

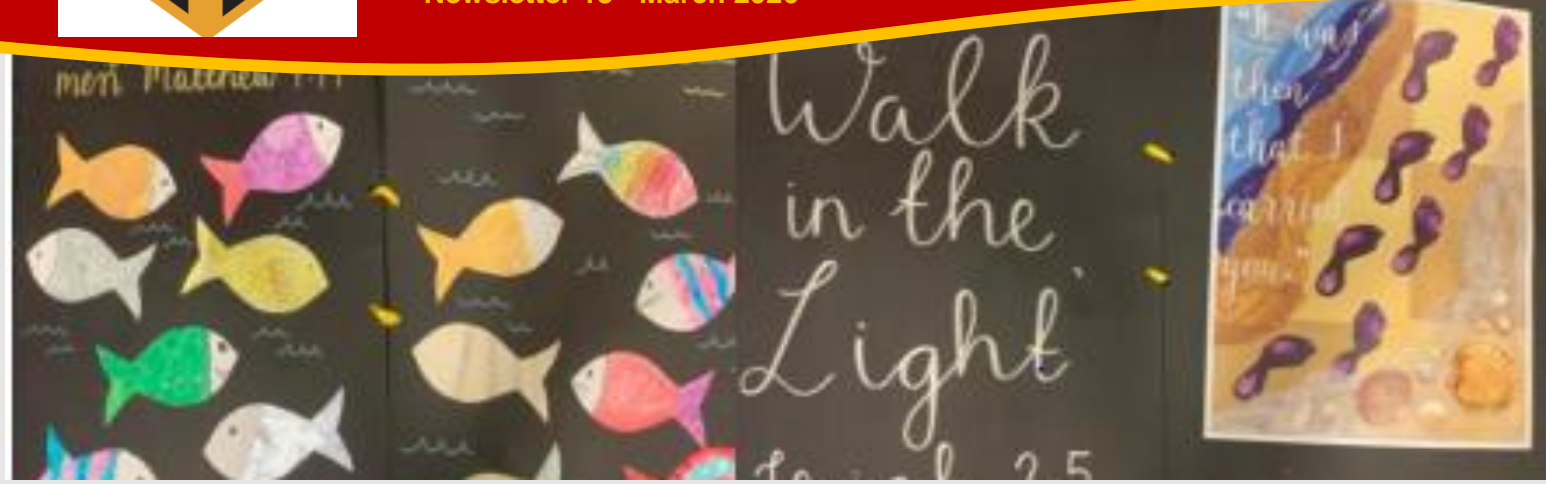


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 13th March 2026



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderful week in school with lots of enriching activities for our pupils. Year 1 have been exploring wheels and axles as part of their learning in DT; Year 3 have been learning about mass in their Maths lessons; Year 4 and Year 5 have been enjoying participating in British Science Week challenges. All of this has been alongside a whole school Lent retreat on Monday, a visit to see High School Musical at St Thomas Becket on Tuesday, a 10p Challenge on Wednesday and a PTFA Gift Room on Thursday!

The start of the Solar Panel works is imminent now; please ensure you read the letter sent to all families via MCAS today regarding access to the school site throughout the works. Other than the Drop Off Zone in the mornings, cars are not permitted on site and will not be able to access the front car park from Monday. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Please do join us for our Lent Reflection at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 18th March. An invitation is included at the end of the newsletter.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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A Heart That Sees – Our Whole School Lent Retreat

On Monday, our whole school paused from the normal timetable to take part in a special afternoon retreat called 'A Heart That Sees', led by One Life Music. The retreat gave the children time to stop, reflect and think more deeply about how we are called to love and care for others. Through music, prayer, stories and quiet reflection, the pupils explored what it means to have "a heart that sees" — noticing when others need help and responding with kindness and compassion.

The sessions were engaging and prayerful, and it was wonderful to see the children taking time to reflect on how they can live out their faith in their daily lives.



Term Dates

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](#).

Living out our Lenten Almsgiving

Thank you to all our families and children for your generous donations of toiletries for Gregory Care as part of our Lenten almsgiving. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will make a real difference to people in our local community who need support.



