

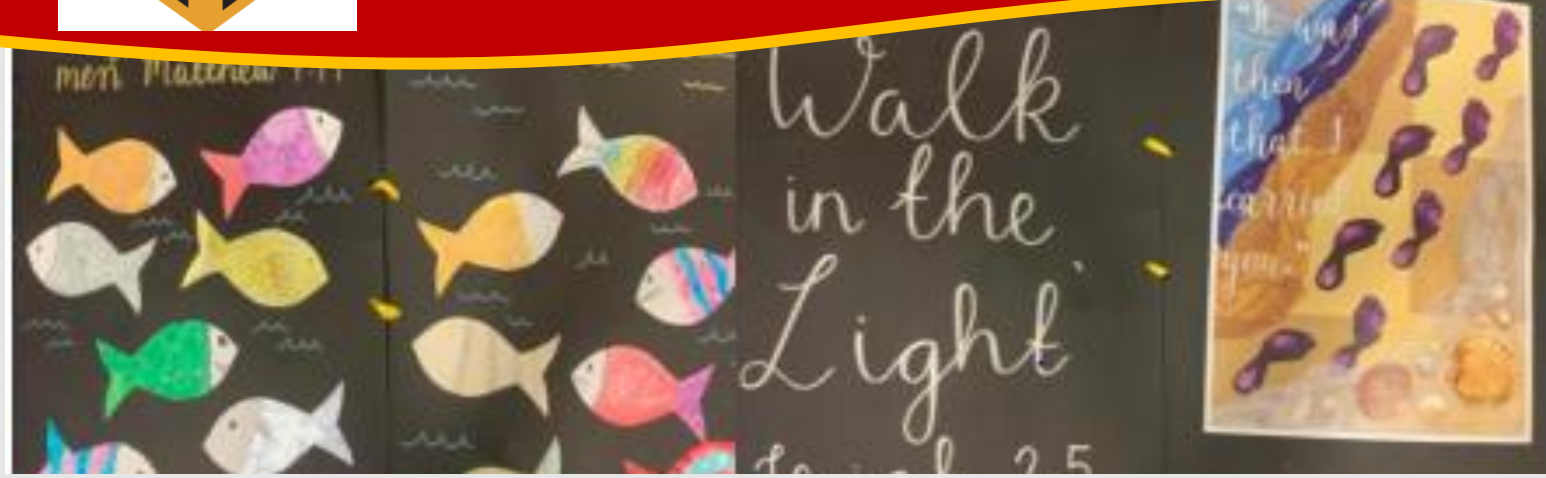


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 7th March 2025



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a super week in school this week. It started with our Year 6 pupils finding out their secondary schools – a very exciting time for them all – and they were keen to share this information with their Class Teachers. If you have any questions about your child's Secondary School allocation, please contact Miss Annis in the first instance

Thank you very much to all parents and carers who joined us for Parents' Evening this week; our staff really enjoyed meeting with you all and sharing your child's successes with you; there's lots to celebrate!

We marked Ash Wednesday with a special service in school where we received ashes on our heads to mark the season of Lent.

We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day; the children all looked brilliant in their costumes. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Cathedral Food Store; the donations will be gratefully received by the organisation who do so much good in our local area.

Enjoy your weekend!

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Ash Wednesday

We marked Ash Wednesday in school with a service where we all received ashes on our foreheads to mark the season of Lent. We were encouraged to consider how we might make room in our lives for prayer, fasting and almsgiving and there will be lots of opportunity in school over the coming weeks to do this. In school, we have chosen to support The Hope Centre as our local charity this year, with its obvious link to the theme of the Church's Jubilee year: Pilgrims of Hope. We will continue to support CAFOD with our Big Lent Walk too. Please join us for our Lent Reflection at the Cathedral on Wednesday 26th March at 5pm. All are welcome!



Term Dates

Lent Term

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

INSET Day: Friday 27th June 2025

Term ends: Friday 18th July 2025

Find full term dates [here](#).

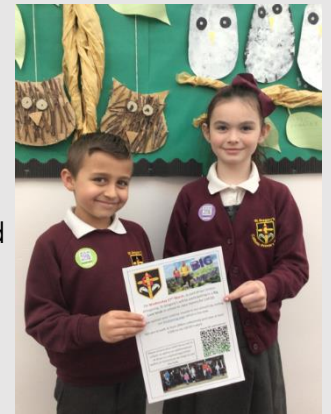
Lenten Prayer Station

In the Emmaus Room, the GIFT Team have set up a prayer station for the school to help with our spiritual journey this Lent. It is designed to focus our minds about what gets in the way of us making space for God. The children are invited to build a wall out of the things that block God and to bowl it over as a symbol of their commitment to change things this Lent.



