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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had a busy week in school this week. The book fair arrived in school and all the children were excited to see what new books were available to buy.

Year 6 Sports leaders have also started their training with Inspire+

Safety Reminder

Please keep to the path at the front of school and do not let your children weave in and out of the bushes in front of the office windows as this can get really muddy and slippery.

Gospel Assemblies

Our regular Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 3. 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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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	Ophelia	For making wonderful peg board patterns in math's. For her fantastic efforts in PE. She was able to jump logs, balance along a bridge, hop onto lily pads and unlock the gate to the castle.
	Olivia	
Year 1	Eva	For being marvelous mathematician. Eva reasoned why numbers are placed in certain places on a number line, understanding greater and lesser.
	Rose	For trying hard to hear and write some sounds in words when writing in our History lesson about ships in the past.
Year 2	Gold-Daniel	For working cooperatively with a partner when investigating structures. For working cooperatively with a partner when investigating structures.
	Mylah	
Year 3	Max	For demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards his learning during our topic on the Stone Age.
	Ralphey	For using a thesaurus to successfully improve the vocabulary in his English work. He has shown initiative to apply this skill on all lessons.
Year 4	Matilda	For her participation in lessons and the effort she puts into all of her work.
	Joey	For his participation and attitude to learning and always being there to offer help to the class and the teacher.
Year 5	Miya	For putting 100% into all of her lessons and persevering even when she finds something challenging. She produced a good piece of writing using all the techniques we have looked at in Year 5 so far this year.
	Logan	For consistently being appositive person in the classroom. Not letting things bring him down and learning from his mistakes creating a positive attitude which has rubbed off of the others around him.
Year 6	Joel	For consistently striving to improve himself each day, through thoughtful choices, positive actions and a growing commitment to learning. He has demonstrated remarkable self-control and a strong sense of fairness.
	Vala	For showing outstanding mathematical reasoning through careful thinking, logical explanations and confident problem solving.



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Thank You, Parents!

We asked for your feedback — and wow, did you deliver! A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the form. Your input means the world to us.

You suggested so many fantastic events, and while we only have six terms to work with, we've done our best to strike a balance. We've included some exciting new ideas alongside the classic favourites your children know and love. We can't wait to share them with you!

Term 1 Events

Autumn Colouring Competition

Back by popular demand! Just like last year, we've got 7 beautiful autumn-themed colouring sheets ready to go.

- £1 per entry
- Sheets available from Mrs. Ross
- Entries close: **22nd October**

Winners announced and prizes awarded: **24th October**



NEW FOR THIS YEAR!

Crazy Hair Day – Friday 17th October

As requested by you, it's time to let creativity shine! Children are invited to come to school with the wildest, wackiest, most wonderful hairstyles imaginable. **NO PERMANENT COLOURS PLEASE.**

Whether it's colourful, spiky, braided, or bedhead chic - it's all about celebrating individuality and having fun!

£1 to participate.





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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
October	
Friday 17th	Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 22nd	Autumn colouring competition closing date
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
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