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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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## Advent Ready

Mrs Brocklebank came into school this week and worked with some of the Shining stars to make the Advent Wreath. She talked to them about the significance of the wreath, the greenery and the candles. They did an amazing job and now we are ready for Advent next week.



## Bronze Learners

Nevaeh

## 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

The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have had an amazing time today making Tandoori chicken with Bombay Saag Aloo. They wanted to share this at home so the recipe is below. Happy Cooking.



## Tandoori Chicken with a Bombay Saag Aloo

- 4 x Chicken Breast (large diced 2cm)
- 1 x 400g Tinned Butter Beans (vegetarian version)
- 1 Red Pepper thinly sliced and diced
- 1 Yellow Pepper thinly sliced and diced
- 1 clove Fresh Garlic crushed and peeled
- 1 Onion thinly sliced
- 25g Fresh Ginger grated
- 4 x Spring Onion thinly sliced
- 1 ~~tbls~~ x Mild Tandoori Spice Mix
- 1 ~~tbls~~ Mild Curry Powder
- ½ tsp Ground Turmeric
- 1 Small Bag Baby Spinach
- 500g Bag New Potatoes (cooked and quartered)
- 4 ~~tbls~~ Natural Yogurt
- 1 ~~tbls~~ Vegetable Oil

### Method

1. In a large bowl mix the chicken with the Tandoori powder, yogurt, ginger and turmeric. This mix is best left to marinate for 1 hour.
2. In a wok heat 2 ~~tbls~~ water until you see steam, add the garlic. Now place the tandoori chicken mix, peppers and spring onion in the wok and seal by turning the chicken over frequently. Add another 1 tablespoon of water, cover with a lid and steam until cooked, Keep lifting the lid to check the chicken is not drying out. Remove the lid after 2 minutes and reduce the amount of liquid left. Switch off the pan and leave to stand.
  3. In a bowl mix the cooked potatoes, mild curry powder, red onions and 1 tablespoon vegetable oil.
4. In another pan place the potato mix and panfry until golden brown, add 2 tablespoons water and add the spinach. Stir the spinach in until wilted. Season if required.
5. Carefully serve the tandoori on to a plate with the Bombay saag aloo.
6. Enjoy



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## 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.



**1 2 3 4**

**I DECLARE A  
PENNY WAR**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**  
Add your loose change to your class jar.  
The class with the most money in their jar  
at the end will win a prize!

Let's  
**BRIGHTEN UP**  
the world  
for those in need  
one penny at a time!

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## PENNY WAR RESULTS

Thank you to all classes who took part in the Penny War for Cafod's Brighten up day. In total you raised £75.64 just by collecting loose change. This will make a huge difference to Cafod. The class who raised the most money was Year 5 with £22.20 so they will all receive extra raffle tickets to spend in the school shop. Well done everyone and thank you for all your support.

## Poppy Appeal

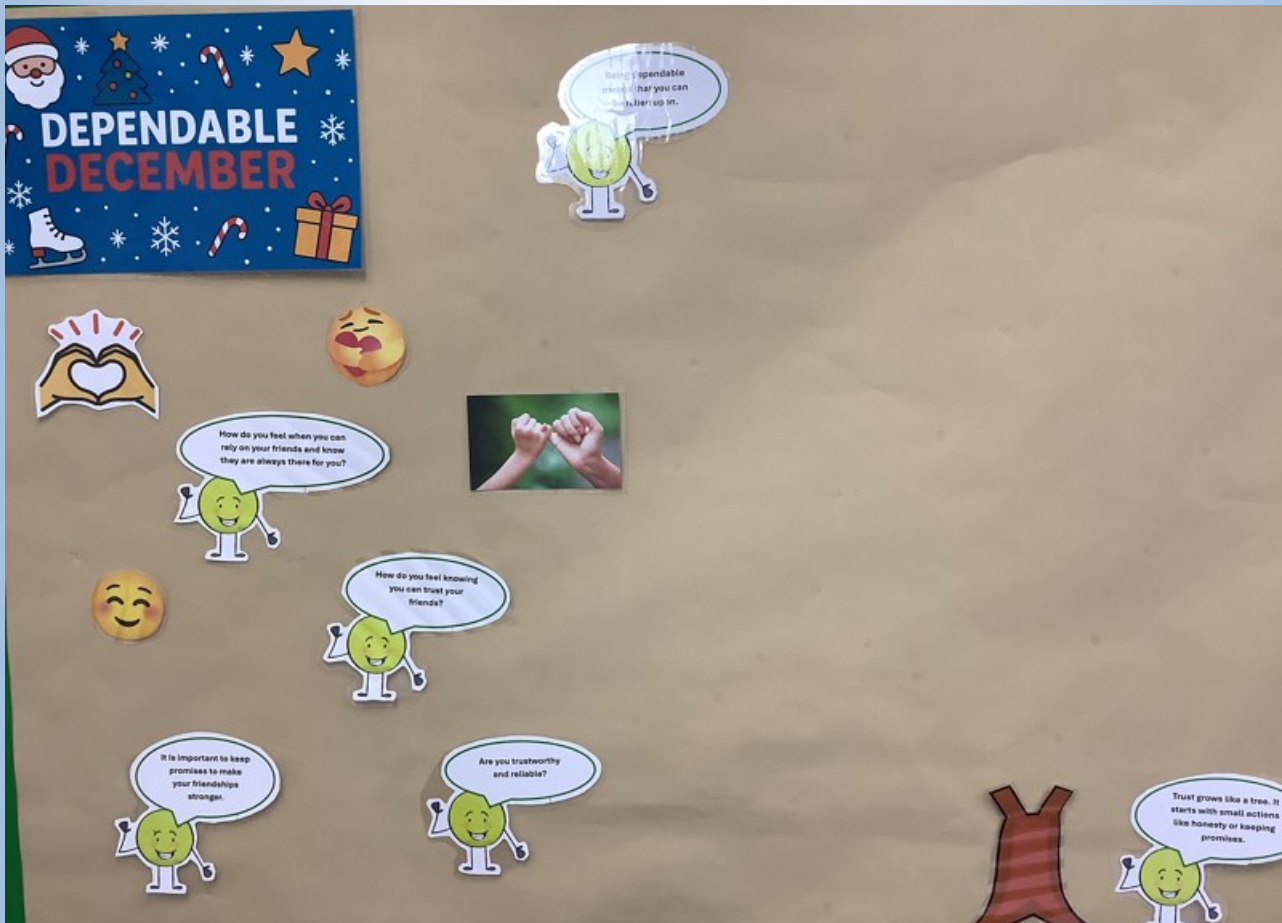
Thank you for supporting the 2025 Poppy Appeal! You made an outstanding £110.99 The amount donated will go towards supporting our Armed Forces and Veteran community.



