Parent Newsletter

Week Ending: 20th November 2026 (B)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Celebration of the Word – Anti-Bullying Week – 6th Form and Year 9	Celebration of the Word – Anti-Bullying Week – Year 8 and Year 10	Celebration of the Word – Anti-Bullying Week – Year 10 and Year 7	Whole School Reading	PSHE Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week

Attendance - The top attending forms for week beginning 2nd November 2026
Gold – 10B
Silver – 9A
Bronze – 9L

Commendations - Form points for week beginning 2nd November 2026
Gold – 9J
Silver – 8B
Bronze – 7L

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

This half term, we continue our focus on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Peace, building on last week's reminder that we are one human family, called to stand together with those who are forgotten or treated unfairly.
Solidarity invites us not just to feel concern for others, but to act with compassion, courage, and unity in our daily lives.
Peace, as we learned before, is more than avoiding conflict, it is choosing love, justice, and respect in every situation.
Organisations like Pax Christi show us what this looks like in the world today, working for reconciliation, non-violence, and dignity for all people.
Their mission reminds us that peace begins with ordinary choices: listening, forgiving, including others, and challenging what is harmful or unjust.
At St Gregory's, we can live this out by building friendships that welcome everyone, supporting those who feel left out, and speaking up for fairness in our school community.
When we work together in kindness and unity, we become peacemakers, students who reflect Christ's love in every classroom, corridor, and conversation.
Solidarity moves us to see Christ in each person we meet and to choose actions that strengthen harmony in our school and beyond.

Gospel Focus
Matthew 25:14-30
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he

went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master trusts his servants with gifts, each "according to his ability". The faithful ones use what they have been given, and the master says, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The one who hides his talent out of fear misses the chance to do good.

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. Every student at St Gregory's has been given talents: kindness, humour, courage, a listening ear, a voice. We can use them to build others up, or we can bury them out of fear of speaking up or standing out.

Being a good and faithful servant means welcoming the new student, including someone left out, speaking up for a friend and telling a trusted adult when something is wrong. Small acts of kindness grow, and no one should feel alone at St Gregory's.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gifts you have given each of us at St Gregory's.

Help us to use our talents to encourage, include and protect one another, and never to hurt or ignore.

Give courage to those afraid to speak up, comfort to those hurting, and kindness to us all.

May our school be a place where everyone belongs.

Amen.