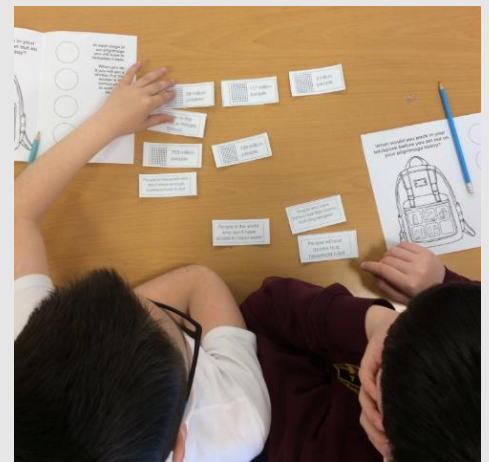
Big Lent Walk

Each year in Lent, we participate in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. On Friday 21st March, during the school day, we aim to walk 250km (collectively!) and raise at least £200 for CAFOD. By sponsoring us on our page, the money will go straight to CAFOD. We look forward to updating you on our progress. There is more information in the poster below.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

On Tuesday, we were joined by 'CAFOD Chris' who led workshops for St. Catherine of Siena Class and St Bernadette Class which helped the children to explore their roles as 'Pilgrims of Hope' this Jubilee Year. Chris encouraged the children to discuss what a pilgrimage is and what essentials we would need to pack before we set off. We then completed a series of tasks on each stage of our pilgrimage. We discussed shocking statistics around world poverty and explored how mobile health clinics are providing aid to communities recovering from floods. CAFOD Chris talked about how poorer countries struggle to afford the essentials to live and are forced to borrow money from banks. We created posters to encourage these countries to 'Stop the Debt'.



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World Book Day!



We have had a wonderful day in school today celebrating World Book Day. This evening, the children should have all brought home a World Book Day £1 voucher; this can be used to purchase one of the special WBD books or to put towards the cost of another book. Please do use these!

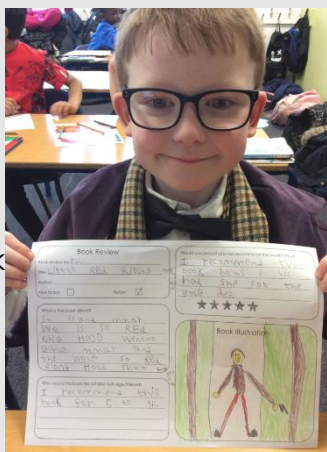
Our Lending Library at the front of the school is ready and available for book swaps, please do make us of it. If you have any children's books you would like to donate for the Lending Library, please do bring them into the School Office.



Little Red Riding Hood

Today, the children across the school have focused on the tale of Little Red Riding Hood; some wrote newspaper reports, others changed the ending and Year 3 took the time to retell the story from the wolf's perspective. In the lead up to WBD, they've been reading lots of versions of this popular story and have completed book reviews of their favourite version.

Well done everyone!



The Big Bad Wolf!

The children in Reception and Key Stage One were visited by the Big Bad Wolf this week! They listened as he told us his version of the Little Red Riding Hood story and the children had the opportunity to ask the wolf questions at the end. Thank you to Mr Boshell, for giving his time to visit St Gregory's again and for giving the children such a memorable experience!



Dates for your diary...

Monday 17th March – **St Patrick's Day Non-Uniform** – monetary donation of at least £1 for The Hope Centre.

Tuesday 18th March – Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to watch **Annie Jnr The Musical at TBCS** – letter to follow.

Friday 21st March – **Big Lent Walk** – please sponsor us on our JustGiving page (see poster below.)

Tuesday 25th March – PTFA Mothers' Day Gift Room closes.

Wednesday 26th March – **Lent Reflection** at Northampton Cathedral at 5pm. Choir to arrive at 4.15pm (letter for Choir to follow.)

Thursday 27th March – **PTFA Mothers' Day Gift Room**; PTFA Colouring Competition closes.

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Non-Uniform Day

WEAR GREEN
FOR
ST PATRICK'S DAY!

Monday 17th March

As part of our Lent giving, all pupils and staff are invited to wear **non-uniform** including at **least one green item** (no onesies please!) on this day, in exchange for a **monetary donation** of at least £1 for our Lenten appeal for The Hope Centre.

Please remember:

Year 4 will have swimming and **St Catherine of Siena Class** and **St Oscar Romero Class** will have PE on this day; please ensure their clothing is appropriate for these activities.



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On **Friday 21st March 2025**, as part of our Lenten almsgiving, St Gregory's will be participating in a **Big Lent Walk** on the school field to raise money for CAFOD.

Please sponsor your child (or anyone in our school!) by visiting our [fundraising page](#) which is live now.

We aim to walk at least 200km collectively and raise at least £200 to aid CAFOD's work.



Use our QR code to donate!



Please send your child with a pair of shoes to change into on this day (trainers or wellies would work well.) Please ensure that the shoes themselves are clearly named so that they can be easily reunited with their owner!

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Mothers' Day Gift Room



The PTFA will be hosting a "Secret Gift Room" for Mothers' Day.

Thursday 27th March 2025

Children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to browse a range of gifts during the school day and select one for their Mum or a special person.



£3 per child

Please send payment via Bank Transfer for each child separately that wishes to purchase a gift by **Tuesday 25th March.**

It is not possible to pay for this event via the School Office.

**Account Name: St Gregory's Parent
Teacher and Friends Association**

Account Number: 27086660

Sort Code: 30-99-15

Reference: Child's Full Name

(some items can be personalised, if you would like this to happen, please add 'p' to your payment reference)



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