

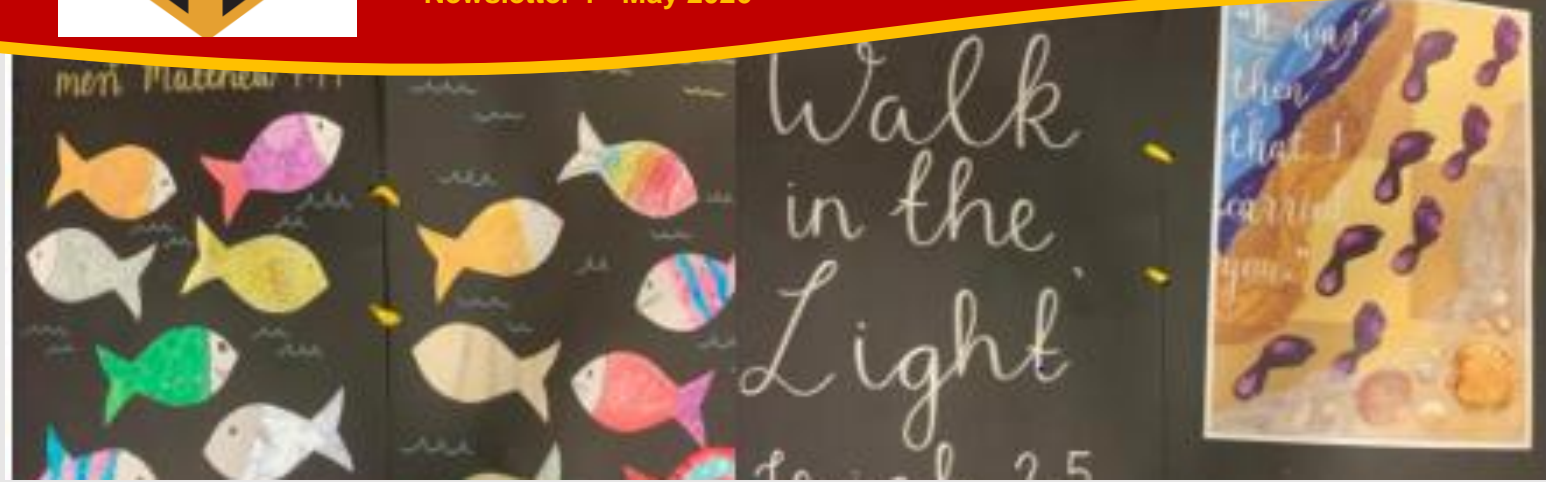


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 1st May 2026



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been lots happening in school again this week, with lots to celebrate! We had a record number of Headteacher Awards given in our Celebration and Worship time this morning; it is always wonderful to celebrate the children's fantastic learning behaviours, effort, progress and outcomes.

Earlier this week, we welcomed M&M Productions for a performance of Pinocchio. Mutsa shared: *'The story was perfectly re-told by M&M Productions and it included lots of humour! I loved when Pinocchio turned into a real boy; you could really tell that he learned an important lesson about telling the truth and making good choices. The actors were very energetic and played multiple characters, which I thought was impressive.'* Read more about the production on the next page.

On Tuesday, we have the May Procession where we crown our statues of Mary for the month of May. We ask the children to all bring a flower to present to Mary. Please do feel free to share bunches between families!

We hope you enjoy the longer Bank Holiday weekend!

**Best wishes,
Miss Marum**

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Year 3 begin their Roman Adventure

To begin our 'Emperors and Empires' unit of learning, Year 3 became Roman investigators, closely inspecting a range of Roman artefacts, including jewellery, coins, maps, posters and weapons. They completed a variety of activities including observing, sketching, questioning, and inferring all about life during the Roman times. Just like real historians.

Merit: "I enjoyed sketching the Roman jewellery because it looked so different"

James: "I had fun learning about the Roman leaders like Julius Caesar"

Anna-Rose: "I loved looking at the Roman coins and sketching them"



Term Dates

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 June 2026

Term ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Find full term dates [here](#).

Growing our Sunflowers

This week, Reception have been learning how to grow plants from seeds. Each child planted a sunflower seed and they are exploring how to care for it as it grows. The children have also been learning to name the different parts of a plant, including the roots, stem, petals and flower. We are excited to watch our sunflowers grow!



Pinocchio Comes to Life!

Michelle: "I loved how creative the production was; they used a fantastic tool to create the illusion of Pinocchio's nose growing. We got the chance to go behind the scenes to see how they created it!"

Rory: "Year 6 had the opportunity to go behind the scenes and explore the mechanics of the production. We learned how they manage to change costumes so quickly by layering their costumes on top of each other and use Velcro to take them off so quickly. It was all very fun and exciting."

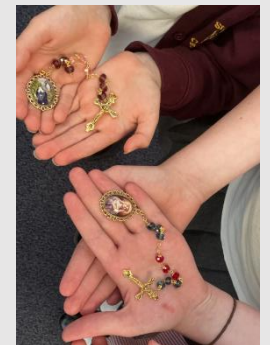
Samira: "I loved the blue fairy. She commanded the room and had a fantastic costume."

A Special Blessing: Receiving our Novena Packs

We were delighted to receive special novena packs, blessed by Fr Christopher, at Mass on Sunday. These beautiful novena packs are put together by Janet Northing and contain a beautiful

handmade chaplet for each class, prayer card and image of each of our Class Saints. Class representatives (from either the GIFT Team or Worship Leader Team) collected these in special ceremony as part of our Celebration and Worship time this morning and are now the guardians of keeping these packs safe on their prayer focus in their classroom.

Our GIFT Team will be looking at these more closely in their sessions and will help lead each class in praying a novena.



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Immaculate Mary

our hearts are on fire...



Our May Procession

Tuesday 5th May

We ask that each pupil brings a **flower** to school to place with Mary as we crown her as 'Queen of the May' as part of our May Procession during the school day.

(you may choose to buy a bunch between groups of families so each child has one stem to bring into school)



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YEAR 6 BREAKFAST CLUB



JOIN US FOR COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY 11TH MAY-THURSDAY 14TH MAY
8.20AM IN THE YEAR 6 COMMON ROOM



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The PTFA will be hosting discos in the School Hall on

Thursday 21st May

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 and sweet bag included

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 and drink included.

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

£4 per child

Please send payment via Bank Transfer separately for each child that wishes to attend by Monday 18th May 2026.

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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