



St Gregory's Newsletter

Prayer & Liturgy

Dear God,

*As we journey through Lent and move closer to Easter,
help us to think about how we can be kinder, more patient, and more
helpful to others.*

*Help us to make good choices, to forgive when things go wrong,
and to notice the needs of people around us.*

*May this special time remind us to share, to care, and to grow in love,
following the example of Jesus each day.*

Amen.

Class Masses this term:

Wednesday 11th March – Year 4

Wednesday 25th March – Year 3

Class Masses will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 9:30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join. We hope to see you there and thank you for your support.



Look below to see what was happening in school at the start of 2026!

A special thank you to Alfie, Arsam, Orla and Isabella in Year 6 for spending their break and lunch times last week carrying out research to find out what has been happening across school.

Class Mass and Prayer & Liturgy

Class Mass and Prayer & Liturgy continue to be special moments of reflection for our children. One pupil shared, *"I like when we talk about God and how to follow in his footsteps,"* showing how these times help children think about faith and how it guides their actions each day. During Prayer & Liturgy, the children enjoy gathering together in a calm and thoughtful space, with one child explaining, *"I like to sit down in a circle."* Another appreciated the peaceful ending, saying, *"I like it when we leave in our own time at the end."* These moments provide a meaningful opportunity for the children to pray, reflect and grow together as a community.

Sports Competitions we attended last half term



Children across the school have been enjoying taking part in a range of exciting sporting competitions. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 represented the school brilliantly at the Boccia competition. They enjoyed learning the skills involved, with one pupil sharing, *"It was fun when we got to roll the boccia balls,"* and another proudly adding, *"It was good because we got 2nd place."* One participant even commented that *"It was easy to do,"* showing

how quickly they picked up the game. Meanwhile, our Year 1 and 2 pupils had a fantastic time at their Kurling competition, enjoying the challenge of aiming carefully, with one child saying, *"It was fun to aim for the target."* Finally, children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a lively Dodgeball competition, where the excitement was clear as pupils described it as *"really good"* and shared that *"it was fun to take part."* We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and teamwork!



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and wonderful support for our special numbers-themed day in aid of NSPCC. The children looked fantastic in their creative number outfits, and we are delighted to share that, as a school, we raised an amazing £100.80 for this important charity. The day was filled with fun maths-themed activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Pupils shared their excitement, with comments such as, *"It was fun with friends,"* and *"It was amazing to dress up with numbers on."* Others said, *"We enjoyed an activity about 6 and 7,"* *"I really enjoyed the activities on the day,"* and *"I liked the Maths themed questions."* When the children spoke to Mrs Roney about the day, she praised how focused and engaged everyone had been. It was wonderful to see the whole school learning, having fun and supporting such a worthwhile cause.



Year 5 enjoyed making some creative objects linked to their Vikings topic in History.





This half term, our whole school joined together for **Whole School, Same Book**, reading *The Big Umbrella*. Children across all year groups enjoyed exploring the story and its message of kindness and inclusivity. In Year 6, the pupils got extra creative by writing a poem in the shape of an umbrella, showing off their fantastic writing skills. One child shared, "I loved the story," capturing the excitement and enjoyment of the whole school. It was wonderful to see everyone engaging with the book and sharing their thoughts and creativity!



Year 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic time this week taking part in special cookery lessons with visiting staff from **Food for Thought**. The children learned how to prepare and cook a delicious pan of paella, discovering new ingredients, practising safe chopping skills and working together as a team. The classrooms were filled with wonderful smells as the rice, vegetables and spices simmered away! It was a brilliant hands-on experience that helped the children learn more about healthy eating, cooking techniques and food from different cultures – and best of all, they got to enjoy tasting their creations at the end.

One of our Year 3 pupils had a deliciously exciting day in school recently, making one of his favourite meals, *jollof rice*! Not only did he enjoy preparing the flavoursome dish, but he also shared it with both staff and fellow pupils, giving us a chance to taste his wonderful cooking. It was a fantastic way for him to showcase his skills, explore different flavours, and share something special with the school community.



Year 5 have enjoyed participating in Debate Club each week.

What has happened in each year group?

Year 6 children interviewed each class and found out what they had been up to before February half term.

It has been another busy and exciting half term across the school, with lots of fantastic learning taking place in every year group.

Our **2 Year Old Nursery** children have been exploring different colours, shapes and numbers through fun activities and play. They particularly enjoyed getting creative with art linked to Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.



In the **3 Year Old Nursery**, the children have continued to enjoy listening to lots of wonderful stories while practising writing their own names. They have also been working hard on sharing and showing kindness by looking after their friends.

In **Reception**, the children have loved reading stories about superheroes while developing their handwriting skills. In Maths, they have been learning about numbers to 10, including odd and even numbers, as well as comparing different lengths. The children also shared that lunchtime is one of their favourite parts of the day because they enjoy playing with their friends.

Year 1 have been reading the story *Detective Mouse* in English and creating expressive faces during their art lessons. They also had a special visit to church where they met Fr Stephen and enjoyed a guided tour of the building. In Geography, they have been learning about different continents, countries and oceans, while in PSHE they explored the topic of dreams and goals.

Year 2 pupils have been busy learning about multiplication in Maths and comparing the countries of the United Kingdom and Kenya in Geography. They also enjoyed completing a range of creative art activities.

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed all of their topics last half term, particularly English, Maths and Geography, and showed great enthusiasm in their lessons.



In **Year 4**, pupils explored myths in English and produced some fantastic descriptive writing about monsters. In History, they studied the Transatlantic Slave Trade and approached this important topic with maturity and respect.

Year 5 had a very exciting day learning about the Viking Age with a special visitor who came to school dressed as a Viking. The children especially enjoyed re-enacting a battle scene in the school hall! They have also been learning about forces in Science and the Anglo-Saxon period in Britain in History.

Finally, **Year 6** have been studying *On the Origin of Species* in English and have begun booster sessions as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. In PE, they enjoyed playing tennis with the LFC Foundation. The whole class has been working incredibly hard as they get ready for these important assessments, and we are very proud of their dedication and effort.



Don't forget to keep looking at your child's Class Dojo Story to see what is happening weekly in class.