

12th September 2025



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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A big thank you to everyone who attended the meet the teacher events this week. Staff are always available for a quick word at the start and end of the day. If you need to have a longer conversation with a member of staff please contact them through the office and they will arrange an appointment for you.

Gospel Assemblies

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

Morning drop off

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.30am each morning. Children should not be left unsupervised by parents before this time. Breakfast club runs from 7.45am and can be booked in advance through Arbor.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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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

Uniform

The children have come back to school looking incredibly smart. We would like this to continue as it has a positive impact on both their learning and conduct behaviours.

*******REMINDERS*******

Plain black shoes

Shirts tucked in

Clip on ties available

No jewellery

Stud earrings only

If you need any support with uniform, please speak to a member of staff. All families can access the uniform swap shop. 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.

Many thanks for your continued support.



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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:
 - 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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Pupil leaders

Pupil leaders are an incredibly important part of our school. They help to support the mission and virtues of the school, shape the events and activities that happen in school and act as role models for other pupils. During the first two weeks of school the children have been completing application forms, making speeches and casting their votes. We now have our pupil leaders in place for this year.

HEAD PUPILS

Michael
Reuben

PREFECTS

Evie
Gabriella
Jasmine
Priya
Ivy
Vala
Edward
Emmanuel
Amelia
Elaina
Sadaf
Nathan
Zera
Leo
Kane

MINI POLICE

Erik
Poppy
Alex
Lexie
Esme
Antonia
Aiza
Logan
Rudy
Paul

LIBRARIANS

Ivy
Amelia
Elaina
Jasmine
Gabby
Evie
Vala
Laura
Edward
Anna

SPORTS LEADERS

Anna
Felicia
Logan
Dexter
Adam



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SHINING STARS

Harry
Logan
Grace
Miriam
Liam
Ena
Serenity
Daniel
Katie
Betsy
Dexter
Priya
Anna
Ivy

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Joel
Irene
Daniel
Neveah
Grace
Alex
Logan
Harry
Daniela
Tasnim
Bella
Aidra

MINNIE VINNIES

Lydia
Reuben
George
Alex
Jack
Leah
Nevaeh
Aiza
Ethan
Vala
Sadaf
Edward
Evie
Reuben

A big thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward for these roles.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	The whole class	A fantastic first week at school. The team are so proud of how well everyone has settled in.
Year 1	Aalia	For good effort in RWI. Aalia has been having a good go at sounding out and writing her letters on the line on her own.
	Aidra	For a great start on his reading journey, reading at home regularly and having his book signed when reading with and adult at home.
Year 2	Paris	For absolutely amazing knowledge of numbers to 100.
	Daniela	For always being ready to learn.
Year 3	The whole class	For settling into Year 3 so well. They have adapted to the new routines and demonstrated all of our tick behaviours. What a fantastic class.
Year 4	Evie	For her attitude by starting the new academic year confidently and following the tick behaviours.
	Ronnie- Mae	For showing a very mature attitude towards her learning in Year 4.
Year 5	Nevaeh	For consistent demonstration of the tick behaviours, being a role model to other learners and giving 100% in every lesson.
	Alex	For a fantastic positive attitude to all his learning the first week back. He is always smiling and looking for ways to help his teacher and his friends.
Year 6	Adam	For demonstrating self control by starting the new year confidently and following tick behaviours.
	Amara	For showing love bu supporting peers and being a role model to her peers throughout each day.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
September	
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
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