

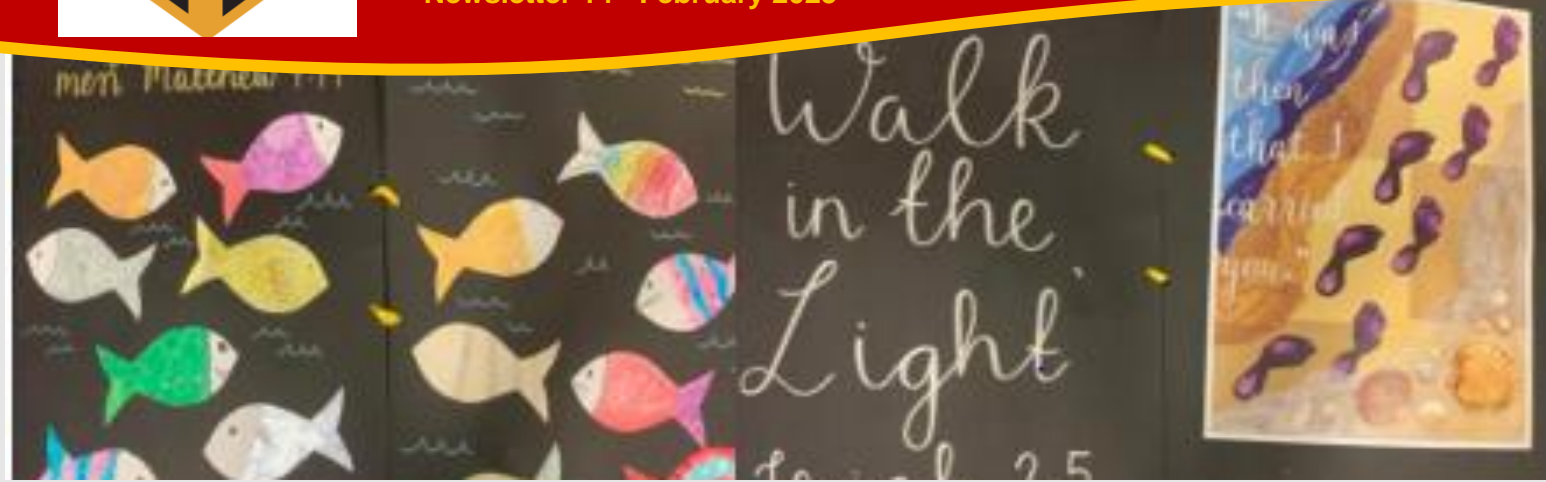


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 14th February 2025



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year! Today is the final day before the half term holiday – hopefully we will see more signs of Spring once we return to school!

Earlier this week, we practised our lockdown procedures in school. This is the opposite of a Fire Evacuation. The children were well-rehearsed and knew that when they heard the lockdown sound they had to stay quiet inside the building. We have a well-practised drill for these events, which we will practise termly, along with our usual Fire Evacuation procedures. Please do ask your child about it.

Thank you for your support of the school this term. There is lots to look forward to after half term too! You will have had information about our Book and Biscuit events and World Book Day sent to you today. Lots of parents have already booked their Parents' Evening appointments for 4th or 6th March, please make sure you have booked yours too!

We hope you have an enjoyable week with your children and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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The Bluest of Blues

St Faustina class have been using drama to explore the life of Anna Atkins, a 19th century botanist and photographer. The children worked in groups to role play a scene from their English text, 'The Bluest of Blues'. They then put all of their scenes together to demonstrate how Anna's passion for flowers and nature developed over time, leading her to eventually become a member of the Royal Botanic Society. The children have also been learning about how Anna began to use photography to share her knowledge and skills with the scientific community too. Our photograph this week shows a significant in Anna Atkins' life – one which is rather pertinent to St Valentine's Day!



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](#).

Investigating Materials

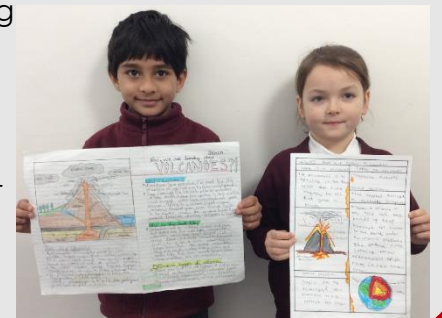
In Science lessons this term, Year 2 have been studying the topic of Uses of Materials. They have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out several investigations and developed their independence as a result. Last week, we worked in small groups to compare the absorbency, texture and strength of different types of paper, and discussed their properties. As you can see, lots of fun was had!



Earthly Explosions

Year 3 have been studying volcanoes this term and have been working to learn key information about the different types of volcanoes. They have been particularly interested in finding out facts about specific volcanoes around the world. It is a very interesting topic and the children have produced some excellent research work as part of their home learning too!

Well done!



Imagining Ice Creams

In their English sessions, our children in Nursery have been working to develop their imaginations; practising visualising the image a poem conjures up in the mind, without seeing the illustration!

One of the children's favourites was the poem 'Ice Cream Cones'. They heard their adults perform the poem and then drew their own pictures of the image the words made in their own minds – what an impressive skill!



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