

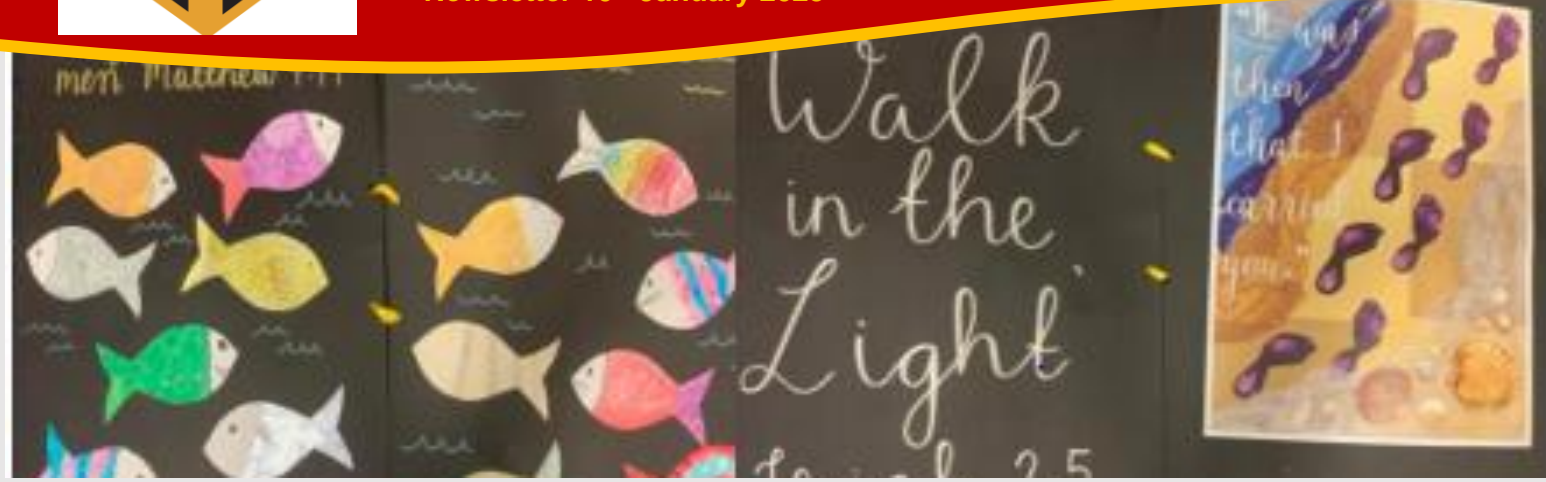


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed being back at school this week: our first week of 2025! We welcome several new families to the St Gregory's community and our Nursery class, in particular, has grown considerably this week!

We have been quite fortunate with the weather this week; beautiful sunny days – despite being cold – allow our children to make the most of the outdoors at breaktime. It is really important that all children have their school jumper or cardigan in school each day, have a named coat and hats and gloves seem sensible in this chilly weather. The weather can be unpredictable at this time of the year. Whilst we always work to ensure our school site is safe each morning, if we did need to close following significant snowfall or similar, we will contact parents via text and email at our earliest opportunity. Please do ensure your contact details are up to date with the School Office.

Thank you to all families who have supported their children with Home Learning projects over the past few weeks; we really enjoy celebrating the children's work they complete at home. Thank you, too, to the parents of Year 6 pupils who attended the meeting all about SATs earlier this week, to learn about what we have in place to support our Year 6 children with this important part of their final year at primary school.

We have lots planned for this term and we look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Claude in the City

In their English lessons this week, Year 1 have been introduced to their new text: Claude in the City by Alex T. Smith. This short chapter book is all about a dog who decides to go on an adventure to the big city while his owners are at work.

Claude has been a firm favourite for many of our Year 1 classes in the past and our Year 1s this year are no exception. They have thoroughly enjoyed their English lessons with Ms Johnson and Miss Onyije this week and have written some fantastic character descriptions, making sure to include noun phrases to add detail. Well done Year 1!



Term Dates

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

Pentecost Term

Term starts: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Term ends: Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May 2025-Friday 30th May 2025

Term starts: Monday 2nd June 2025

The Feast of the Epiphany

On Monday, we marked the Feast of the Epiphany - which marks the end of the Christmas period and commemorates the time when the Magi visited the baby Jesus - with a short liturgy, where we prayed an Epiphany Blessing and marked the doors of the school for a blessed year ahead.

It was wonderful to be back together as a school community ready for a successful 2025!



Matters of the heart...

This week, children in St Oscar Romero Class began their new unit of study in their Science lessons which focuses on the heart.

Throughout the unit, the children will learn about the human circulatory system and heart health, developing their knowledge about the workings of the heart and significant medical discoveries.



Year 4 Swimming

Children in Year 4 started their unit of swimming this week as part of their PE curriculum and thoroughly enjoyed their lessons. We were very impressed with their organisation and remembering everything they needed for swimming on the very first day of term! They commented:

'Although I felt a bit nervous at first, I enjoyed being able to challenge myself and see how much I was able to achieve in the pool. I am proud of the progress I made this week!' – Saskia

'It was good to be back at the pool and to have the opportunity to keep trying to improve my skills in the water, especially with breathing whilst swimming and not swallowing the water.' – Fumnyanya

'Laura, our Swimming Teacher, explained clearly what I needed to do and helped me to stay calm and positive I had a great lesson!' - Aman

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