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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome back. We have had a busy week learning all about Judaism in our RE topic. We are looking forward to another busy term with lots of activities and events planned so please check the date on the newsletter.**

## Poppy Appeal



These will still be on sale next week if you would like to make a contribution.

## Open Days

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.

Monday 10th November

9.30am to 10.30am

2.30pm to 3.30pm

## School Virtues

Self-control      Courage      Hope

Love      Justice      Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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## 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!

**LiveSimply**



## Star of the Week

|           |             |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception | Shreya      | For returning to school with a wonderfully positive attitude to her learning.                                                                                                     |
|           | Olivia      | For returning to school with a wonderfully positive attitude to her learning.                                                                                                     |
| Year 1    | Kiara       | For her great focus on her work this week and following the tick behaviours really well.                                                                                          |
|           | Logan       | For having a good go in P.E when aiming at ta target and scoring the most points.                                                                                                 |
| Year 2    | Skyla       | For learning more about the Great Fire of London by visiting London and walking up the 311 steps to the monument.                                                                 |
|           | Ellis       | For sharing his amazing knowledge about unusual animals.                                                                                                                          |
| Year 3    | Whole class | For a super day at Flag Fen. The whole class behaved fantastically and represented the school by being curious and polite.                                                        |
| Year 4    | Jack        | For excellent behaviour and participation in all lessons this week especially maths. Jack has worked really hard to apply his fluency to reasoning and problem solving questions. |
|           | Evie        | For returning to school after half term and working hard in all lessons. She consistently tries hard in all her work every day.                                                   |
| Year 5    | Lexie       | For her positive attitude on the first week back making sure that everyone around her is smiling and happy and for putting in 100% effort into every lesson.                      |
|           | Rudy        | For his fantastic knowledge during maths as well as computing. He is trying to improve himself in all aspects of school life and is being a good role model.                      |
| Year 6    | Kane        | For showing self control because he is focused on what he needs to be doing at all times.                                                                                         |
|           | Summer      | For solidarity through treating everyone with respect and equality.                                                                                                               |



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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

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.

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 i.e. Yr 3 or above in school years. 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. N.B THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR PARENTS/CHILDREN AFTER SUNDAY MASS ( 10.00) 16TH NOVEMBER.

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:**

9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10th St Leo the Great (Pope)

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                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November</b> |                                                                  |
| Friday 7th      | Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am<br>2.30pm to 3.30pm                   |
| Monday 10th     | Open Day 9.30am to 10.30am<br>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     | PTA Non-uniform day                                              |
| Monday 24th     | Parliament Week                                                  |
| Friday 28th     | Celebration of Learning Day 8.30am to 9.30am<br>2.30pm to 3.30pm |

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <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   | Party day                                             |
| Friday 19th     | KS2 Carol Service – 9.30am<br>KS2 Carol Service – 2pm |
| Friday 19th     | <b>Last Day of Term—no after school club</b>          |
| <b>January</b>  |                                                       |
| Monday 5th      | <b>First Teaching Day of New Term</b>                 |