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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

As we begin this New Year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued trust, partnership, and support of our school community. May the year ahead be filled with God's abundant blessings, good health, and peace for you and your families. We pray that this New Year brings renewed hope, strengthened faith, and many opportunities for our students to grow academically, spiritually, and morally in the light of Christ.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our Reception teacher Miss Holland on her recent marriage to Mr Tomlinson. We wish them all the love and happiness in the world and for their future life together.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st January. Please see class teacher to book an appointment.

Bike Lights Event

The Lincolnshire Police Sleaford PCSO's Will Jones and Neil Atkinson will be in the school on Monday 9th February from 3.15pm – 4.15 pm selling bike lights at the cost of £2.50. Should you wish your child to purchase a set then please make sure they bring £2.50 with them on the day.

Bronze Learners

Nevaeh	Esme	Harry	Albie	Ena	Lexie	Katie
	Kane	Joel	Paris	Elizabeth		

School Virtues

Self-control	Courage	Hope
Love	Justice	Solidarity

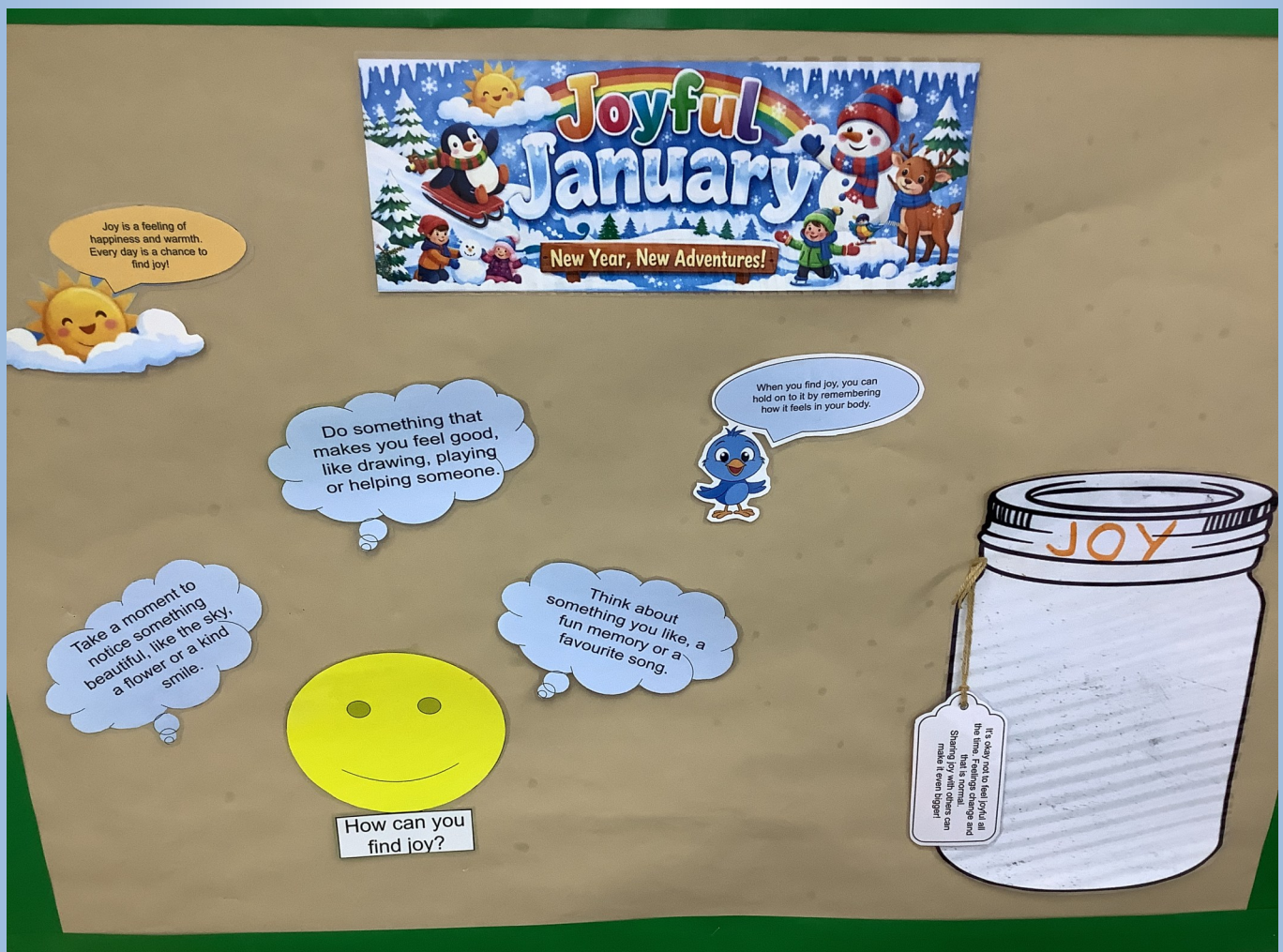
We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Joyful January

January is a time to grow, learn and find joy, which is this month's well being focus. Joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness, it can feel like a warm fuzzy feeling inside like a hug, a spark of excitement or a calm thought. Every day is a new chance to find joy in the little things, the big things and everything in between. Sharing your joy with others can make the feeling even bigger so Mrs Cockerill is asking the children to fill her 'Jar of Joy' with all the things that bring them joy.

