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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy week in school. Thank you to everyone who came to see the Mardi Gras parade on Tuesday—it was spectacular.

It was lovely to see a number of parents joining us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, you are always welcome.

A huge thank you for all the effort that you went to on World Book Day. We had lots of very creative costumes and it was lovely to talk to the children about the word they had chosen.

## Gospel Assemblies

Our Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 5. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

## Attendance

Everyday in school is important if children are going to achieve their full potential. As such, we will always support families to ensure that children's attendance is as high as possible. We really appreciate all that you do to ensure that your children come to school even when they are feeling a little under the weather. We also understand that there are some days when children are too ill to attend school. In these infrequent cases, please contact the school office as soon as you can to let the team know that your child is ill.

If you need any support or have any queries regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the staff team.

On the next page you will find a table which illustrates the impact of days off and sets out the targets for attendance. Also included are some tips to help children reach the target attendance of above 95%.

## School Virtues

Self-control    Courage    Hope  
Love    Justice    Solidarity



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Equates to <u>2</u> days off a year.	99%	Excellent attendance
Equates to <u>5</u> days off a year.	97%	Good attendance
Equates to <u>10</u> days off a year.	95%	Slight concern
Equates to <u>20</u> days off a year.	90%	Concerned
Equates to <u>30</u> days off a year.	85%	Very concerned

## You can support the school, and your child, to achieve attendance targets by:

Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time.

Contacting school on the first day of any absence.

Informing school of any problems that may impact on your child's attendance, punctuality and learning.

Arrange routine medical appointments outside of school time. If this is not possible, please bring your child in prior to their appointment and ensure they return to school afterwards.

Ensuring children are ready for school by having good morning and bedtime routines.

Consider whether it is appropriate to bring your child into school in the morning if they feel a little under the weather. The school office will contact you if we feel they need to go home.

Ensure that you do not book holidays in term time. Please note: In line with government regulations we are advised not to authorise holidays taken in term time.

If you feel your child is too ill to come to school, please try to provide medical evidence. This can be prescription medication, an appointment card or a prescription.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



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## In the Parish

**LENT 2025. Prayer, fasting, helping those in need.**

Stations of the Cross Friday 7th March and every Friday in Lent at 19.00.

Sundays in Lent: 9th March 16th March 23rd March, 30th March, 6th April, 13th April (Palm Sunday) 19th April Easter Vigil ( 8p.m.) 20th April Easter Sunday (10.00)

### **Dates in March.**

Monday 10th March: Lent Lunch -Parish Hall -12noon.

Saturday 15th March: Women's Breakfast Club Parish Hall 09.00

Sunday 16th March: Little Church, 10.00 Mass

Sunday 23rd March: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, 15.00.

### **Jubilee 2025**

Sunday 9th March: Jubilee of Evangelisation.

Friday 28th March: 24 hours for the Lord. —more information to follow.

Bishop Patrick will be celebrating a Jubilee Station Mass for our Deanery at Our Lady Immaculate, Church, Spalding, 1st April @ 19.00.

A prayer for Pope Francis.

"Lord Jesus, Redeemer of the world, who took upon yourself our pain and carried our suffering in your passion, hear the prayer we offer for our sick brother: grant him trust and revive his hope, that he may be lifted up in body and spirit."



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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Anugraha	For creating an amazing Mardi Gras mask.
	Pearl	For showing great focus and enthusiasm during her maths activities.
Year 1	Mylah	For having a positive week in school. Mylah has consistently tried her best and joined in lots for carpet input. Plus, she has done it all with a smile.
	Harry	For writing some super sentences, by adding the suffix 'ing' to verbs when writing about Baby Bear's adventures.
Year 2	Dallas	For being a brilliant scientist when investigating materials and explaining why grass is alive.
	Jonique	For demonstrating great knowledge of the 2 times table when multiplying and dividing.
Year 3	Jack	For concentrating in lessons and applying his knowledge to all learning.
	Lucy	For her oracy skills. Lucy has taken the time to ensure she speaks clearly and uses a confident voice.
Year 4	Arshitha	For always showing resilience during the fractions topic. She has worked diligently when adding and subtracting fractions.
	Betsy-Rose	For always demonstrating the school virtues, especially the virtue of solidarity by sharing resources and always offering help to peers.
Year 5	Amara	For working hard during maths this week and showing commitment to her learning even when she found maths challenging.
	Nikole	For being a polite and respectful member of the class who always works hard and follows the tick behaviours.
Year 6	Abel	For living out the school virtue of hope by being respectful in prayer during Mass.
	Brielle	For demonstrating the virtue of self-control by recognising the achievements of others in learning.



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## BRONZE LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Nevaeh	Esme	Serenity
Lydia	Katie	Ivy
Emma	Grace	Arabella
George	Lilley	Anna
Matilda	Alice	Evie
Rudy	Lexie	Betsy-Rose
Joel	Dexter	Laura
Aiza	Amara	Alex
Angel	Lucy	Joey
Miriam	Kayla	Annabel
Richard	Ralphey	Logan
Reuben	Tasnim	Gold-Daniel
Logan	Priya	Felicia
Evie	Summer	Amelia
Violet	Vala	Liam
Evie	Reggie	Serghey
Harry	Michael	Emmanuel
Alice	Geona	Daisy
Adam	Joshua	Antonia
Sera	Jonique	Harry



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## BRONZE LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Sree	Liam	Miya
Ezra	Eli	Paris
Ena	Ellis	Harry
Daniela	Elizabeth	Ansam
Erik	Angelin	Daniel
Bea	Omer	Reuben
Edward	Ethan	Max
Rosie	Arshitha	Paul
Ellie	Skyla	

## SILVER LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Ivy	Grace	Matilda	George
Emma	Joey	Katie	Lexie
Arabella	Rudy	Esme	Betsy-Rose
Miriam	Serenity		

## GOLD LEARNER

### ROLL OF HONOUR

GRACE



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**Congratulations to Aara who this week became our first millionaire reader.**

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
March	
Friday 28th	Mother's Day coffee afternoon
April	
Thursday 3rd	Celebration of learning assembly 2.30pm
Friday 4th	Easter presentation 9.30am
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Friday 4th	Last day of term—there will be no after school club on the last day of term.
Tuesday 22nd	First day of new term