

GIFT Team Report 2025-2026

The role of the GIFT team is to help each person in our school to live out our school mission to follow Jesus' teachings. We do this by leading prayer groups and organising fundraising to help people in need. Here are the things we have done this year:

Autumn:

- This autumn term, we had a harvest collection for the food bank at The Olive Branch. Each class brought in different types of food. We also had a harvest celebration in the Cathedral.
- At lunchtime (11:30 for Y3/4 & 12:00 for Y5/6), the GIFT team held a Rosary Prayer Group. This included prayers and 10 Hail Marys, using Rosary beads.
- In Advent, for £1 or more, the whole school wore their Christmas jumpers. We did this to raise money for Lancaster Homeless Action who help people who are homeless all across Lancaster. We raised £376.80.

Spring:

- The first thing we did in spring was a hot chocolate day to raise money for the parish heating fund. The GIFT Team carefully made the hot chocolates, seeing if people wanted whipped cream or marshmallows on their hot chocolates. Each cost £1 or more. We raised £390.78 for the parish.
- At lunch times, during Lent, the GIFT team held a Stations of the Cross prayer time for Key Stage 2.

- During Lent, we did the Big Lent Walk, had a Brighten Up Spring home clothes day and organised an Easter Egg Raffle. We made a whopping £613.27 for CAFOD.

Summer:

- This summer we did another Rosary prayer group for Mary when we were in the month of May.
- During Refugee Week, we organised a home clothes day for £1 or more to raise money to give to Global Links who help refugees and asylum seekers in Lancaster.
- Finally, we are having a food collection for The Olive Branch. They will give this food to people who need it in our local area.

Thank you for all your support!

-The Gift Team.