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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome back

It has been an absolute delight to welcome all children and families back to school this week. The children look so smart in their uniforms and they have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

Each week in the newsletter we will share news and events and celebrate the learning and achievements of the children.

## Staffing Update

We would like to give a big welcome to Mr Slezak who has joined the team as our new site manager. I'm sure you will see lots of him as you drop off and collect your children.

Miss Cordingley left us this week and we would like to thank her for all she did at Our Lady and wish her all the best as she moves on to her new role.

## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mrs Petty on the birth of her son this week. All are doing well and we look forward to meeting him soon.

I had a great week.

(Emmanuel Y5)

## School Virtues

Self-control      Courage      Hope

Love      Justice      Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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I loved learning about  
Saint Mother Teresa.  
(Inara, Year 3)

## Gospel Assemblies

Each Monday at 3pm our celebration of the word or assembly is based around the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

These will be lead by the children and we invite all parents and parishioners to join us each week.

Next weeks celebration of the word will be lead by a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6.

## Meet the teacher

Next week we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions. This will give class teachers the opportunity to share important information about the class with you. The dates and times for each class are below.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 1 3.30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 3.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 3 3.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 3.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 3.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Year 2 3.30pm

I loved making the birthday  
card.

(Eva, Reception)

## RSHE parents meeting

On Thursday 12th September there will be a drop in session for parents to find out more about the RSHE programme being taught in school across all year groups.



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## Open Days for September 2025

We were really pleased to welcome twenty new starters into our Reception class this year. This was a big increase on the ten children who started with us last year.

We will be holding open days for any parents who are interested in bringing their children to us to start in September 2025.

Please pass on these dates and times to anybody you know who would be interested in finding out more about our school.

Friday 8th November

9.30am to 10.30am

2.30pm to 3.30pm

Friday 15th November

9.30am to 10.30am

2.30pm to 3.30pm

I felt happy and excited to come back to school.

(Paris, Year 1)

## St George's Open Days

Please find below the dates of open days at St George's Academy.

### Year 6

- Year 6 Open Morning (Ruskington Campus) – Tuesday 1 October 2024
- Year 6 Open Morning (Sleaford Campus) – Wednesday 2 October 2024
- Year 6 Induction Day (Both campuses) – Friday 27 June 2025

### Year 5

- Year 5 Open Evening (Ruskington Campus) – Tuesday 1 July 2025
- Year 5 Open Morning (Ruskington Campus) – Wednesday 2 July 2025
- Year 5 Open Evening (Sleaford Campus) – Wednesday 2 July 2025
- Year 5 Open Morning (Sleaford Campus) – Thursday 3 July 2025

I was told I was one of the smartest children in the class. (Harry Y6)



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A fun, lovely and enjoyable time.

(Esme, Year 4)

## Wraparound care

As you aware, we made some changes to booking process for wraparound care. Unfortunately, we have been experiencing some technical issues with the booking system.

We believe that the system should now be running as intended.

Thanks for your patience.

## PE Kit

Could we please ask that children do not come to school in their PE kit. We would like them to bring their PE kit in each week and they will get changed before and after their PE lesson.

Amazing week because I have had so many raffle tickets.

(Ralphey, Year 2)

## In the Parish

Mass on Monday 9th September will be in school at 10.15 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Thursday 12th September Bishop Patrick is coming to celebrate Mass and present Andrew Hunt with the orders of acolyte and reader. This is the next step in his journey to ordination as a Permanent Deacon. Mass will be at 19.00 with refreshments to follow in the hall.

It would be great if we could have a full church to be in solidarity with Andrew on this important day for him.

Next Sunday (15th) following the 10.00 Mass there will be Exposition and Benediction. This is to celebrate the Eucharistic Congress taking place in Ecuador. Bishop Patrick has asked all parishes in the Diocese to participate in this sacred action in support of the Universal Church. Please spend some time with The Lord in silent adoration.



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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	The whole class	For settling in so well during their first week of school
Year 1	Mylah	Being a great helper, showing respect for her classroom. She has been on had to tidy resources away and helped others tidy things.
	Ellis	Super contributions in all lessons. Ellis has been able to recall some new key vocabulary already.
Year 2	Rosie	Putting 100% effort into her learning and trying her best at all times. Rosie keeps going when she finds something tricky and is always proud of her success.
	Violet	Making a brilliant start to Year 2. Violet is polite, keen and helpful to everyone in class.
Year 3	The whole class	Only on their second day as Year 3, they presented to the whole school all they had learned about Saint Mother Teresa. They showed courage and confidence and the whole school was proud.
Year 4	Ethan	Showing tick behaviours of an active learner and for his fantastic effort with his handwriting and presentation in all his lessons.
	Amelia	Superb attitude to learning. Amelia has given 100% effort in all her lessons this week. She is an active learner every day and has made a great start to the year.
Year 5	Laura	Returning to school with a positive attitude and confidently reading aloud during our whole class guided reading session.
	Sadaf	Volunteering and successfully reading aloud during our whole class guided reading lesson.
Year 6	Thomas	For being an active learner and trying his best.
	Angel	For her dedication to her learning in all subjects and being a kind and caring friend.



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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
<b>September</b>	
Monday 9th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Wednesday 11th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 12th	RSHE Parents Meeting 3.30pm
Monday 23rd	School photographs
Friday 27th	50th Anniversary Mass
<b>October</b>	
Tuesday 15th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 16th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 17th	Celebration Assembly
Friday 18th	Retreat Day
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
Sat 19th– Mon 28th	Half Term
Monday 28th	Inset Day
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	<b>First Teaching Day of New Term</b>
<b>November</b>	
Friday 1st	Mass in church 10.15am
Friday 8th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am
Friday 15th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am
Monday 11th	Remembrance Day Service in school 10.45am
Monday 11th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 18th	Parliament Week
Friday 22nd	Celebration of Learning Day 8.30am to 9.30am



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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
<b>December</b>	
Monday 16th	Carol singing at Tesco
Thursday 12th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 13th	Pantomime
Tuesday 17th	Nativity afternoon 2pm
Wednesday 18th	Nativity evening 5pm
Friday 13th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 20th	KS2 Carol Service – 2pm
<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>January</b>	
Monday 6th	INSET day
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>First Teaching Day of New Term</b>