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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back

Welcome back to a new school year at Our Lady of Good Counsel. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome back all the children yesterday morning. A huge thank you to you parents and carers for the preparing the children for their return to school. It was fantastic to see the smiling faces and hear the cheerful 'Good mornings' as they arrived looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms.

Staffing Update

We would like to give a big welcome to Miss Dearden who has joined the team as a Teaching Assistant. We are delighted to have her as part of our team.

First Holy Communion

If your child would like to make their First Holy Communion this year could you please talk to Mrs Chawner who will signpost you in the right direction.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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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.

Tuesday 9th Year 1 3.30pm

Tuesday 9th Year 4 3.30pm

Wednesday 10th Year 2 3.30pm

Wednesday 10th Year 5 3.30pm

Thursday 11th Year 3 3.30pm

Thursday 11th Year 6 3.30pm

Gospel Assemblies

Our Gospel Assemblies will continue each Monday at 3pm. Our celebration of the word 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 6.

Uniform Swap Shop

In order to reduce our carbon footprint as a school, we have decided to open a uniform swap shop. This will hopefully help our families and help us to reduce the amount of uniform that is wasted each year. This is located in the main entrance and is free of charge. All you need to do is take what you need and when it no longer fits, wash and iron it and return it to school.

If there is any unnamed uniform in the lost property box at the end of each week, then this will be placed in the shop. So please make sure that all uniforms are clearly named.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

As a school it is our mission to support local and global charities so this year we will be holding a coffee afternoon in aid of McMillan. It will take place on Friday 26th September from 2pm, in the school hall. If you are not able to come along your child could still buy a cake from the stall. Donations of cake would be gratefully received.



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Open Days for September 2026

We were really pleased to welcome our new starters into our Reception class this year.

We will be holding open days for any parents who are interested in bringing their children to us to start in September 2026.

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

Friday 7th November

9.30am to 10.30am

2.30pm to 3.30pm

Monday 10th November

9.30am to 10.30am

2.30pm to 3.30pm

The OLGC shop

As you are aware, the children in all classes are able to earn raffle tickets each day for showing the schools 'tick behaviours'. These are the learning behaviours and conduct that we expect all children to demonstrate in the classroom, around school, on the playground and at lunchtime.

This year we are introducing the OLGC shop. Instead of putting their raffle tickets in a box for a random draw, the children will be able to save up their raffle tickets to use in the shop at the end of each term. There are already a wide range of items to buy and we will be adding to these during the term. We will be asking the children what sort of items they would like to see in the shop.





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In the Parish

Parents who would like their children to receive instruction for First Holy Communion in 2026 should contact Deacon Tony asap. Children should be at least 8 in 2025/26 and be baptised. If your child was baptised in another church, please obtain a certificate of Baptism from that church. Volunteers to help with instruction will be most welcome. Please see Deacon Tony for details.

Wednesday 10th September from 19.00 the Parish Bible study evening begins again. The theme will be the Parables of Jesus. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a Bible and a pen/pencil. It is an opportunity to find out more about our Faith, so please come along.

Little Church –It is hoped to restart Little Church in October for children aged between 3 and 11. Jozef Slezak has very kindly volunteered to run it but would be grateful if other parishioners would like to volunteer to help him. Please contact Deacon Tony if you would like to help. It will be for one Sunday in the month at the 10.00 Mass.

Parish dates:

- Women's breakfast group: The next meeting is Saturday 13th September from 09.00 in the parish hall.
- Sunday 14th September: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction @ 15.00 all welcome.(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
- Feast days in September:
- 3rd Pope St Gregory the Great.
- 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
- 24th Our Lady of Walsingham.
- 27th St Vincent de Paul
- 29th S.S.S. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.
- 30th St Jerome.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
September	
Tuesday 9th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Wednesday 10th	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 11th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 11th	A new school year Mass in school 10.15am
Friday 12th	11+ test in school
Friday 19th	11+ test in school
Monday 22nd	School photographs
Friday 26th	Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm
October	
Thursday 23rd	Celebration Assembly
Friday 24th	Retreat Day
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term—no after school club
	Half Term
November	
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th	First Teaching Day of New Term
Friday 7th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Monday 10th	Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Monday 10th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day Service in school 10.45am
Friday 21st	Harvest Fundraiser
Monday 24th	Parliament Week
Friday 28th	Celebration of Learning Day 8.30am to 9.30am 2.30pm to 3.30pm



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Date	Event
December	
Thursday 11th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 12th	Celebration of learning assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th	Nativity afternoon 2pm
Wednesday 17th	Nativity evening 5pm
Thursday 18th	Party day
Friday 19th	KS2 Carol Service – 9.30am KS2 Carol Service – 2pm
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term—no after school club
January	
Monday 5th	First Teaching Day of New Term