

Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 18th September 2026 (A)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Augustine House Celebration of the Word – Hall Benedict House Celebration of the Word – Hall	Bernadette House Celebration of the Word – Hall Hume House Celebration of the Word – Gym	Joseph House Celebration of the Word – Hall Mary House Celebration of the Word – Gym	Whole School Reading	PSHE

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will continue this week in the Chapel on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00am, led by our Chaplain, Fr Brendan in the chapel. Please encourage your children to attend.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Reflection

As we begin this new half term, we are turning our hearts and minds to one of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Care for Creation. Over the coming weeks, we will reflect more deeply on what it means to respect, protect, and nurture the world that God has given us.

At St Gregory's, this principle is more than just a topic of discussion it is a call to action. We believe that creation is a gift from God, and with that gift comes responsibility. As stewards of the Earth, we are invited to care not only for the environment, but also for all people and creatures who share our common home.

This teaching challenges us to consider how our choices, whether big or small, impact the world around us. From how we treat the building and playgrounds of our school, to how we use energy and resources, and even the way we think about waste and sustainability, *Care for Creation* must shape our daily decisions.

Pope Francis reminded us in *Laudato Si'* that "everything is connected." What happens to the Earth affects us all, especially the poor and vulnerable, who are often the first to suffer the effects of environmental damage. That's why *Care for Creation* isn't just about nature, it's about justice, compassion, and love.

As a school community, let us open our eyes to the beauty of God's creation, and let that inspire us to make thoughtful, respectful choices. May this principle guide us, not just this half term, but always, as we grow in faith, wisdom, and responsibility.

Gospel Focus

Matthew 18:21-25

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

Reflection

Last Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has done something wrong against him. Jesus teaches that forgiveness should not have a limit. He encourages us to forgive others again and again, just as God continually forgives us.

As we begin this new school year at St Gregory's, this is an important message for all of us. We will sometimes make mistakes, say things we regret, or hurt others without meaning to. We may also find ourselves needing to forgive someone who has upset us. Jesus reminds us that forgiveness can help us to move forward rather than allowing anger or resentment to grow.

Forgiving someone does not mean that what happened was unimportant. Instead, it means choosing not to hold on to anger and being willing to give someone the opportunity to put things right. When we forgive, we can help to repair friendships, rebuild trust, and create a more peaceful community.

As we begin this new year, let us remember that God is always ready to forgive us. Let us try to follow His example by showing patience, understanding and forgiveness towards others.

Prayer

Loving Father,
Thank You for the love and forgiveness You show us each day.
Help us to forgive others when they make mistakes or hurt us.
Give us patience when we feel angry, and help us to choose understanding instead of holding on to resentment.
Teach us to be humble enough to recognise our own mistakes and to ask others for forgiveness when we have done wrong.
Guide us at St Gregory's to be a community where people are given the chance to learn, grow and put things right.
May we follow the example of Jesus by showing forgiveness, kindness and compassion to everyone we meet.
Amen.