Small Coins, A Big Difference!

Our 10p challenge was a very enjoyable event on Wednesday; thankfully the sun was shining! We have raised a brilliant £169.57 for Mary's Meals!

St Oscar Romero Class donated the highest number of coins in the school: 270 to be exact!

The highest total amount was raised by St Claudine Class at £28.83.

St Brigid Class raised an amazing £1.37 per person!

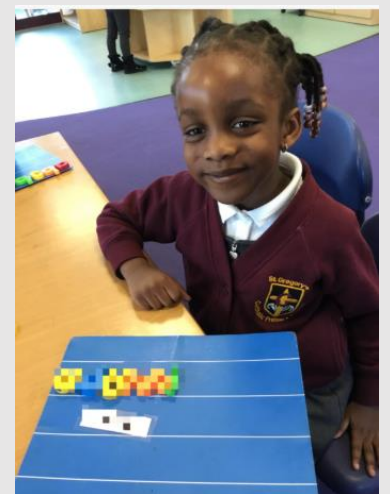


Name Writing in our Nursery

The children in Nursery have been busy practising how to form their names correctly. Using their name cards for support, they enjoyed matching and arranging magnetic letters to spell their names.

Some of the children also began sounding out the letters they were using, helping them make the connection between the letters they see and the sounds they hear. It has been lovely to see their growing confidence and pride as they recognise and build their own names.

At Parents' Evening, all Nursery parents were given resources to support their child's writing skills. Please do use these and encourage the children to practise forming their letters ready for Reception!



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A Joyful Celebration: Pupils Lead Music at Parish Mass

A group of our pupils from St Bernadette Class, St Claudine Class and St Catherine of Siena class were invited to lead the music at a special Mass at Sacred Heart parish. The children sang beautifully and represented the school with great maturity and reverence. Special thanks to Ms Campana, Mrs Netherwood and Vera – one of our GIFT Team pupils – who expertly accompanied the children on the piano and violins.

We were delighted to meet Ms Gwen Quinn, a former teacher in our school, who has fond memories of her time at St Gregory's.

Thank you to the parish SVP and Fr Brendan for inviting our pupils to take part in such a meaningful celebration and for being so welcoming; it was a real privilege for the children to contribute and to support this special Mass.



High School Musical Excitement!

St Catherine of Siena Class and St Claudine Class visited St Thomas Becket Catholic School to watch their production of High School Musical Jr. They were captivated by the singing, dancing and acting and gave them a glimpse of life at secondary school and sparked excitement about the opportunities ahead.

Lots of us have been singing the songs they performed for the rest of the week!



Exploring the Poles: Year 6 Workshop

Year 6 were exploring the fascinating worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic in their recent workshop. Through hands-on activities, story telling and creative challenges, the children developed and embedded their knowledge about polar landscape, wildlife and the importance of protecting these fragile environments.

I liked thinking about the challenges that the polar regions face from the extreme conditions.

- Hansel



Spreading Love this Mother's Day

Thank you to the wonderful PTFA who arranged and ran the Gift Room for pupils to select a gift for a special person in their life; it was popular; there were a wonderful selection of gifts for pupils to choose from!

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for mothers who share your love, tenderness and faith with us.

Bless our living mothers with joy and strength and comfort those missing mothers now in heaven.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for all mothers and for us.

Amen.



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British Science Week: Working Scientifically

As part of our learning for British Science Week, St Catherine of Siena class have carried out an investigation to find the best design for a paper aeroplane. After group discussion about the different forces that might affect their plans, each child made their own paper aeroplane using a variety of styles and designs and tested them by throwing them. They also took time to modify their planes to see how it might alter the distance the plane travelled. The children greatly enjoyed seeing how they could adapt their plane in real time and test how far they could go!



LENTEN REFLECTION

Based on the Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join pupils from the Northampton OLICAT Schools on their Lenten journey: Take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection, prayer and music.



Wednesday 18th March 2026

5.00pm - 6.00pm
FREE TO ATTEND

**The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of
Canterbury
NN2 6AG**



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