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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had another busy week in school. The children showed reverence and respect when they look part in the Remembrance Day service in school. Each class made a poppy and placed them around the prayer table. They listened to prayers and a poem by John McCrae.



Good Luck

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Dale (Office), who has been an invaluable part of our team. Her dedication, talent, and positive spirit have left a lasting impact, and we're deeply grateful for all that she has contributed to our school. Please join us in wishing Mrs Dale all the best in her next chapter!

Parent survey

We are reaching out to you today to invite you to participate in our annual survey aimed at collecting your valuable information and views regarding your child's education and the overall school experience. At Our Lady of Lourdes Trust, we firmly believe that parental engagement is a foundation of our pupils' success. Your perspective, opinions, and feedback are invaluable to us in shaping the educational journey of your child and enhancing the quality of our school and wider Trust community. Please scan the QR code to complete the survey and have your say.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic
Primary School, parent survey
2025.



School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope
Love Justice Solidarity

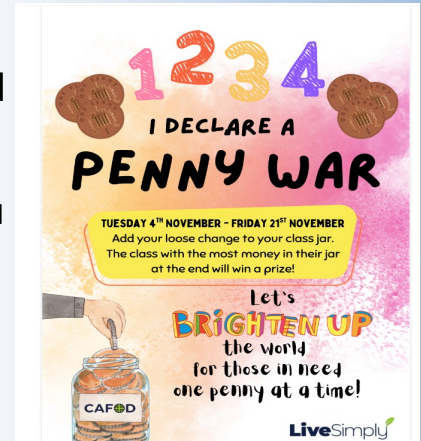
We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Brighten up Day

A reminder that pennies are still being collected and that on Friday 21st November children are to come dressed in bright colours to celebrate this day. If you come in bright colours you also need to bring in a food item donation for the school /community larder.



Achievements

Summer and Felicia both play for Ruskington Lions football club and a few weeks ago the Sleaford Girls football team were short of players for their match. The girls were asked if they'd like to play for them. They both jumped at the chance and stepped in even though they only knew one of the girls in the team. They both played the majority of the game, and Felicia even got 3 goals (2 assists by Summer). The coaches and parents were so pleased with their efforts they came home with joint player of the match.



On another note, Ivy, Anna, Felicia and Summer attended the 7 a side tournament with Chris from Inspire+. They finished 7th out of 15 schools which is a fantastic achievement, but what makes us most proud is the way the girls carried themselves throughout every match.

Their attitude was outstanding, their perseverance unwavering, and their manners and behaviour exemplary. They played with heart, supported one another, and represented our school with dignity and pride. Whether winning or losing, they showed that sport is about more than scores — it's about spirit, respect, and resilience.



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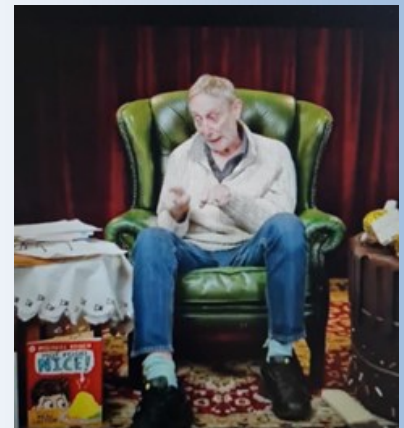
Michael Rosen Poetry Party



On Thursday, Year 4 joined award-winning author Michael Rosen, via zoom, to celebrate Michael Rosen day. This year the day was celebrated with a Michael Rosen poetry party with a theme of funny food.

The children joined in with chants and actions through the poems and there was lots of laughter as they heard some of his famous poems such as 'chocolate cake' and 'hot food'. At the end of the session there was the opportunity to ask Michael Rosen questions, and the children were interested in discovering his favourite foods.

The children's favourite part of the session was discovering that a meme had been created of Michael Rosen because of his poem hot food that sees Michael eat a potato and say 'noice!'



