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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had a busy week in school this week. Some children have been trying out their archery skills and Year 5 and 6 have had a visit from PC Jones in preparation for the Mini Police sessions coming up over the next few months.

Safety Reminder

Please remember that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the playground at the start and end of the day.

Also, **pets in any form**, are not allowed on the school premises.

Gospel Assemblies

Our regular Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 4. Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

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

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope
Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who either donated cakes, purchased cakes or came along to the Macmillan coffee afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon as it gave them time to relax and chat to other parents. Every person that bought cakes and coffee was given a 'Little bag of happiness' to show our appreciation for this amazing charity. In total we raised an amazing £242.50. We know that this donation will be gratefully received by the charity. A big thank you goes to some of the Mini Vinnies that helped set up and serve.





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Open Days for September 2026

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

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	Archie	For showing excellent effort when learning new sounds in phonics.
	Shreya	For always showing great effort and enthusiasm with all her learning.
Year 1	Arthur	For his excellent Math's this week. He has actively seeked out the independent tasks and shown great understanding in comparing numbers.
	Tannaya	For trying hard with her number recognition and formation to 10.
Year 2	Elizabeth	For being an all round superstar with her attitude to learning and contributions during class discussions.
	Tasnim	For putting 100% effort into her learning in Math's.
Year 3	Tyler	For working hard in Math's when adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers.
	Violet	For being a role model by demonstrating all of our tick behaviours.
Year 4	Keyla	For her amazing attentive attitude to her learning. She had engaged and participated in all lessons.
	George	For his positive attitude to learning, helpfulness in and around the classroom. He is a great role model.
Year 5	Freddie	For his amazing effort in English. He has put in 100% into improving his writing and has produced a spectacular piece of work.
	Esme	For her consistently positive attitude towards learning and her support of others. She is a beacon of positivity and a great role model for everyone in the class.
Year 6	Nathan	For improving every day on himself with his choices, actions and learning attitude showing amazing self control and justice.
	Nikole	For demonstrating fantastic active learning skills, taking part in all discussions and giving opinions.



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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 19th	Last Day of Term—no after school club
January	
Monday 5th	First Teaching Day of New Term