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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had a busy week in school this week. Year 6 Sports leaders have completed their training with Inspire +. There were lots of crazy hair styles in school today. The fire engine came to visit Key stage one and Reception.

Reminder

Next Thursday is the Celebration of Learning assembly at 2:30pm. If your child is receiving an award the class teacher will notify you beforehand.

Gospel Assemblies

Our regular Gospel assembly on Monday will be lead by children from Year 2 Parents are welcome to attend at 3pm on Monday.

Young voices

The Young Voices choir of 2026 is coming together nicely and the children are busy practicing ready for the concert. Just a reminder that our choir is on a Monday after school until 4pm and that any orders for t-shirts and adult tickets need to be made by **Wednesday 22nd October** and payment via Arbor.

Also, don't forget to sign up to the parent music room where you can access all of the songs to practice at home.



School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope
Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Days for November 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

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.

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	Favour	For always having a go at classroom challenges with great focus and determination.
	Natalie	For her wonderful enthusiasm and energy when exploring the fire engine this week.
Year 1	Hajar	For great math's work this week. She has been super with part-whole models.
	Albie	For great math's work, understanding part-whole models.
Year 2	Harry	For working hard to recognize numbers and amounts above 10.
	Bea	For fantastic role play and knowledge about the Sacrament of Baptism
Year 3	Reuben	For always being a polite member of the class who helps others and has a smile on his face whilst he does.
	Daisy	For demonstrating more confidence in her learning and sharing her fantastic ideas with the class.
Year 4	Emily	For her great participation this week and great expectations.
	Miriam	For always being ready to learn and for trying her hardest in lessons.
Year 5	Betsy	For consistently helping anyone in anyway she can. She has helped people around the school showing off the catholic virtues.
	Daniel	For his fantastic knowledge in French and History demonstrating an extensive knowledge of ancient Greeks. He has used his knowledge to help others understand and complete their work.
Year 6	Leo	For solidarity through supporting his peers in class and around school.
	Zera	For showing hope in all that she does. She is dedicated to her work and strives to be the best she can be.



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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**



Join the PTA

If you would like to join the PTA then please contact Mrs. Ross or message the team on Facebook.

Crazy Hair Day pictures





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**Back by popular demand –
Our Homemade Lasagne
on the menu on
Thursday 6th November
(Order by Tuesday 28th October)**



www.willoughby-foods.co.uk

For our full menu and to place an order please visit



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
October	
Wednesday 22nd	Autumn colouring competition Closing date
Thursday 23rd	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
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