

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 17th October 2025 (A)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 th Form Celebration of the Word Hall	Year 7 and 8 Eco Celebration of the Word/Assembly Hall	Year 10 Celebration of the Word Hall	Whole School Reading Slot	PSHE
Year 9 Celebration of the Word Gym	Year 11 Celebration of the Word Gym			

Attendance – The top attending forms for week beginning 6th October 2025

Gold – 9M

Silver – 7A

Bronze – 7L

Commendations -Form points for week beginning 6th October 2025

Gold – 8J

Silver – 8L

Bronze – 8M

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

As we reach the final week of this half term, we invite you to join us in reflecting on our shared responsibility as stewards of God’s creation.

The Catholic Social Teaching of *Care for Creation* reminds us that the Earth is a gift entrusted to us, not something to own, but something to protect and nurture. In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis called us to care for “our common home” and to take meaningful steps to safeguard our environment for future generations.

Catholic organisations like CAFOD and Caritas work globally to defend the environment and support those affected by climate change. Similarly, groups such as Greenpeace and WWF also strive to protect our natural world and endangered species. While approaches may differ, the mission is shared: to care for the planet and the people who live on it.

At St. Gregory’s, we encourage our pupils to play their part, however small, in this important work. Small acts like recycling, reducing waste, and saving energy help foster habits of care, gratitude, and responsibility. We know that these values are strengthened when nurtured at home as well as at school.

Creation is sacred. As parents and educators, we are called to model how to care for it with love and respect.

As we end this half term, may we do so with a renewed commitment, as a school and family community, to live responsibly and walk gently on the Earth.

Dear Lord,

As we enter the last week of this half term, help us to stay focused on our calling to care for your creation.

You have blessed us with a world full of beauty, teach us to protect it with love and respect.

May we be inspired by the work of organisations, both Catholic like CAFOD and non-Catholic like Greenpeace, who defend our planet.

Guide us to make choices each day that honour your gift and show our care for our common home.

Amen.

Sunday 12th October - Gospel Focus

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.'

When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.'

And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Gospel Reflection

This Gospel story reminds us of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives. Out of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one returned to thank Him and he was a Samaritan, someone seen as an outsider. This highlights that thankfulness isn't about status or background, but about the posture of our hearts.

As parents, we are often deeply aware of the blessings in our lives, especially our children, and this story invites us to pause and reflect on how we express our gratitude. Like the one who returned, we are all called to recognise and give thanks for the support, care, and love we receive each day.

At St. Gregory's, we encourage our students to live with thankful hearts. But this journey also begins at home. When children see gratitude lived out by their families, through words, actions, and appreciation, it becomes part of their own character. Together, as a school and family community, we can model the value of gratitude: giving thanks not only with our words, but through how we live, serve, and support one another.

May we, like the healed man in the Gospel, always return to give thanks, and may our faith be visible not just in what we say, but in what we do.

Dear Lord,

Help us to always be thankful, like the Samaritan man.

Open our eyes to the blessings around us each day.

Teach us to show love through our gratitude.

May our faith shine through in all we do.

Amen