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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We've had an inspiring week at school, highlighted by a visit from Paralympian Jonathan Broom Edwards. His message of resilience and determination sparked excitement and curiosity across the whole school.

The children were fully engaged as he shared his journey and achievements, asking thoughtful questions and taking away powerful lessons about aiming high and believing in themselves.

Our reading competition is also still underway—remember to send in a photo of yourself reading in the most obscure location you can find!

As we move through the term, we continue to reflect on the season of Lent and prepare to explore Holy Week and the significance of the Resurrection.

Thoughts and prayers

This week there has been a tree planting in memory of Ada Trethewey. Thank you to everyone who supported.

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 Shree Daniel
Jonique Serghey Rosie Logan
Reggie Daisy T
Violet Alice Daisy H



Star of the week

Reception	Asher	For fantastic effort with blending and segmenting in phonics.
	Olivia	For approaching her 'signing-in' task with much improved independence.
	Pearl	For working hard to write 2 digit numbers up to 50, thinking about her formation and place value.
Year 1	Aalia	For making great connections between subjects when answering questions in computing this week.
	Ansam	For being brilliant and impressing Mrs Pattinson with her knowledge of instruments.
Year 2	Daniela	For her super knowledge of the 5 times table. Daniela has worked hard to learn her tables, well done.
	An Cao	For settling into our expectations and making friends already. She has had a positive start to our school.
Year 3	Alice	For impressing Year 3 staff with her perseverance during difficult tasks and her recall during lessons.
	Evie	For working hard in maths this week and successfully building her confidence to answer fraction questions.
Year 4	Miriam	For successfully being able to recall all she learnt about the Vikings during our history topic.
	Rudy	For being an amazing role model to the new children in school. He has been demonstrating the school virtue everyday while showing a positive attitude to learning.
Year 5	Duc Dat Cao	For an amazing start at his new school, he has been trying his best in every lesson and has worked hard with teachers to learn a lot of English in a short amount of time.
	Nathan	For incredible active learning achieving 39/40 on his recent maths assessment.
Year 6	Priya	For showing amazing active learning and improving your reading comprehension.



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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:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14ZgaGkxTGe/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/76500/sleaford-children-s-centre-term-4-timetable>



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Paralympian Jonathan Broom Edwards,

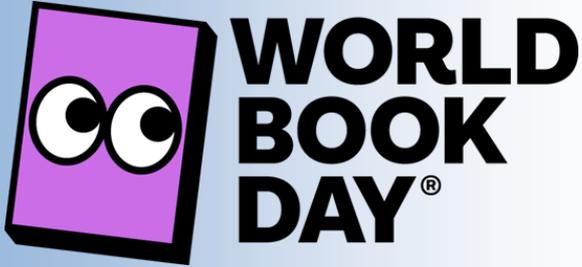
There was excitement as we welcomed Paralympian Jonathan Broom Edwards, whose visit truly motivated and uplifted our whole school community. His stories of perseverance, resilience, and determination left a lasting impression on both children and staff.

The children were captivated as Jonathan shared his journey, from overcoming challenges to achieving success on the world stage. Their enthusiasm, thoughtful questions, and eagerness to learn from his experiences made the visit especially memorable. It has been wonderful to see how his message of aiming high and believing in yourself has resonated across the school.





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Our reading competition is also still underway—**don't forget to send in a photo of yourself reading in the most obscure location you can find!**

We can't wait to see the imaginative places you discover.

Entries must be in before Thursday 2nd April 2026.





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DATES FOR THE DIARY – EXCITING PTA EVENTS COMING UP!

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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Sleafordian Coaches are running an Easter 'Design an Egg' competition. Please find attached the sheet to complete.

There will be a chocolate egg and a £10 Love2shop voucher for our winners – we will have 3 prizes for 3 talented artists!

Entries can be emailed to us – office@sleafordian.co.uk, sent to us on Facebook messenger (Sleafordian Coaches) or handed in to our Sleaford office.

The closing date for entries is Friday 27th March and winners will be notified on Monday 30th March. Prizes will be collection only from our office in Sleaford.

Winning entries will be displayed on our Sleaford Into Town service buses from Tuesday 31st March.

If you do not have a printer, you are welcome to collect a sheet from our office.

Our office address is – Pride Parkway, East Road, Sleaford NG34 8GL – open Monday to Friday 07:45 – 17:00.

We're eggcited to see your designs, we've attached our logo so you have an idea of our colour scheme but anything goes!

Happy colouring!

If your child has an allergy please also note on the reverse of your entry so we can ensure the egg we provide is suitable if your child wins





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Tesco Easter Colouring Competition

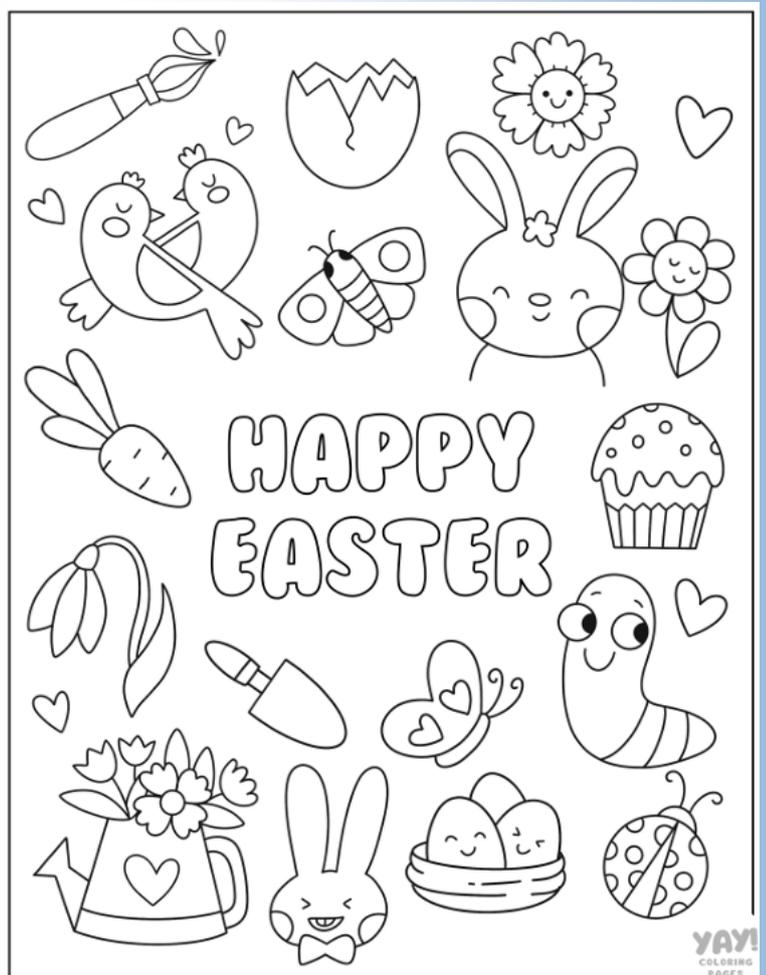
We'd love for everyone to get involved in our Easter Colouring Competition! There are prizes to be won, so don't miss out.

Closing date: 10th April

Winners announced: 13th April

Please drop off all completed pictures at our Customer Service Desk.

Good luck and happy colouring!





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Parish News

Women's breakfast meeting 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	
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