

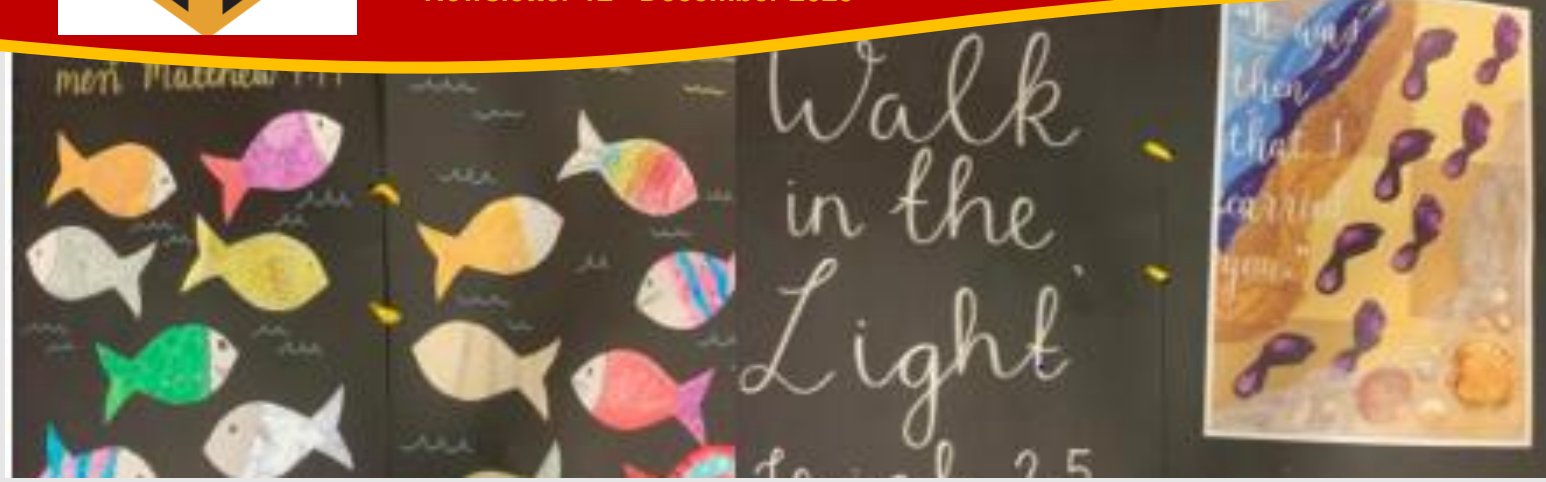


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 12th December 2025



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe we are approaching our final week in school for 2025! It has gone quickly and the school year is racing by! Thank you to all families who attended the Nativity Production this week; the children performed brilliantly. A big thank you to the staff involved too, particularly Mrs Netherwood who directed the performance.

Next week, our Guitarists will perform for their peers and parents at 9.15am on Wednesday in the School Hall. Our Nursery children will also give a short recital of some Christmas songs and carols at 11am on Wednesday too.

Please make sure you have booked your child's Christmas Lunch which will be served on Wednesday. You also must book in for the PTFA Discos by Monday. The details are attached.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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A King is Born

This week, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Nativity entitled A King Is Born. They did this fantastically to the whole school on Tuesday before managing two performances on Wednesday to their families.

The children have worked so hard to learn the songs and sang with joy and enthusiasm. Many also had lines to learn and performed these clearly with great expression. We are all extremely proud of them! Thank you to all of the families who have supported their children with line learning and costumes. This helped ensure that it was such a high-quality performance.



Well done everyone!

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](#).

Supporting the Northamptonshire Health Charity

Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause this week. The charity collects items to give as gifts for children spending Christmas in hospital. The photo only shows some of them! You were so generous and the gifts have been gratefully received at the collection point at Sixfields.



Thank you!

News from our Nursery...

This week in Nursery the children have been independently accessing different Christmas story books. The children have worked hard to remember how to correctly look at the books, by turning the pages one at a time. They have really enjoyed retelling the Nativity story, remembering key details such as the kings bringing three gifts when visiting the baby Jesus.



Gathering in Faith for the Immaculate Conception

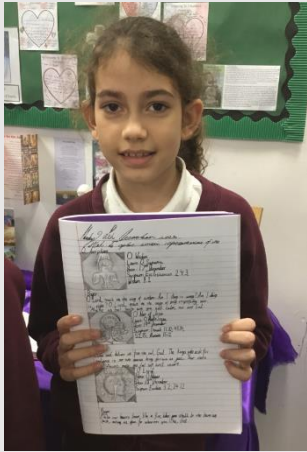
We celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in school with a time of prayer and then at the Cathedral, with Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop Emeritus of Northampton. He took Time to speak to the children – who were all members of the GIFT Team – about their role in school, and gave God's blessing to the rosary that each child had with them.



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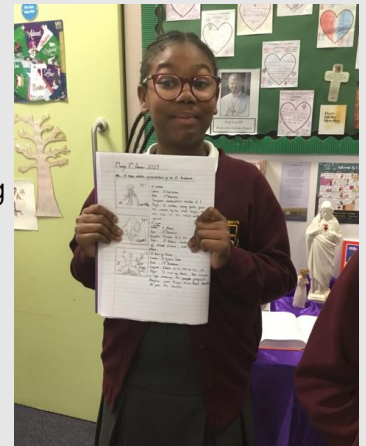
Advent Wonder: Learning the O Antiphons together

In St Claudine Class this week, we have been learning about the 'O Antiphons' and how these are used to help us to pray during the final days of Advent. Each antiphon focuses on a different name for the coming King Jesus which helps us to understand the kind of Kingdom that he would establish.



We reflected on how we can use these antiphons to continue preparing space in our hearts to receive Jesus at Christmas. We then had a go at drawing our own artistic representations of some of our favourite antiphons.

As we pray the O Antiphons, may our hearts be made ready to welcome Christ at Christmas.



The Travelling Crib

The travelling cribs have continued their journeys this week; thank you to everyone who has sent photos!



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Exploring the Colour Wheel

This term, Year 1 are learning about the colour wheel and colour mixing in Art. The children have been working to create colour wheels and engaging in a carousel of activities in the classroom. The children will continue to develop their learning and their understanding about



colour mixing in further lessons, this academic year and beyond!

Christmas Postbox Is Open!

If your child is sending Christmas Cards this year, encourage them to pop their cards in our postbox in the Main Entrance of the school. Pupil leaders will then organise and distribute these on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week. Thank you!



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.*



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