

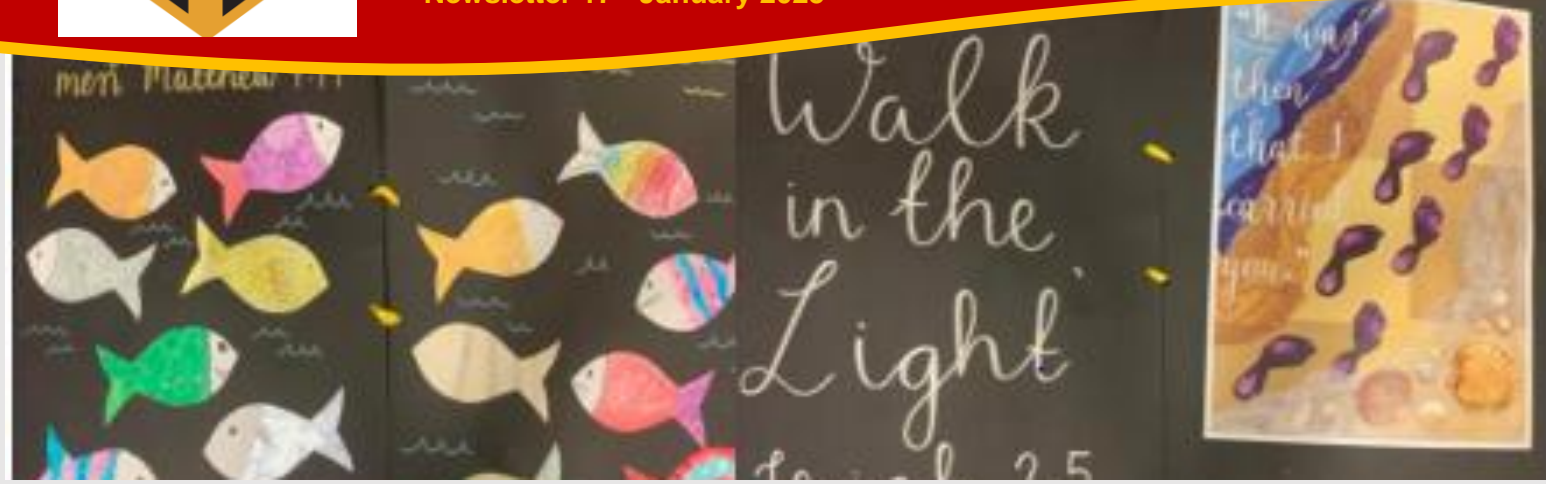


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, the Catholic Church is celebrating a Jubilee or Holy Year, which is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation. A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years and this year, the theme is Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year 2025 officially commenced on Christmas Eve with the rite of Opening the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, by Pope Francis.

For schools, the official launch is 24th January 2025 and schools are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love. We look forward to sharing with you our plans and events that will run throughout this special time.

This week we welcomed some visitors who have been looking at our school. They were very impressed by the children's engagement in their learning and their confidence and willingness to discuss what they were learning about.

Next week, the RSPB have their annual Big Garden Birdwatch. Please do have a look [here](#) to find out how you and your family can be involved.

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Once upon a time in Reception...

The children in Reception have been using their knowledge of their phonics to help them to write sentences to describe the appearance and actions of key characters from Cinderella, using the pantomime visit to help them.

This term, the children are focusing on fairytales as part of their project called 'Once Upon a Time' and will be looking at different types of castles, characters from fairytales and Kings and Queens.

'The Fairy Godmother was kind. She used a magic wand.' – Maria

'Cinderella had to clean the mess all the time!' – Alexis

'The Prince liked Cinderella.'
– Jerry



Term Dates

Lent Term

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

Find full term dates [here](#).

Bug Hotel Competition

The Eco-Stewards have launched a competition for Year 2 and above to design a Bug Hotel. This is a trustwide competition and the winner will have their design made into a Bug Hotel which will be placed in the Healing Garden at the Cathedral.

The children have their entry forms and entries need to be returned to school by Wednesday 22nd January please. We have lots of children with great design skills and a real concern so the environment, so we look forward to seeing their innovative ideas!

Revision Café

The children attending our Year 6 Revision Café have been consolidating some of their key Maths skills, ensuring that they are developing fluency and speed in this core area. They are showing excellent commitment to their learning. Well done to all the attendees and thank you to Miss Dowell and Miss Mayes for giving their time!



Colour Theory in Year 3

As part of their Art lessons in recent weeks, Year 3 have been studying colour theory and the principles of warm, cool, analogous and tertiary colours. The children started with the three primary colours and then practised their colour mixing skills to achieve the others.

Artists in the making!



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OF NORTHAMPTON



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Join the
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For children ages 7 to 11.

Choir leader: Ms Marcela Campana

Every Wednesday 4.15pm to 5.15pm
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