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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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Gospel Assemblies

Our regular Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 6. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

We have another busy week ahead at Our Lady of Good Counsel. On Monday the children will have their individual photos which will show off how smart they always look in their school uniforms. Could we ask that they all come to school in their winter uniform. Finally, we look forward to welcoming you into school on Friday for the Macmillan coffee afternoon.

Class Charities

The children have this week been discussing and choosing their class charity for the following year. During the year they will find out more about the charity and will organise a fund raising event to raise money and awareness of the charity. Further details will be shared by the class.

Reception and Year 1- New Life Food Bank

Year 2—Nomad Trust

Year 3 -Air ambulance

Year 4 - Oakdene Care home

Year 5- Sophies Journey

Year 6 - RNLI

Thank you for your continued support for these great causes.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ

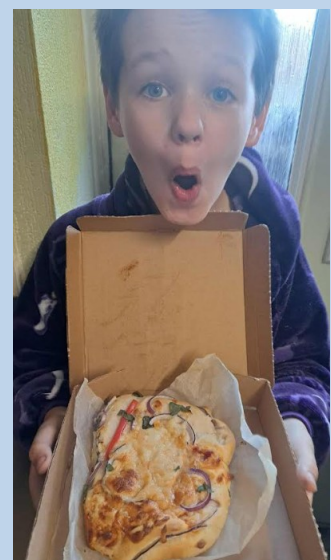
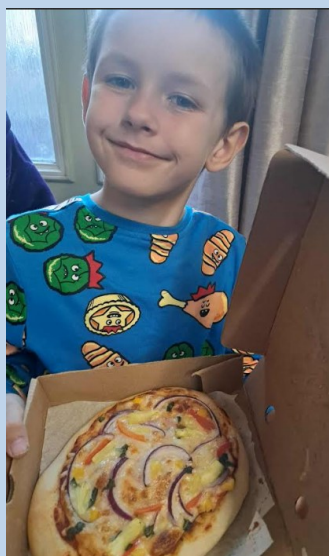


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Smoothies and pizzas

This week James and Caz from Aspens visited to work with all the children and teach them practical skills and helpful facts about food and healthy living.

During the morning the children worked hard on the smoothie bike to create delicious healthy smoothies. In the afternoon the children selected their own fresh ingredients to create delicious pizzas, which they took home to cook and eat.





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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

Macmillan coffee afternoon

Next Friday afternoon we will be holding a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan from 2pm. If you are unable to attend but want your child to buy a cake then please send them to school with some money. Also if you are able to donate any cakes this would be really appreciated.

Reading volunteers

CALLING ALL PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS.

Do you have some time to spare to come support our pupils with their reading? We are looking for support with our KS1 pupils to help them develop their reading fluency. This will involve listening to children come and read their home reading books with you for five minutes a child. Please contact Mrs Blow via class dojo or email if you are interested and can spare an afternoon to do this, either on a weekly basis if possible or as and when you have some free time. Many thanks



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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. There is a meeting for those interested in helping at Little Church after the Sunday Mass on 21st September.

Parish dates:

- 24th Our Lady of Walsingham.
- 27th St Vincent de Paul
- 29th S.S.S. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.
- 30th St Jerome.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Erin	For being a class role model and a kind friend.
	Reggie	For trying really hard to make good choices and join in with his learning.
Year 1	Bella	For taking her time to carefully select colours for colouring in fruit and thinking about the rainbow of fruit and veg we should eat.
	Anamika	For trying hard to recognise her sounds and begin to blend CVC words when reading to an adult.
Year 2	Ansam	For being a superstar scientist when sharing knowledge about living things.
	Omer	For being brilliant in phonics. He has impressed Mrs Blow and Mrs Pettit.
Year 3	Lydia	For always following instructions and working hard to ensure her work presentation is exemplary.
	Serghey	For consistently sharing his ideas with the class and showing confidence in his work.
Year 4	Matilda	For showing fantastic teamwork. She has been a supportive seating partner and helped her classmates when they have found work challenging.
	Joey	For showing the value of friendship this week as he openly welcomed a new member of the class and included them in his games.
Year 5	Sree	For an amazing attitude in PE showing resilience, determination and teamwork. He has also been putting 100% into improving his writing in English.
	Ena	For being a compassionate friend helping someone without needing to be asked. She has been showing all our virtues as well as putting 100% into all her lessons.
Year 6	Edward	For demonstrating the tick behaviours and being a role model to all peers by being an active learner.
	Amelia	For living out the school values by helping peers in class, helping adults around school and being a kind pupil in our Year 6 team.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
September	
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	
Monday 1st	Pantomime in school
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