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## Dependable December.

Our wellbeing focus this month is to be dependable by finding ways of being trustworthy and reliable. We can be dependable in our actions by being kind, helping others and taking care of ourselves during this busy time of Advent. Mrs Cockerill will be inviting the children to write the things that make them trustworthy on a leaf so she can grow a trust tree in the ELSA room.





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## 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. **Donations of cake would gratefully be received.**



**Don't forget the Christmas market on Sunday. Come along and join the fun.**





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## WinterLight 2025

Saturday  
20 December,  
3pm-8pm



Enjoy free festivities in Sleaford

featuring illuminated woodland creatures, a charming lantern procession, ice skating and curling, majestic winter wonderland birds, roaming elves, and live music filling the Market Place with Christmas cheer.



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## NEWLIFE CHURCH PRESENTS **FILM** Night



**FREE  
ENTRY**



"THREE WISE MEN" & A  
BONUS CHRISTMAS FILM!

**FRI 19TH DEC**

**05:30PM**

**NEW LIFE CHURCH**



FOR MORE INFORMATION [WWW.NLCM.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON](http://WWW.NLCM.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON)

New Life Church Ministries (Sleaford) - a registered company No 08555537 and a registered charity No.1153603

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

**Where?**

Northgate Sports Hall, Sleaford, NG34 7DD

**When?**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

December 2025

08:30-15:30

**Camp Checklist:**

Packed lunch, drink, suitable clothing

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ACTIVITIES  
AND GAMES



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Per day

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Email - [casoutreach@carres.uk](mailto:casoutreach@carres.uk)



## WINTER CAMP

**HOUGHAM & MARSTON  
VILLAGE HALL**

Bridge St, Marston, Grantham, NG32 2JQ

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec,  
29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

FULLY DAY : £24

HALF DAY : £20

BLOCK BOOKING : £140 FOR 5 DAYS



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## Star of the Week

Reception	Favour	For changing for P.E completely independently– well done Favour!
	Ophelia	For her ongoing practice writing her name. Her excellent efforts are showing much improved results.
Year 1	Clark	For settling into Year 1 well and confidently working hard in all areas of learning.
	Albie	For consistently working hard on sounding out words and writing independently.
Year 2	Andrea	For showing super knowledge about the story during guided reading.
	Gold-Daniel	For super reading in the class celebration of the word.
Year 3	Reggie	For showing off his fantastic football skills. Reggie applied his skills into a real game to be able to shoot accurately.
	Joshua	For being an active listener during lessons and participating by sharing his fantastic ideas.
Year 4	Kobi	For writing an excellent opening to our English story– A firework makers daughter. Kobi has used his knowledge of fireworks and a thesaurus to successfully level up his writing.
	Miriam	For working hard in Science this week and applying her knowledge of movement of particles to understand solids liquids and gases.
Year 5	Aiza	For her 100% effort to improve in her math's which is now paying off. She has managed to understand with confidence how to deal with fractions and has impressed the whole class.
	Gabrielle	For extremely positive attitude towards learning. She is always giving every lesson her best efforts and supporting those around her with a
Year 6	Whole class	For showing solidarity during the cooking session this morning and working together.



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## Parish News

### **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.

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

### **Feast Days in November:**

Sunday 30th November Sleaford Churches Together celebration of Evening Prayer @ 18.00-All welcome!

30th First Sunday of Advent.

### **Feast Days in December.**

1st St Andrew,

3rd St Francis Xavier,

7th Second Sunday of Advent

8th Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady

14th Third Sunday of Advent

21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

25th Nativity of Our Blessed Lord,

26th St Stephen

27th St John

28th Holy Family

29th St Thomas Becket.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES.**

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th December @ 18.00

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December @ 10.00

Feast of St Stephen: (Boxing Day)

Friday 26th December @ 11.30 The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27th December @ 18.00

Sunday 28th December @ 10.00. The Epiphany of The Lord:

Monday 5th January @ 19.00

Tuesday 6th January @ 10.15.



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## DIARY DATES

<b>December</b>	
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	Charity Bingo– Y2 class charity fundraiser
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
<b>January</b>	
Monday 5th	First Teaching Day of New Term
Tuesday 6th	Mass in church- Feast of the Epiphany at 10:15am
Wednesday 7th	Young voices Choir in Birmingham