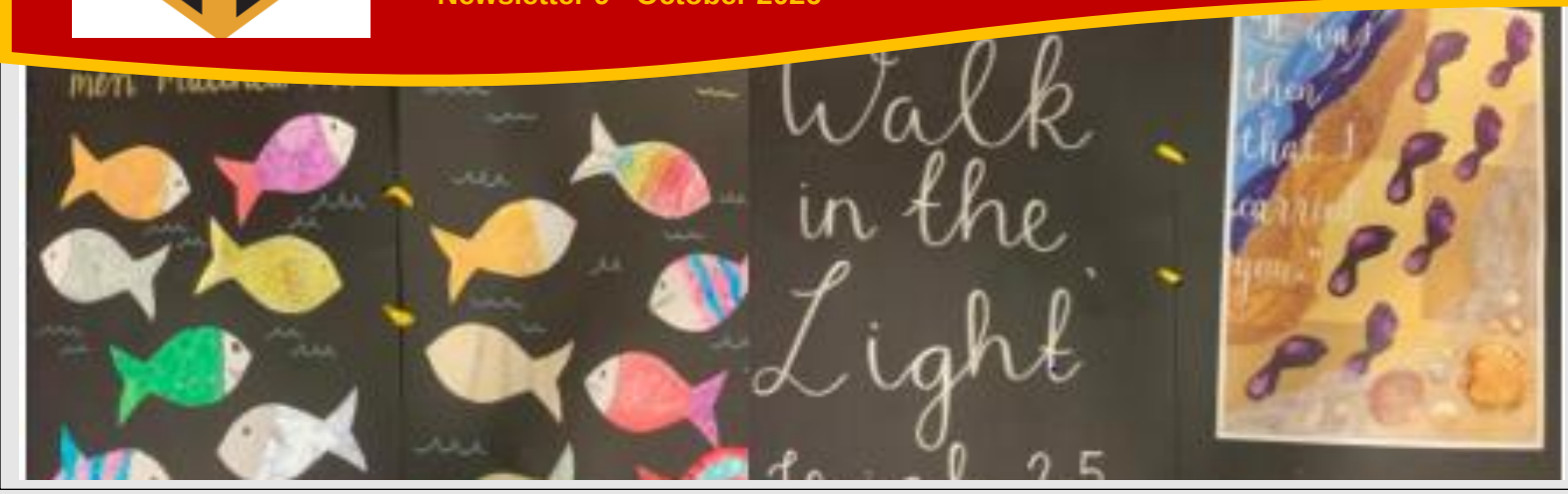
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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum…

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at St Gregory's with lots happening both inside and outside the classroom.

It was a pleasure taking the Year 5 and Year 6 members of our GIFT Team to St Mary's Catholic Church in Dunstable today. They represented our school beautifully and enjoyed meeting lots of new people and seeing all of the different school uniforms from the other schools around our diocese.

A reminder that if you wish to order from Cauliflower Cards, your child's design must be returned to school by **Wednesday 14th October**.

I remind parents and families again to please park mindfully at the end of the school day and ensure that you are not parking on double yellow lines or on the gardens of residents. Thank you to all families who park safely and respectfully each day.

We hope you enjoy the weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,
Miss Marum

Growing in Faith, Caring for Creation

The Year 5 and Year 6 members of our GIFT Team, who help to lead the Catholic ethos of our school, were commissioned in their roles at Mass this morning, by Canon Michael, Vicar General of our Diocese. Canon Michael gave a very engaging homily about St Francis and encouraged all the children present (as well as the adults) to look to the life and work of St Francis as inspiration of how we can live.



It was a wonderful morning and gave the opportunity for our children to see lots of other children from the Catholic schools across our diocese. Each school was gifted an ornamental bird box as a reminder of our role in the care for God's wonderful creation.

Term Dates

Advent Term 2026

Term starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Term ends: Friday 23rd October 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026-Friday 30th October 2026

Term starts: Monday 2nd November 2026

INSET Day: Friday 27th November 2026

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Find full term dates here.

School Photos!

The school photographer from Tempest will be in school on Wednesday 21st October for individual and sibling photographs.

Please ensure all children are on time to school on this day and wearing full school uniform, including their burgundy school sweatshirt or cardigan to school – children must not wear PE Kit.

We will advise which day Reception and Year 6 should wear PE Kit in the final week of the half term via a letter to the class.

The Ten Commandments

Year 5 have been studying 'Creation and Covenant' and have been making links between the Ten Commandments and Jesus' summary of the law in Matthew's Gospel.



The children have spent time working in group reflecting on the commandments, discussing which ones are focused on loving God and which focus on loving our neighbour.

Opening Eyes, Inspiring Minds and Building Confidence

Last week, the girls in Year 6 visited Northampton School for Girls to take part in a STEM afternoon.

Yesterday was very aspirational. Before the visit, I didn't think Science was a career path for me but this really opened my eyes into the world of STEM and Science. We all need courage to achieve our dreams. – Earleen

It was really inspiring to see how Woman have been so influential within the world of Science. It has showed us that we can invent the future of Science. – Anna

It opened my eyes to how exciting Science can really be. We watched gas be set on fire and it was fascinating to see all the chemical changes right in front of our eyes! – Vera



Meanwhile, the boys remained in school and enjoyed a very enriching Sports afternoon with Mr H from Sporty Scholars and participated in several activities including archery and zorbing! Thank you to the PTFA for sponsoring this.

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