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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 began the week with a thoughtful visit to church, where they explored the Stations of the Cross and reflected on Jesus' journey. The children approached the experience with curiosity and respect, deepening their understanding of Lent and the events leading up to Holy Week.

Our whole-school reading competition is also still underway—don't forget to send in a photo of yourself reading in the most unusual or imaginative location you can find!

As we move further through the Lenten season, we continue to reflect on its themes and prepare to explore Holy Week and the significance of the Resurrection.

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	Erin	For settling in so well to her new phonics group in year 1 this term and receiving excellent feedback from Mrs Blow.
	Ella	For settling in so well to her new phonics group in year 1 this term and receiving excellent feedback from Mrs Blow.
	Albie	For good sounding out in phonics this week.
Year 1	Charlie-Jorge	For great answering on maths questions throughout the week.
	Harry	For his great vocabulary when suggesting alternative words for eat and said.
Year 2	Elizabeth	For her super knowledge of materials and their uses. Elizabeth also asks great questions to develop her learning.
	Tyler	For working hard to pass his book quizzes by reading 3x a week and showing his fantastic comprehension skills.
Year 3	Harry	For being a friend to all those around him and helping others when they need it.
	Isabella	For always following the tick behaviours and being a role model for the whole class.
Year 4	Alex	For being a supportive member of the class. Alex has helped those around him during maths to understand fractions and confirm his own understanding of the topic.
	Betsy	For being a passionate learner and putting 100% into every lesson she has also been helping people to make the correct choices around school.
Year 5	Alex	For showing great initiative during maths, showing that he is truly talented mathematician and understanding how to find the perimeter and area of shape with ease.
Year 6	Summer	For showing the virtue of courage engaging in all of her learning and helping peers.
	Amara	For living out the virtue of love and supporting her peers in class and around school.



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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

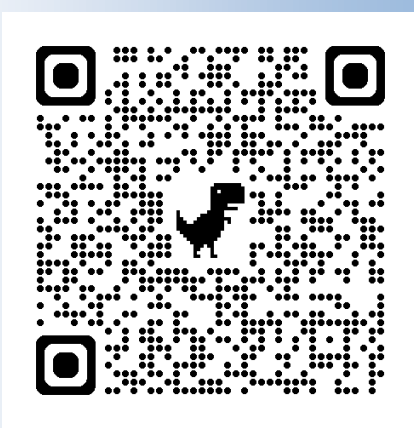
The Children's Centre also offers a variety of other parent and early years services, from play sessions and parenting support to help accessing wider community resources.

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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FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Empowering young people with additional learning needs to connect safely online.

What the law says

If your child is exposed to any online issues, it can help to know what the law says to ensure you take appropriate action to support your child.



What does the law say about online behaviour?



Cyberbullying

There is no legal definition of cyberbullying in law but there is a range of laws that cover this issue. It can be considered a criminal offence under the 'Harassment Act 1997', if cyberbullying causes a victim 'alarm or distress'. It can also be considered 'grossly offensive' under the Malicious Communications Act 1988 and the Communications Act 2003.



Sexting is illegal for under 18s

When children engage in sexting they're creating an indecent image of a person under the age of 18 which, even if they take it themselves, is against the law (Protection of Children Act 1978). Distributing an indecent image of a child – e.g. sending it via text – is also illegal. It's very unlikely that a child would be prosecuted for a first offence, but the police might want to investigate.



Online pornography

Types of pornography that are illegal – even for an adult to have include acts that threaten a person's life. These could be acts that could result in serious injury, degrading pornography, violent pornography (i.e. rape and abuse) and anything that involves those under the age of 18.



Hate speech

Hate crime committed whether online or offline is illegal, however, not all offensive content is illegal in the UK. According to the Equality Act 2010 - if it incites hatred based on race, religion and sexual orientation then this can be considered as a crime. For content that does not meet the threshold of a hate crime, the police are required to record it as a hate incident. Laws in the UK aim to protect the freedom of speech so it can be a delicate balance to police online.



Resource:

Laws about online behaviour: www.childnet.com/ufiles/Laws-around-online-behaviour.pdf



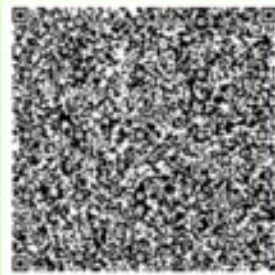
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Ready Steady go to School



This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Thursday 23rd April
6-7pm

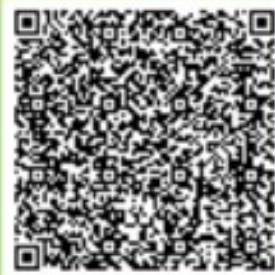


Wednesday 29th April
1.30-2.30pm



Please scan a QR
code to join your
preferred
session

Thursday 11th June
6.30-7.30pm

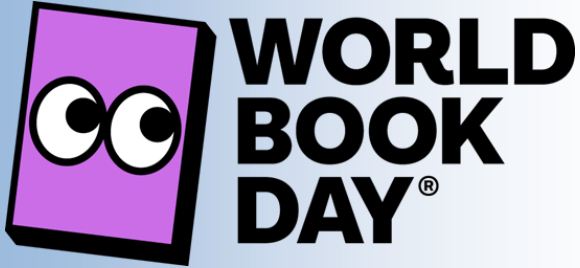


Wednesday 24th June
1.30-2.30pm





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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.

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.

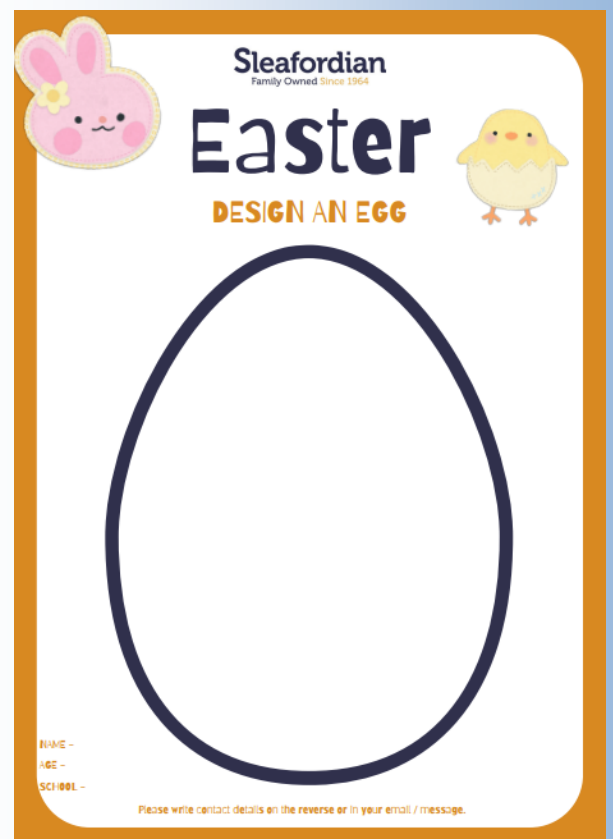
Winning entries will be displayed on our Sleaford Into Town service buses from Tuesday 31st March.

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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Parish News

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.com

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	
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

May	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th	British Tri Festival at OLGC
Wednesday 11th— Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21st	Retreat Day
Monday 25th	Bank Holiday