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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had a great first full week back and the children are already settled into their classes and showing fantastic learning behaviours.

Each week we will get the thoughts of the children in school. Please look out for the speech bubbles to see what the children love about learning at Our Lady.

Year 6 Writers

Last years Year 6 pupils were entered into a Creative Writing Competition for the 2023-2024 school year. Twelve successful pupils have won this competition. This is an incredible achievement, and we are very proud of the creativity, hard work, and dedication they have shown throughout this process.

As part of this recognition, the pupils' short story will be published in a Young Writers Anthology!

This achievement is a testament to the fact that with determination and effort, anything is possible.

Coben	Noah	Ava
Maja	Tia	Tally
Hadia	Aimee	Hayden
Caitlin	Daisy	Hugo

I am so happy that I am a Mini Vinnie.

(Evie Year 5)

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Miss Osborn makes lessons fun.

(Aara Year 6)

Meet the teacher

It was great to see so many parents and carers at Meet the Teacher this week.

Please remember that class teachers are always available at the classroom door at the start and end of the day.

They will also message you and send reminders via Class Dojo.

Gospel Assemblies

Our Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from the Shining Stars. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

When I mixed red and green it made purple.

(Iris Reception)

I was very excited about my spelling test.

(Harry Year 2)

Curriculum Newsletter

You will soon be receiving a curriculum newsletter from your child's class teacher. This will provide details of the subjects they will be studying during the first half term.



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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 have really loved learning my six times tables.

(George Year 3)

I have learned lots about vertebrates and invertebrates.

(Daniel Year 4)

Art was fun and I drew a picture of a cat.

(Harry Year 1)

Playground equipment

Could we please ask that children do not play on the playground equipment at the beginning and end of the day. During the day the children are supervised on the gym equipment and on the trim trail.

To ensure the safety of all children please ensure that your children do not use these at the beginning and end of the day.

In the Parish

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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50 years of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the Drove

At the beginning of October we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Good Counsel in our current home on The Drove.

We will be holding a number of events to celebrate the occasion.

Friday 27th September - Bishop Patrick will be visiting school to celebrate Mass.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space we will not be able to invite parents to join us.

Friday 4th October - Through the decades. Each class will decide on a decade from the past 50 years. The children can come to school dressed to represent their chosen decade. They will do activities in the to celebrate the anniversary.

Friday 4th October - Past pupils, families and staff and governors. We would like to 3.30pm to 4.30pm invite any past pupils, families and staff and governors to join us. We will take you on a tour of the school and will have photographs of past pupils and staff.

Please tell any past pupils, families and staff and governors about this event. We would love to see your old photographs if you are happy to bring them into school and share them,.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Tannaya	Being very brave when saying goodbye to mummy in the morning.
	Aidra	Being a superstar at tidy up time.
Year 1	Harry	A super start in phonics. Harry has read some tricky multisyllabic words, known all his set 2 sounds and written some sentences on his own.
	Ansam	Being a kind friend to others, always on hand to demonstrate and support others. Ansam has shown this at break times and in the classroom.
Year 2	Alice	Always being ready to learn and being a kind friend to all in Year 2.
	Joshua J	Trying his best in all lessons. Joshua is keen to learn and answer questions to show his understandings.
Year 3	Richard	Being an active listener all week. Richard has shown determination towards his work and has shown how ready he is to learn.
	Annabel	Quickly learning her 4 times tables and always being ready to shout them out in times tables games.
Year 4	Sree	Fantastic effort in maths. Sree has been an active learner, showing a positive attitude to maths challenges.
	Serenity	Coming back to school with a superb attitude to learning. She is an active learner every day and is a shining example of an Our Lady's child.
Year 5	Adam	Successfully remembering all his spellings in his spelling test this week.
	Leo	Actively participating in all maths lessons. Leo is successfully building on his prior learning and excelling.
Year 6	Layke	Being a role model to all learners around him. He is dedicated to his learning and demonstrates amazing motivation.
	Aqra	Dedication to her learning. Especially in English with reading, she has read a book and quizzed every day.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
September	
Monday 23rd	School photographs
Friday 27th	50th Anniversary Mass
October	
Friday 4th	Through the decades
Friday 4th	3.30pm to 4.30 Past pupils, families and staff and governors
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
Friday 18th	Last Day of Term
Sat 19th– Mon 28th	Half Term
Monday 28th	Inset Day
Tuesday 29th	First Teaching Day of New Term
November	
Friday 1st	Mass in church 10.15am
Friday 8th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Friday 15th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
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 2.30pm to 3.30pm



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Date	Event
December	
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
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term
January	
Monday 6th	INSET day
Tuesday 7th	First Teaching Day of New Term