

Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 3rd October 2025 (A)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 th Form Celebration of the Word Hall	Year 11 Celebration of the Word Hall	Year 10 Celebration of the Word Hall	Whole School Reading Slot	PSHE
Year 9 Celebration of the Word Gym	Year 8 Celebration of the Word Gym	Year 7 Celebration of the Word Gym	OPEN EVENING 3:00pm to 8:00pm	Superhero Day for Jack

Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 22nd September 2025

Gold – 7B
Silver – 9B
Bronze – 11B

Commendations -Form points for week beginning 22nd September 2025

Gold – 9A
Silver – 7H
Bronze – 8J

OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday. Students will finish school at 12:30pm on this important day in our school year.

The event will begin at 3:00pm and end at 8:00pm.

Thank you in advance for the support of your child if they are one of the many helping out on the evening.

SUPERHERO DAY

Superhero day will take place on Friday. During this exciting day, our students will take part in activities related to superheroes, a great love of our former student Jack, who tragically passed away during the summer holidays.

A suggested minimum donation of £5.00 from each family will go towards our school's campaign to raise funds for Noah's Ark Hospice where Jack was cared for so compassionately in the final days of his life.

Thank you so much for your support so far. With over £1000 raised already via ParentPay, we look forward to helping this fantastic charity continue their vital work.

Sunday 28th September - Gospel Focus

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

"My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."

Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Gospel Reflection

At St Gregory's, we encourage our children to live with compassion and kindness, just as Jesus taught. In this Gospel passage, we are reminded of the rich man who ignored Lazarus, a poor man at his very gate. He had the chance to help but chose comfort over care.

Lazarus reminds us that even those who are unseen or forgotten matter deeply to God. Jesus warns us not to close our hearts to those in need. As parents and carers, we too are called to notice those around us who may need our time, encouragement, or support.

This passage invites us to teach our children, by word and by example, that love is shown in small daily choices: choosing generosity over convenience, kindness over indifference and care over comfort. God calls us to see the dignity in every person, no matter their situation.

May our families at St Gregory's be known not only for learning, but for love. Let us live each day with open eyes, open hands, and an open heart.

Dear Lord,

Help us to notice those in need around us.

Give our families hearts that are generous and kind.

Teach us to guide our children to love as You love.

Amen.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

This half term at St Gregory's, we continue our focus on the Catholic Social Teaching of "Care for Creation." As parents, carers and families, we are stewards of God's creation, entrusted with the responsibility to care for the Earth, our common home. God has given us this beautiful world not to exploit, but to protect and share with one another.

Pope Francis reminded us in *Laudato Si'* that caring for creation is an act of love, love for God, for our neighbours, and for future generations. The way we use resources such as food, water, and energy has real consequences, especially for the poorest communities who are most affected by climate change.

As parents, carers and families, we can guide our children by example: recycling, reducing waste, walking or cycling when possible, and appreciating the gifts of nature together. Creation is not only the environment, it includes people, animals, oceans, and skies. When we care for creation, we honour God's gifts and help build a hopeful future for our children.

At St Gregory's, let us be a community that chooses to live wisely, love deeply, and protect our world boldly.

Creator God,
Thank You for the gift of our beautiful world.
Help our families to protect the Earth with love and respect.
Inspire us to make choices that care for people and the planet.
May we guide our children to follow Jesus by living simply and acting justly.
Amen.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the "Month of the Holy Rosary," a special time in the Church when we focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary said "yes" to God with great faith and trust. She shows us how to listen to God and how to live with love and care for others.

At St Gregory's, the children will be taking time this month to reflect on Mary's example of faith. Through the Rosary, we are invited to reflect on the life of Jesus with Mary by our side, helping us grow closer to Him. Fr Brendan will also be leading the Rosary in the Chapel each week, giving the children a chance to pause, pray, and strengthen their friendship with God.

As parents, carers and families, October is also a reminder for us to look to Mary in our own lives. She is a mother to us all, listening to our prayers and bringing them to Jesus. When life feels busy or uncertain, Mary gently guides us with hope and peace.

May this month be for our families a time of stillness, prayer, and kindness.

Let us follow Mary's example of faith and trust, and help our children do the same.

Loving God,
We thank You for the gift of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
We are grateful for her faith, trust, and love.
Through her example, teach us to say "yes" to Your will.

May her life guide us closer to You each day.
We praise You for giving us Mary as our mother and model of faith.

Amen