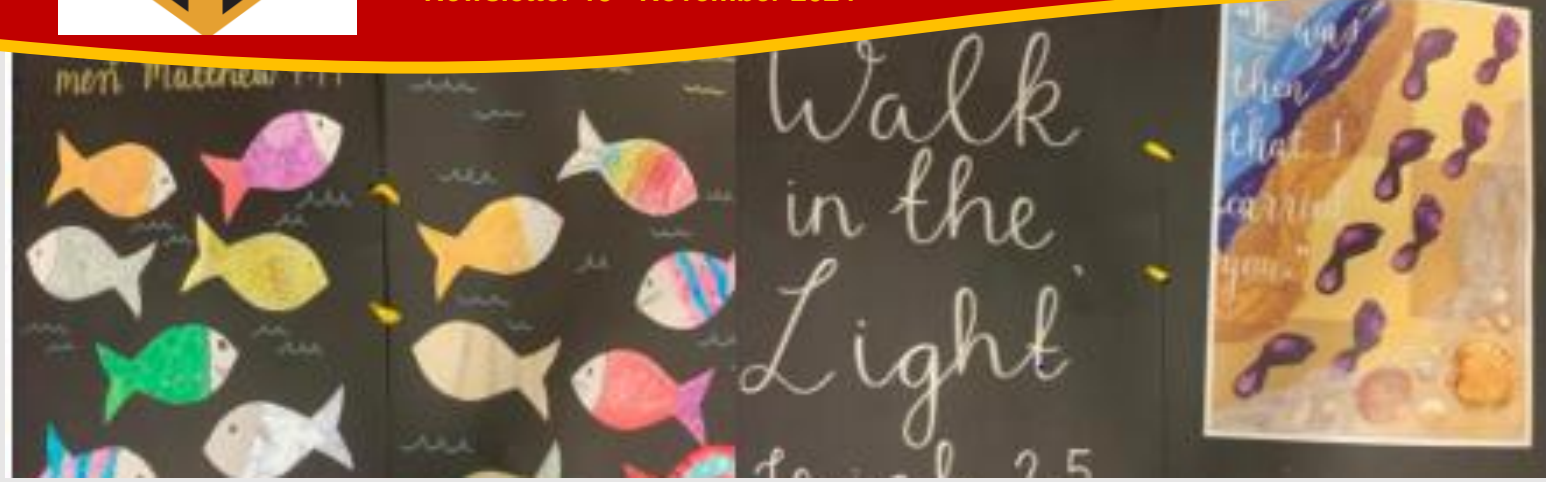


# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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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 busy week in school, with lots happening to focus our minds on remembrance and opportunities to practise our faith. Our School Council led us in a beautiful remembrance service on Monday, on Wednesday lots of pupils and their families visited Thomas Becket Catholic School for a Praise and Worship event and today they brought their Praise and Worship band to our school – we had lots of fun and our children participated very well.

Thank you to all families who have engaged with their children's Home Learning tasks; there are some really impressive designs of crowns, monuments and animal fact files that I have seen.

There have been lots of communications sent to parents this week: the PTFA are running a 'Bling a Bauble' initiative where children submit their designs and – for the cost of £3 – their design is made into a physical bauble for you to have at home. At the beginning of next month, Year 5 will be visiting the Royal Opera House, and we also have some children who will represent our school as part of the Diocesan Junior Choir next month.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

**Best wishes,  
Miss Marum**

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## Home Learning Heroes

Throughout the term, children in St Catherine of Siena class and St Oscar Romero class have been making their own War Memorials as part of their Home Learning Project. These are linked to their current focus on 'Britain at War', where they have been studying the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, which they have found very interesting.

We have been so impressed with the children's contributions; it is clear to see that lots of time and effort has gone into the design and creation of these – and they link to our theme of remembrance this week!



## Term Dates

### Advent Term

Term starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Lent Term

Term starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Term ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Term starts: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Term ends: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Find full term dates [here](#).

## Praise!

The TBCS Worship Band of almost 30 students visited us and led the whole school in Praise and Worship this morning. Two 6<sup>th</sup> Form students spoke beautifully about the firm faith foundation St Gregory's set for them when they attended St Gregory's as pupils.



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

St Faustina Class have been learning about how the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the gifts that were received in Baptism and have discussed ways in which this helps Christians live out their faith every day.

The children have designed some very informative booklets that demonstrate their knowledge of the sequence of events involved.



## A time to remember...

Our School Council led a beautifully reflective prayer service on Monday to mark Remembrance Day in school. A particular well done to the School Councillors for whom this was their first time speaking in front of such a large group of people!

Each class made a poppy wreath to mark the occasion, which are displayed in school. At the front of the school is also our special book to remember all of our loved ones who have died.

**We will remember them.**



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## What's coming up...

This term is always full of lots of exciting events happening. Here is a run down of dates and events so far

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5 deadline for registration for trip to the Royal Opera House.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** PTFA events 'Bling a Bauble' and Krispy Kreme orders close today.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** PTFA Krispy Kreme sale and collection of pre-orders.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** M&M Pantomimes in school, £3 per child payable on MCAS.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Odd Socks Day – all pupils invited to wear Odd Socks to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** First Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Year 5 trip to the Royal Opera House – arrive to school at 7.45am.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Advent Reflection at the Cathedral from 5pm – all are invited; Choir to arrive at 4.15pm – more information to follow for Choir.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Diocesan Junior Choir singing at the Patronal Feast Day Mass, 12pm at the Cathedral.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances at 9.30am and 2.15pm - more information to follow.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Clubs finish for the term.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery Carols 9.30am – more information to follow.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Festive Non-Uniform Day in aid of Caritas Northampton; PTFA Christmas Discos after school – more information to follow.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas Holidays

## A visit from Mr Williams

We welcomed Mr Wyn Williams earlier this week who came to talk to Miss Dowell and Miss Mayes' classes about World War One and the life of William Coltman VC – a highly decorated stretcher bearer who was awarded many medals for bravery and service.

*'I liked how William stayed true to his beliefs and the word of God.'* – Steven

*'It is really interesting that Mr Williams is friends with William's grandson.'* - Debbie



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# New & Nearly New Sale!



**Clothes, Bric a Brac, Toys**

**Come along and grab  
yourself a**



**Sunday 24th November**

**12 noon to 2pm**

**St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, NN2 6AG**

20p entry fee

**in aid of Cathedral Foodstore**



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