Reading and Blue Peter

Be a Blue Peter Badge holder! Children can apply for a Blue Peter reading badge by reading books. Just click on the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>, fill in your child's details and they write up about a book they have read and enjoyed. It's as simple as that and a great reward for reading. If you earn one, bring it into school so we can celebrate this award with everyone and inspire others to read.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

(ORDER BY TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER)

ROAST TURKEY
CHIPOLATA
STUFFING BALL
MASHED POTATO
VEGETABLE MEDLEY
&
GRAVY

QUORN FILLET,
VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE,
STUFFING BALL,
MASHED POTATO,
VEGETABLE MEDLEY
&
GRAVY

HOMEMADE
CHRISTMAS SPONGE
WITH BUTTER ICING
AND A CHRISTMAS
TOPPER

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Star of the Week

Reception	Asher	For carefully mixing colours and painting a beautiful poppy.
	Archie	For being a tidy up superstar!
Year 1	Angelina	For having good dribbling skills with a ball in P.E this week.
	Pearl	For improvement in recognising , writing and counting her numbers up to 10.
Year 2	Ellie	For writing super sentences in her diary about the Great Fire of London.
	Harry	For taking his learning home and writing a fantastic diary about the Great Fire of London.
Year 3	Alice	For focusing on her handwriting, demonstrating lovely formation and ensuring her presentation is beautiful.
	Logan	For super recall of our trip to Flag Fen last week. He was able to retell all that he had learnt and share this with the class.
Year 4	Alex	For having a positive attitude towards his learning. Alex shows commitment to all his learning and always tries his best in lessons.
	Emily	For being a positive role model in class this week and demonstrating the value of respect to everyone around her.
Year 5	Paul	For his 100% effort in improving his handwriting. He has made sure to try his best in every lesson and the improvement is easy to see!
	Amelia	For her amazing attitude towards learning showing resilience in every lesson and carry on even when she finds something difficult. The hard work is paying off and massive progress is being made.
Year 6	Ivy	For showing solidarity through listening to peers and supporting them in all lessons.
	Reuben	For living out the value of courage through using his talk tactics in his learning.



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Future events

Monday 24th November

Non-uniform day. Donations of sweets or chocolate please for the Christmas market stall.



Sleaford Christmas Market – 30th November 2025

The PTA is excited to be hosting a stall once again at this year's festive Christmas Market! This time, we're running a Chocolate & Sweets Tombola - a fun and delicious way to raise funds and spread holiday cheer.

We need your help!

Donations of chocolates and sweets from parents and carers are warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Want to make it even easier?

Scan the QR code to access our Amazon Wishlist and send a treat directly to us!

Christmas Fair– Friday 5th December

This will be held in school from 2pm onwards. Each class will be making something to sell. Refreshments will be available and there maybe a very special visitor. More details to follow.





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Parish News

First Holy Communion 2026.

Please note there is an important meeting for parents/guardians on Sunday, 16th November, following the 10.00 Mass.

Mass times: (Rosary before weekday Masses from 09.45 a.m.)

Monday to Thursday Daily Mass is at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 11.30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 p.m. (Holyday vigil Mass 7 p.m.)

Sunday morning 10 a.m. (Holyday morning Mass 10.15a.m.)

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Peter Harvey, Parish priest.

Women's Breakfast Group has closed for the year. Very many thanks to Jackie for arranging and organising the meetings, and those who supported them.

Little Church: Sunday 16th November @ 10.00 Mass for children aged between 3 & 11. Parents are welcome to stay with their children. It will take place in the parish hall.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction—Sunday 23rd November @ 15.00. The Feast of Christ The King. All welcome!

Sleaford Churches Together Church Service— Evening Prayer of the Church Sunday 30th November—First Sunday of Advent @ Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. All welcome!

Advent Retreat Day Saturday 6th December from 10.00. Further details to follow. All parishioners are welcome!

Feast Days in November:

21st presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22nd St Cecilia

23rd Christ The King,

30th First Sunday of Advent.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
November	
Tuesday 11th	Remembrance Day Service in school 10.45am
Friday 21st	Harvest Fundraiser assembly 9am followed by stay and play for KS1
Monday 24th	PTA Non-uniform day
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	Carol singing in Tesco
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