

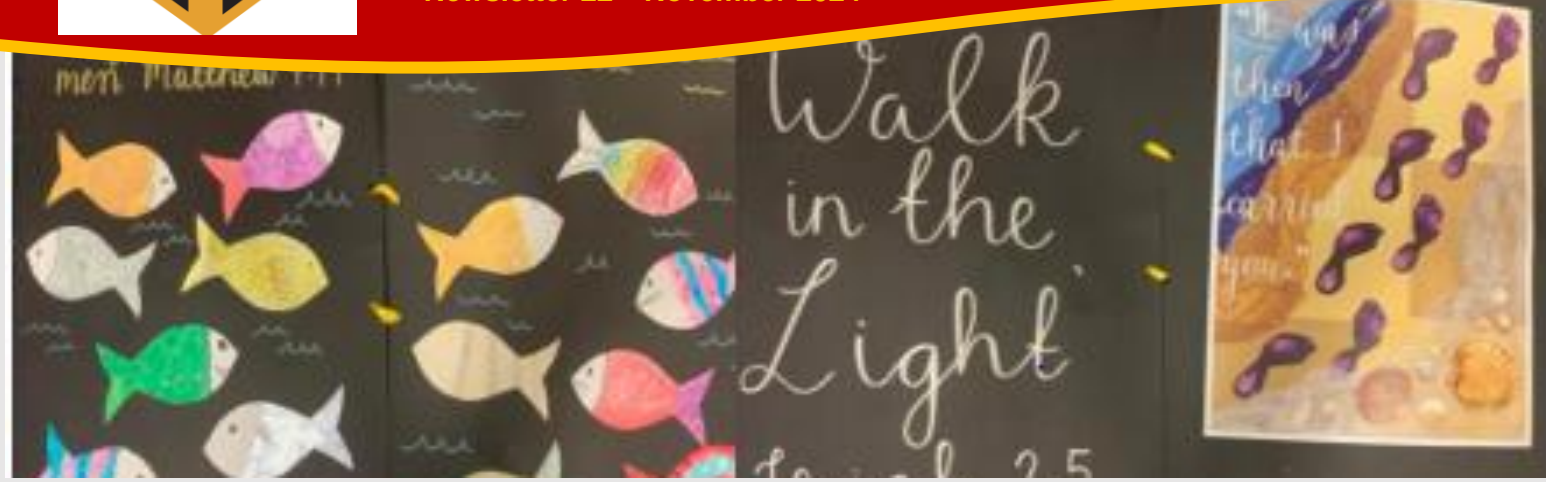


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been, with almost every weather possible showing itself to us! Thank you very much for your support of the recent PTFA events: Krispy Kremes sold out very quickly and the bauble designs that have been submitted and paid for are being made into baubles for your tree at home. These are likely to be ready in the first week of December and we will let you know when they are sent home. Payment for these (direct to the PTFA account) closes today, so be quick if you haven't paid and your child has already submitted their design.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a pantomime performance for all our children, from Nursery to Year 6 on Monday morning. These productions are always high-quality and provide a great stimulus for writing and other activities in school; the children always have a great time too! Next Friday, the School Council invite us all to wear odd socks to school (alongside our usual uniform) to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying week.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity towards our school.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Red Wednesday

Earlier this week, we marked Red Wednesday in school; an annual event across the Catholic Church which is designed to raise awareness and opportunity to stand in solidarity with those persecuted for their faith around the world. It serves as a call to prayer, action and advocacy for religious freedom and an end to oppression. In school, there was plenty of opportunity for prayer for both pupils and staff. Our GIFT Team led a short liturgy at lunchtime in the Emmaus Room, which was well attended and pupils made a circle of love around the world with pebbles as they talked about and prayed for different countries.



Term Dates

Advent Term

Term starts: Monday 4th November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20th December 2024

Lent Term

Term starts: Monday 6th January 2025

Term ends: Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025-Friday 21st February 2025

Term starts: Monday 24th February 2025

Term ends: Friday 4th April 2025

Find full term dates [here](#).

Poppy Appeal

In recent years, Nigel has visited our school to deliver and collect our Poppy Appeal donations. He himself is a veteran who, now he is retired, supports the Royal British Legion in many ways throughout the year. He presented a certificate to two of our School Councillors today. Our school raised £90.22, which has contributed to a total of almost £68,000 in the Northampton area!



Microbits

To understand how computer programs can have a real world impact, our Year 3 children have been setting up and programming Microbits to create name tags in lights, using block code.

They loved watching the immediate effect of their programming and it was a really fun and informative lesson.

Well done, Year 3!



Worship Leaders

Recently, our Worship Leaders met with Mrs MacElhatton to receive some new training to help them with their roles and responsibilities in school. They practised making the Sign of the Cross correctly and rehearsed our school prayers, which include our Morning Offering, Lunchtime Prayer and End of the Day Prayer. This will be really helpful for them as they lead times of prayer and worship in their classrooms. Recently, our Worship Leaders: Dorcas, Maia, Jerry, Michaela, Ishmael, Sasha, Jacob, Chloe and Vanessa (alongside a few members of the GIFT Team) were great role models for the rest of the school, doing a fantastic job in carrying their class poppy wreaths during our Liturgy for Remembrance last week – congratulations on carrying this out so readily and reverently everyone!



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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:

Monday 25th November: M&M Pantomimes in school for all children Nursery-Year 6, £3 per child payable on MCAS.

Friday 29th November: Odd Socks Day – all pupils invited to wear Odd Socks to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying – any donations will go towards our Caritas Bags of Kindness.

Sunday 1st December: First Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

Wednesday 11th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances at 9.30am and 2.15pm – letter sent to parents this week; thank you for your responses so far. Christmas Dinner day – must book in advance.

Friday 13th December: Clubs finish for the term.

Wednesday 18th December: Nursery Carols 9.30am – letter has been sent this week; thank you for your responses so far.

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

Island escapes!

This week, Reception have been using their imaginations, along with what they have learned in their class text 'Beware of the Crocodile', to create their own dinosaur island maps this week.

They have been using subject specific vocabulary to add key features, such as volcanoes, lakes and even a swamp! There are some very detailed designs and they have thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN

Advent Reflection

Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 5.00pm
The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate
and Saint Thomas of Canterbury, NN2 6AG



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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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