

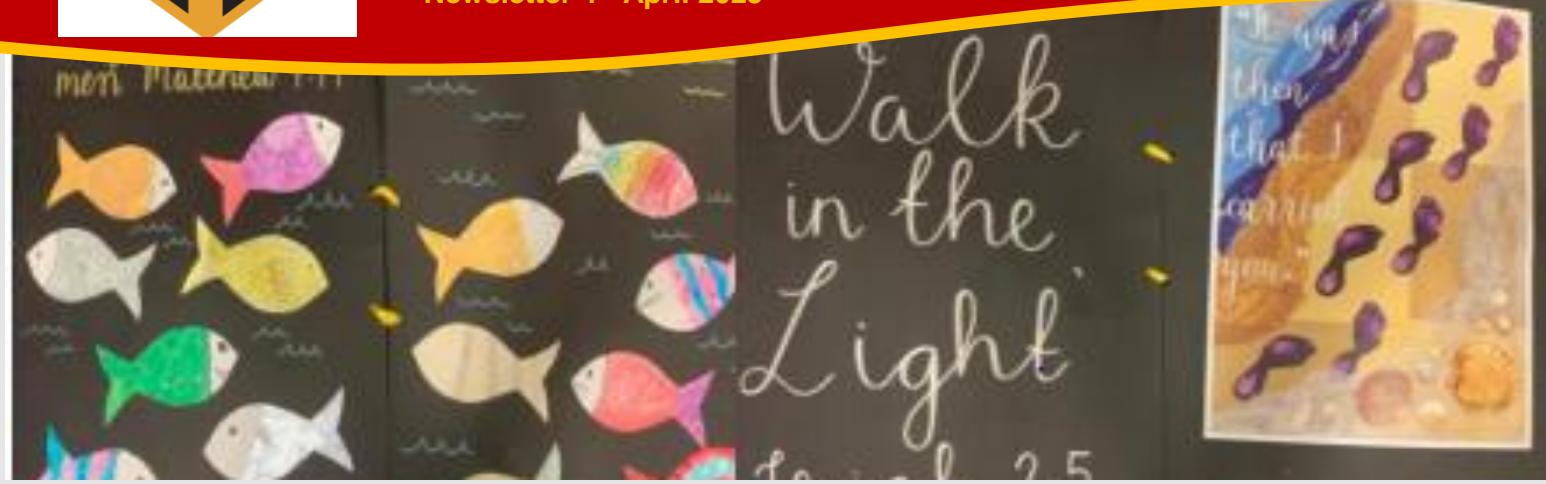


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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“Walking together in the Light of the Lord.”

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for all your support this term; particularly with our Lenten fundraising. Our St Patrick's non-uniform day last month raised just over £150 for The Hope Centre, which is great to see.

Today, we have said 'see you soon' to Miss Fowkes, who begins her maternity leave as she is expecting her baby next month. We look forward to news of her new addition and wish her an enjoyable and restful time!

There was lots to celebrate in our Gold Star Celebration and Worship time this morning: it was clear to see that so many of the children work hard to be wonderful role models for learning and in their attitudes and behaviour. Well done to them all!

We wish you all a blessed time of preparation for the Easter season. You can access a Wednesday Word resource [here](#) for you to use at home. We look forward to seeing you all back at school the day after Easter Monday on Tuesday 22nd April.

Enjoy your weekend!

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Born for This

We were so pleased to welcome Mrs Furniss along with her Performing Arts students once again from Weston Favell Academy this week for a performance of Born for This: a powerful depiction of the Stations of the Cross in words, music and drama.

'The way the performers showed the characters' feelings were really moving – and matched what I had imagined.' - Tofunmi

'Their singing voices and the way had learned all the words was impressive and made the performance really special!' - Freddie



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](#).

Easter Bonnets and Egg Heads

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Tuesday 22nd April at 2.40pm for pupils in Nursery-Year 2.

As well as this, we invite Key Stage Two pupils to design and create an 'Egg Head' of their favourite film character; there are lots of grand plans from the children and we look forward to seeing and celebrating their efforts. Please bring any entries on the first day back.



We are pilgrims of hope...

Our Jubilee Reflection Trail around the school grounds is ready to go! The bird houses will be accompanied by scripture relating to the theme of hope and we look forward to following the trail with the children after the Easter break as part of our prayer times during the school day; hopefully we will have some birds nesting in the bird houses too.



Eleanore House

As part of our commitment to social action – particularly as 2025 has been set out as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis – some of our children have been visiting some of the residents of Eleanore House. The children have been brilliant role models and the residents have been delighted with their good humour and engagement – as well as their competitive nature when playing some board games.

We look forward to seeing the residents of Eleanore House again soon.



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PTFA Colouring Competition Winners



We received lots of entries to the PTFA Colouring Competition and it was very difficult to judge the winners! The winners were informed today and their Easter Egg given to their teacher to send home with them today. Congratulations to Alfie, Aoife F, Aoife W, Chloe, Columbo, Craig, Dylan P, Hugo, Isla B, Johaan, Keira, Lennox, Maria, Milana, Nylah, Peggy, Phillip, Rory, Samira, Sasha L, Vanessa S and Yuwa who won an Easter Egg from the PTFA for their efforts!



Thank you again to the PTFA for running this event and for sourcing the prizes.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a wide variety of clubs available for next term; information was sent on Tuesday 1st April to you all. Booking is open on MCAS and places are filling up fast! New clubs for the Summer Term:

- Arts and Crafts (R and KS1) – 2nd half
- Atomic Science (Y1-Y6) – 2nd half
- Benchball Club (KS2)
- Puzzles and Problem Solving (Y4-Y6) – 2nd half
- Sewing Club (KS2) – 1st half
- Wellies on Wednesdays (R and KS1) 1st half

Please do sign your children up for the clubs. The full timetable and booking information can be found [here](#).

Fabulous Freeze Frames

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their English text this term called Rabbit and Bear - Rabbit's Bad Habits. A real highlight of the term was a drama-based lesson exploring the key plot twist when the sly wolf tries to catch the poor rabbit. Some superb freeze frames were created to demonstrate a sound understanding of the main events. The lesson was described as "fun", "fantastic" and "a favourite lesson of the year" – high praise indeed!



Swimming Superstars!

Our Year 4 children enjoyed their session on Water Safety this week as part of their final swimming lesson. They learned how to perform a 'reach rescue' and had the opportunity to practise this under the guidance of their swimming instructors - a very important life skill! The children have all gained so much confidence in the water since their swimming lessons began and they have enjoyed learning a range of strokes and various skills. Many children have been working hard to use these to help them to swim distances of up to 25 metres - very impressive!



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Easter Egg Heads...

When we return to school, we will be celebrating Easter throughout the Easter season. We invite our pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) to boil an egg(s) and decorate them as a **favourite film character** – be creative, the bolder the better!

These need to be brought into school on the morning of:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Please place the Egg Head in an egg box or decorated box with the child's name clearly visible.

Prizes will be awarded for each year group during the first week back!



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Easter Bonnet Parade...

When we return to school, we will be celebrating Easter throughout the Easter season starting with an Easter Bonnet Parade for our younger pupils in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** on:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

at 2.40pm

Pupils who wish to participate, will need to make their Easter bonnets, over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique designs.

Parents are welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Doors will open no sooner than 2.35pm. Please park off-site and wait by the Adventure Playground gate.



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