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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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What a fantastic week we've had! Our school has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated World Book Day and reignited everyone's love of reading for pleasure. This week, reading truly became our superpower!

The children have thrown themselves into the celebrations with enthusiasm, creativity, and a real passion for stories. From sharing favourite books to taking part in special reading activities, it has been wonderful to see so many happy faces and to witness the joy that reading brings across our school community.

As we continue through the term, we look forward to building on this renewed excitement for reading. Alongside our learning journeys, we will also keep reflecting on the season of Lent, preparing to explore the events of Holy Week and the significance of the Resurrection.

Thoughts and prayers

Father Peter is now back in the parish and feeling much better. Many thanks for your prayers and concern and to all who gave their support whilst he was in hospital.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope
Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



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Bronze Learners

Nevaeh Esme Harry Albie Ena
Lexie Katie Eva
Kane Joel Paris Elizabeth Nathan Keyla
Grace Emily
Bella Ronnie Mae Miriam Matilda
George Joey Evie
Anna Evie Zainab Ivy Antonia
Miya Alex
Andrea Tasnim Daniela Aalia
Freddie Sree Daniel
Jonique Serghey



Star of the week

Reception	Shreya	Amazing 'hold a sentence' work in phonics.
	Freddie	Approaching his 'signing-in' task with much improved independence.
Year 1	Angelina	Great sounding out in lessons and using her set 1 special friends in phonics this week.
	Aidra	Great understanding of our new topic in RE and using the new vocabulary we are learning in his responses.
Year 2	Skyla	For always being keen and enthusiastic and sharing her thoughts and ideas during discussions.
	Ellie	For writing a super set of instructions for washing your hands.
Year 3	Lydia	Being a kind and caring friend to new members of the class and helping them feel settled and welcome.
	Harry	Consistently showing a love for reading and spreading this passion during world book day.
Year 4	Matilda	Leading her group in RE this week to complete a fantastic page for our class book on the corporal works of mercy.
	Emily	Working hard in maths this week and successfully building her confidence to answer fraction questions.
Year 5	Sree	His amazing attitude towards our new class friend. He has taken him under his wing and made sure he has been looked after during his first week.
	Poppy	Her amazing attitude towards learning. She has produced some amazing writing and maths. Alongside this she has also made a huge effort with our new friend in year 3 to make her feel welcome.
Year 6	Dexter	For showing great courage this week in English through supporting his peers in English with writing relative clauses.
	Amelia	For showing love in all that she does.



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Mindful March

This month's wellbeing focus is mindfulness which is a simple way to help your brain slow down and focus on what is happening right now instead of worrying about the past or the future. It can be as easy as taking a few slow breaths, noticing the sounds around you or feeling your feet on the ground. Practising mindfulness can help you feel calmer, manage big emotions and concentrate better so you can be your best self. Mrs Cockerill will be asking the children to write some affirmations which are short, positive sentences that you say to yourself. Repeating positive affirmations daily helps train your mind to feel more confident and peaceful and over time can help you handle challenges, make thoughtful choices and believe in yourself. These affirmations will be displayed in the ELSA room.





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Discover Your Local Children's Centre – A Fantastic Resource for Families

Did you know that our town's Children's Centre—now part of Lincolnshire's Family Hub network—offers a range of wonderful services to support you and your little ones?

One of the most valuable services available is the Speech and Language Drop In Sessions. If you have a child aged 4 years or under and have any concerns about their speech, language, or communication development, you can simply come along to a session—no referral needed.

There are 10 weekly drop in sessions held across 10 Family Hub Children's Centres throughout Lincolnshire, making it easy to find one that fits your schedule. These sessions provide:

- ⇒ Reassurance and professional advice
- ⇒ Early identification of any communication needs
- ⇒ Tips and strategies you can use at home

The Children's Centre also offers a variety of other parent and early years services, from play sessions and parenting support to help accessing wider community resources.

Friday
Sleaford Children's Centre , Carre Street, Sleaford, NG34 7TW
Time: 10am-12pm



Join their Facebook Group to stay up to date with activities:

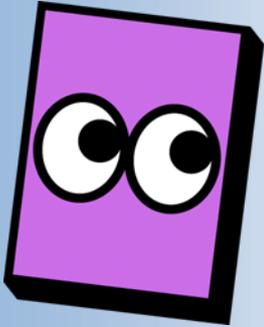
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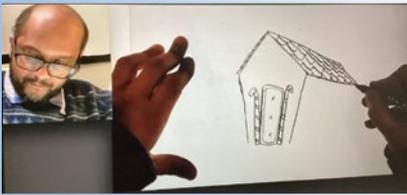




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Year 4's Reading Workshop

On Monday, Year 4 enjoyed an online session, through the British Library, with Michael Rosen and friends as they participated in a global food tour. The children listened to poets, from around the world, read some of their famous food poems whilst illustrators, along with the children, created drawings based on the poems. Then on Wednesday, the children enjoyed a wildlife experience with writer and wildlife explorer Sarah Roberts who talked the children through different outdoor careers, such as becoming a palaeontologist and marine biologist, whilst showing the children videos of when things go wrong. The children were extremely interested in her travels and are excited to read her new book entitled Wild Apprentice.





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DATES FOR THE DIARY – EXCITING PTA EVENTS COMING UP!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 13th March
2–4pm
School Hall

Our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea is back!

Join us for drinks, cakes, and a small gift stall for children to buy something special.

Cake donations welcome — message us if you can help.
Mother's Day Video — please send photos via Facebook or email: pta.chair@our-lady.lincs.sch.uk

Photo deadline: Friday 6th March

NB: By sending photos, you're giving consent for them to be included in the video, which will be posted on our Facebook page after the event.*



Easter Fun

Decorate an Egg Competition

Buy a plastic egg from our pop-up stall in March (£1 each), get creative at home, and hand in your decorated egg by **30th March**.

Winners (one per year group) announced **1st April** and shared on Facebook!

Easter Egg Raffle

Each class will run its own raffle. We're asking local businesses — and families — for Easter egg donations.

Non Uniform Day: 30th March

Please bring a chocolate donation.

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support. We couldn't do any of this without our wonderful school community!



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Parish News

World Day of Prayer in church Friday 6th @ 13.30--all welcome!

Stations of the Cross Friday 6th @ 19.00 all welcome!

Women's breakfast meeting next Saturday, 14th March from 09.00 --Parish Hall.

Thankyou Jackie

Lent Retreat day Saturday 21st March from 10.00-15.00 All welcome--bring something for a shared lunch.

Mass times:

Rosary before weekday Masses from 09.45 am.

Monday to Thursday Daily Mass is at 10.15 am. Friday 11.30 am.

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm. (Holyday vigil Mass 7 pm.)

Sunday morning 10 am. (Holyday morning Mass 10.15am.)

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Peter Harvey, Parish priest.

Deacon Tony Weldon: weld860@aol.com Mobile: 07919425771

Deacon Andrew Hunt: deacon_andrewOLGC@protonmail.comw

The Season of Lent

Lent began on Ash Wednesday 18th February. It is a season of prayer, fasting and helping people in need.

Easter Sunday this year 2026 is on 5 the April.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
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March

Tuesday 10th	Jonathon Broom visit Y3 and Y4
Friday 13th	PTA Mother's Day afternoon
Monday 30th	PTA Egg Decorating Competition
Monday 30th	Non-uniform– Easter Egg donations
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