

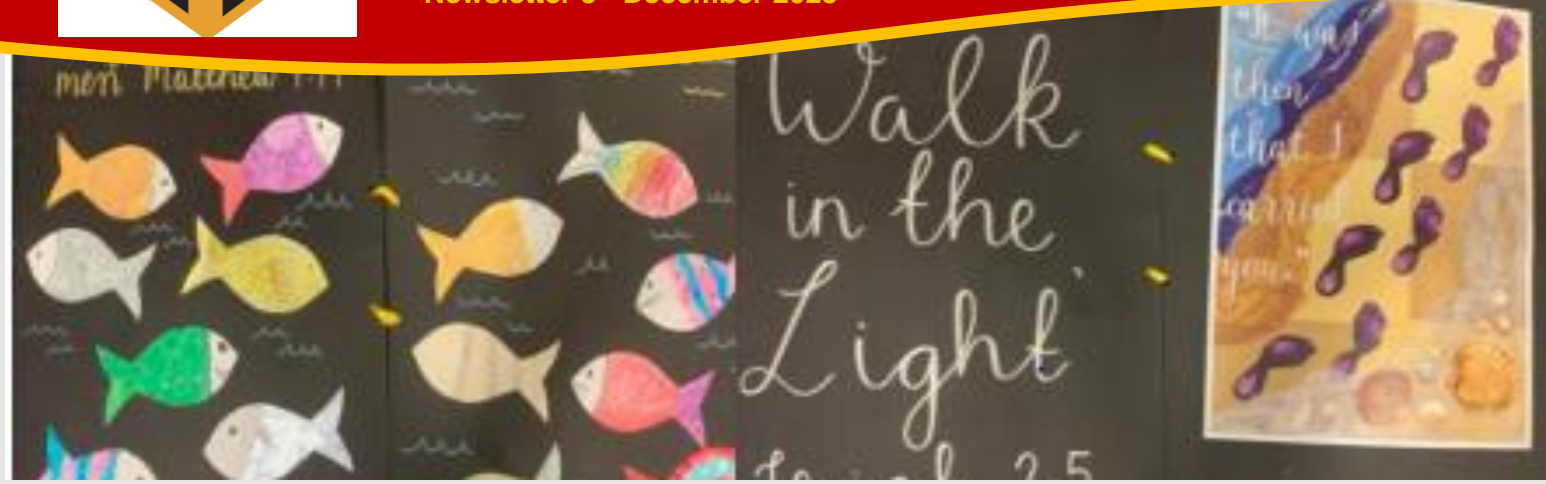


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 5th December 2025



“Walking together in the Light of the Lord.”

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have fully embraced the season of Advent in school this week. Our Advent wreath has been lit each time we have gathered together as a school community; our Travelling Cribs have been visiting the homes of our younger children; the choir helped lead an Advent Reflection at the Cathedral and Fr Christopher celebrated a special Advent Mass in school earlier this week. Add in Nativity rehearsals, festive song practices, visiting the postbox to send letters to Father Christmas, filling Bags of Kindness and a Strings Recital and you get a very busy – but brilliant – week!

Our Christmas postbox will be at the Main Entrance of the school from Monday. Your children can post their Christmas Cards to their friends in here (please make them clearly with their name and year group) and they will be delivered to classrooms by some of our Pupil Leaders.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Advent Reflection

On Wednesday, members of the Key Stage 2 Choir participated in the Northampton Catholic Schools' Advent Reflection. This began with a moving candlelit procession led by the children from the three primary schools. There was a chance for all who attended to reflect on Christ's coming and how this was a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy. The children led the congregation in singing some traditional carols, as well as some more modern songs. Their singing was simply beautiful - what a wonderful way to begin the Advent season together with our community in Northampton.



Term Dates

Advent Term 2025

Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Lent Term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

Term starts: Monday 23rd February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Pentecost Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Term ends: Friday 22nd May 2026

Find full term dates [here](#).

Mass in our school

Following the fire in their building, the Parish of St Gregory the Great will have Mass in our school each Sunday at 9am and 11am for the foreseeable future. We are very pleased to host them - an opportunity this Advent season!

Please do come along - all are welcome!



Dates for your Diary

9th December – Parents invited to watch StylesStars final session this term – 4pm.

10th December – 'A King is Born' – R-Y2 Nativity – 9.30am and 2.15pm.

12th December – Last day of after-school clubs.

13th December – Carols for Hope – Cathedral – 2.30pm

17th December – Guitar Recital – 9.15am; Nursery Carols and Christmas Songs – 11am; Pupil Christmas Lunch.

18th December – Festive Non-Uniform Day (£1 in aid of Caritas); PTFA Discos after school.

19th December – School closes – 3.15pm.

Strings Recital

St Bernadette Class have been learning to play either the cello, viola or violin with NMPAT over the last 10 weeks; they've had a brilliant time and have made so much progress!



They, along with students who also learn a string instrument in school, performed superbly for their parents and other family members and the rest of Key Stage 2 on Thursday afternoon. We were so impressed! If you and your child are interested in them learning an instrument, please contact the School Office who will be able to give you more information.



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The Travelling Crib

Our children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having the opportunity to take home 'The Travelling Crib' throughout Advent. This provides the children with the opportunity to lead prayer in their homes during this beautiful, spiritual season and helps them to remember the reason behind Christmas. Thank you to all the families who have had the crib so far this Advent; thank you for the photos you've shared.

Please remember to return The Travelling Crib to school the very next day!

'We've loved having The Travelling Crib with us at home this evening – it was really beautiful.' – Year 1 Parent

'We really enjoyed The Travelling Crib. Our daughter also created a song for the Baby Jesus.' – Reception Parent



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Christmas Concert

Come join us for an evening of Christmas songs featuring our STTBCS Choir, Orchestra, Soloists, and more!



Thursday 11th December 2025

5.30pm - 7.00pm

St Thomas Becket Catholic School, Becket Way, NN3 5LF

Booking essential: Tickets £5 per person or £18 for 4.

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THE NORTHAMPTON
CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR
PRESENTS:

Carols of Hope

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND
CAROLS

DECEMBER

SATURDAY **13** AT 2.30PM

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The PTFA will be hosting discos in the School Hall on

Thursday 18th December

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend from 3.30pm-4.15pm.

School staff will supervise from 3.15pm-3.30pm.

Children must be collected from their usual classroom at 4.15pm.

Price includes a hot dog, drink, sweet bag and a gift from a special festive guest!

Year 3 to Year 6 are invited to attend from 4.45pm-6pm.

*Children must **arrive with and be collected by a responsible adult** at the Adventure Playground Gate – **please leave coats and mobile phones with the adult that drops off.***

Hot dog, drink and a special gift included.

Children may bring money to purchase sweets/slushies from the Tuck Shop.

£5 per child

Please send payment via Bank Transfer separately for each child that wishes to attend by Monday 15th December 2025.

Account Name: St. Gregory's PTFA

Account Number: 27086660

Sort Code: 30-99-15

Reference: Child's full name (please include a 'V' if a vegetarian hot dog is required or 'GF' if a Gluten Free hot dog is required)

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Festive Non-Uniform Day!

Thursday 18th December

All pupils and staff are invited to wear **non-uniform in a festive theme** (no onesies or cropped tops please!) on this day, in exchange for a donation of at least **£1**.

All money raised will be donated to Caritas through their Bags for Kindness Campaign.

*If you have booked Christmas Lunch, this will be served on Wednesday 17th December.
The children will be wearing usual school uniform on this day.*

