

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 16th January 2026 (B)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Celebration of the Word – Years 7 and 8 – Hall	Celebration of the Word – Years 11, 12 and 13 – Hall	Celebration of the Word – Years 9 and 10 – Hall	Whole School Reading Slot Year 11 Parents Evening – 4:00pm-6:30pm	PSHE

Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 5th January 2026

Gold – 7A

Silver – 7H

Bronze – 7J

Commendations -Form points for week beginning 5th January 2026

Gold – 7M

Silver – 7J

Bronze – 7B

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

This week at St Gregory's, we continue to focus on our half-term theme of human dignity. Our Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that every person has worth and value simply because they are human. In the Genesis accounts of creation, we hear that God created humanity in love and declared creation to be good.

Genesis also tells us that we are made in the "*Imago Dei*", the image and likeness of God. This means that every person reflects something of God's love, creativity, and goodness. Because of this, human dignity is not earned by success, popularity, or ability, but is a gift from God.

In school, respecting human dignity means treating classmates and staff with kindness, fairness, and patience. It challenges us to stand up for others, especially when someone is ignored or treated unfairly.

At home, it invites us to show respect through our words, actions, and willingness to forgive.

By recognising the image of God in ourselves and others, we help build a community rooted in love and respect.

Sunday 11th January - Gospel Focus

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Gospel Reflection

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus chooses to step into the water like everyone else, showing us that true strength begins with humility.

Even though he is God's Son and a person of the Trinity, he does not put himself above others, reminding us that no one is too important to learn or to grow.

The voice from heaven tells Jesus who he truly is: loved, chosen, and pleasing to God.

This is something all of us at Gregory's must consider, before exams, matches, friendships, or challenges.

Our worth does not come from success or popularity, but from being known and loved by God.

Like Jesus, we are invited to do what is right, even when it feels difficult or unnoticed.

As we live each day, may we remember that we are God's beloved children, called to reflect his love in how we treat others.

Loving God,

Thank you for reminding us that we are your beloved children.

Help us to grow in humility and courage, like Jesus.

When we doubt ourselves, help us hear your voice of love and encouragement.

Guide us to do what is right in our lives and in our friendships.

May our lives reflect your love each day.

Amen.