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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 5. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

We have had a busy week in school this week and a huge thank you goes to everyone who came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee afternoon. There were lots of delicious cakes on sale and a big thank you to everyone who donated cakes for this event.

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the playground at the start and end of the day.

Class Charities

Each class has now chosen their class charity for the year and in order to spread this out over the year each class will be allocated a term to fundraise.

Term 1—Reception and Year 1

Term 2—Year 2

Term 3—Year 3

Term 4—Year 4

Term 5—Year 5

Term 6—Year 6

In addition to this we will also be taking part in the Big Lent Walk during Lent and this money will go to CAFOD.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Burger Day **Thursday 2nd October** (Order by Tuesday 23rd September)



**Beef Burger
in a roll
with
Salad & Ketchup**

Cookie for dessert



**For our full menu and to place an order please visit
www.willoughby-foods.co.uk**



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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

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

Vacancies

Parent governor

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our Governing Body and help shape the future of our school. Becoming a school governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference to children's education, bringing your skills, ideas, and perspective as a parent to the decisions that guide our school's success. No special qualifications are needed—just an interest in education, a willingness to learn, and a desire to work in partnership with staff and fellow governors. If you would like to play a vital role in supporting our pupils, staff, and wider community, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the school office for further details.

Midday Supervisor

If you are interested in joining our amazing team then please follow the link below for more details.

<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/>



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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.

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.

Women's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday 11th October from 09.00 in the Parish Hall.

Deacon Tony will be away from the parish-- Thursday 9th October to Monday 13th October as he will be attending his annual retreat.

Sleaford Churches Together Quiz Night—Saturday 18th October Methodist Church Hall from 19.15—please see the poster in the church porch.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction—Sunday 19th October @ 15.00 All welcome!

Parish dates:

- 27th St Vincent de Paul
- 29th S.S.S. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.
- 30th St Jerome.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope St. John Paul II called it “a compendium of the Gospel” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 2002). Each mystery leads the faithful into contemplation of Christ's life, death, and resurrection through the eyes of Mary. The Rosary is deeply Marian, but always Christ-centered. In the words of Pope St. Paul VI (Marialis Cultus, 1974):

The Rosary leads Catholics to meditate on the whole of salvation history.

It is prayed everyday-- Monday to Friday before morning Mass.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Ella	For her fantastic efforts in phonics. Ella is able to recall all of the seven sounds we have learnt so far.
	Asher	For being a kind and caring friend to his peers.
Year 1	Iris	For her enthusiasm in learning about Autumn and plants in our Science topic and for bringing in leaves and conkers she has found.
	Mae	For super singing in our music lesson this week. Mae led the whole class beautifully and confidently with great tone too.
Year 2	Harry	For excellent ball skills when dribbling and controlling the ball during P.E.
	Andrea	For being amazing when making food chains and spotting mistakes in Science.
Year 3	Joshua	For a super piece of writing in English. Joshua successfully used a dictionary and thesaurus to improve his work.
	Daisy	For showing our tick behaviours throughout the school and for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Year 4	Isabella	For writing a fantastic opener to our English story. Isabella has successfully layered fronted adverbials and used top tier vocabulary.
	Evie	For showing determination and resilience in all lessons this week. She has worked hard in all lessons even when faced with challenges.
Year 5	Erik	For his amazing improvement in his attitude towards learning. He has been modeling the tick behaviours consistently and helping his friends to do the same.
	Leah	For her 100% effort in every lesson, making sure her work is as neat as possible and doing her best to complete every task she is set. She has been a great role model to others and aided them in making their work look neat.
Year 6	Logan	For demonstrating solidarity helping peers throughout the school during sporting events.
	Anna	For demonstrating self control and hope, encouraging and supporting pupils in and out of school.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
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
Friday 5th	Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 12th	Celebration of learning assembly 2.30pm
Monday 15th	School disco
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