

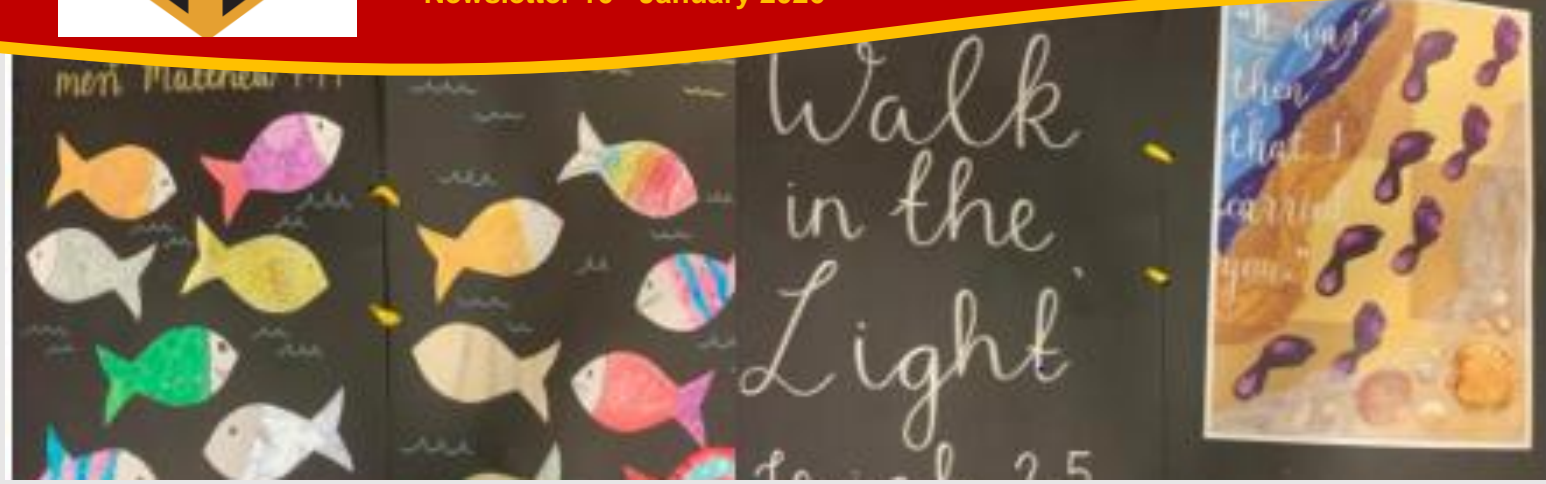


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 4 children had a super time at swimming on Monday – their first lesson! Every single child had every single piece of equipment they needed for this. Thank you very much to them and their parents for being so organised! Our Choir also had a fabulous time at Young Voices earlier this week and they have done a great job in school following their late night too! Well done to them all.

From Monday, if your child arrives late at school, you will be asked to fill in a form with the reason why they are late. The end of the school day is 3.15pm and parents are expected to collect their children at this time unless they have booked their child into a club. If you are late, on a very odd occasion, you will need to make your way onto the main playground and collect them from The Forest where you will be asked to fill in a form. Attendance is really important for the children's learning and collecting your child on time is vital for their wellbeing.

We hope you enjoy the weekend!

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Opportunity for parents: School Governor role

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body serving St Mary's and St Gregory's Catholic Primary Schools.

Parent Governors play a vital part in the strategic leadership of the school. Working as part of a committed team, governors support its continued improvement and ensure that every child has the best possible educational experience.

If you are interested in supporting the school, have skills you feel could benefit its governance, and are willing to commit time and energy as part of a team, we would love to hear from you.

For further information about the role - and the application process - please contact the School Office for a conversation with our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Yuen, or Mrs O'Neill, our Chair of Governors by 16th January.



Term Dates

Lent Term 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

Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026-Friday 29th May 2026

Term starts: Monday 1st 2026

Term ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Find full term dates [here](#).

Get Creative for Climate!

We are excited to invite pupils to take part in the **Solar Schools Poster Competition**, a creative challenge encouraging children to design a bright, bold A4 poster promoting action on climate change, solar energy or saving energy at home and school.

There will be prizes in school for our winning entries, which with parents' permission, will be submitted to eEnergy.

Winning posters selected by them will be professionally printed, displayed in schools across the Midlands and showcased nationally through *Let's Go Zero*.

A tasty start to 2026!

Year 1 enjoyed their first lesson of their new DT project: 'Chop, Slice and Mash'. The children began to explore different foods and how to prepare these. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the session working safely and sensibly with new tools and equipment.



Our Choir sing their hearts out at Young Voices

Pupils from our Key Stage 2 Choir enjoyed a fantastic day out at Young Voices in Birmingham on Tuesday. This is an annual event for our choir and certainly a highlight of the school calendar.



We arrived just in time for lunch before working hard in rehearsals led by the principal conductor, David Lawrence, who has been conducting these concerts for 27 years! During the performance, the children particularly enjoyed the two soloists, Aneesa Folds and Connie Talbot, as well as the usual favourite dance-offs with Andy and Urban Strides. All of the children were such positive, helpful and encouraging ambassadors of our school and made it a thoroughly enjoyable day for all of the adults.

We love making such core memories with them!



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