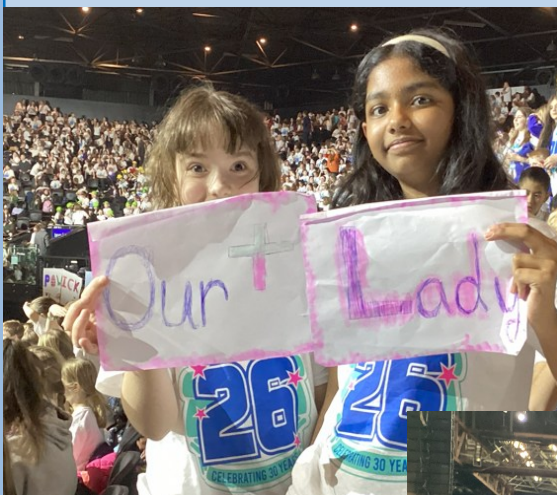
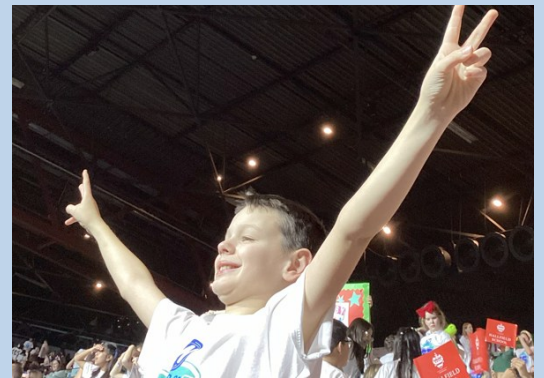




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Young voices

On Wednesday some of our children took part in the Young Voices choir in Birmingham. They have been practicing songs since September and finally got to sing them with hundreds of other children from schools across the country. They were even joined by some special guest singers, Aneesa Folds and Connie Talbot. A big thank you to all the children that took part, their families for all their support and the staff for organising the event and practicing the songs for what was a very exciting but long day.





Star of the Week

Reception	Erin	For her fantastic knowledge of woodland animals. She has created a beautiful woodland scene and carefully placed where the animals might be found.
	Shreya	For amazing sounding out of three sounds words in her blending book.
Year 1	Rose	For creating a lovely piece of artwork, carefully painting in the lines in the style of Piet Mondrain.
	Luna-Hope	For good effort this week sounding out and spelling words on her own in RWI.
Year 2	Ellie	For beautiful handwriting in all lessons.
	Ellis	For working really hard to ensure all his letters are correctly formed.
Year 3	Addyson-Ava	For being a superstar during maths. She has been practicing her 4 times tables and has done so well.
	Adam	For using some superb vocabulary during his writing , giving his work more detail.
Year 4	Emily	For returning to school with a positive attitude and renewed enthusiasm towards her work.
	Emma	For being a fantastic support in the classroom to other children. Emma shows excellent support to those around her as she helps them with their learning which develops her own understanding further.
Year 5	Paul	For his amazing enthusiasm for learning in the first week back. He has put 100% into every lesson and has been amazing at showing the tick behaviours.
	Miya	For working hard in all her English lessons to try and improve her reading and writing skills.
Year 6	Maks	For showing the value of solidarity this week. He has been engaged in his learnings and supporting his peers.
	Jasmine	For living out the value of courage by living out patience and resilience within her work and all that she does.



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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; please note instruction begins on Monday 12th January 2026 in the Parish Hall ,16.00 -17.00.

Talks on knowing your Faith and what we believe will begin on Wednesday 14th January , 19.00-20.00 in the Parish Hall. All welcome especially those who are interested in being received into the Church at Easter.

Feast Days in January.

11th The Baptism of The Lord

18th Peace Sunday

21st St Agnes

22nd St Vincent, Deacon

24th St Francis de Sales

26th St Timothy and St Titus

27th St Angela Merici

28th St Thomas Aquinas

31st St John Bosco.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
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January

Tuesday 20th	Parents Evening 3:30pm –5:30pm
Wednesday 21st	Parents Evening 3:30pm—6pm

February

Monday 9th	Bike Lights event 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Tuesday 10th	Celebration of Learning assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th	Safer internet day
Thursday 12th	Retreat day
Thursday 12th	Break for half term
Friday 13th	Inset day
Monday 23rd	Return to school

March

Tuesday 10th	Jonathon Broom visit Y3 and Y4
Friday 13th	Mother's Day afternoon
Monday 30th	PTA Egg Decorating Competition
Tuesday 31st	Celebration of Learning assembly 2:30pm

April

Wednesday 1st	Easter Egg Raffle
Thursday 2nd	Holy Week Presentation KS2 2pm
Thursday 2nd	Break for half term
Thursday 2nd	No AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday 20th	Return to school