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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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The children have returned to school full of energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling so quickly into routines and embracing the exciting learning opportunities across the school.

This week has seen lots of happy faces, great teamwork, and impressive effort from all our pupils. Classrooms have been buzzing with activity, and staff have been delighted with the positive start the children have made.

As we move further into the term, we look forward to building on this strong beginning. Over the coming weeks, the children will continue deepening their learning, especially as we journey through the season of Lent. Together, we will begin preparing to explore the events of Holy Week and reflect on the significance of the Resurrection.

## Thoughts and prayers

Father Peter was taken into hospital late on Wednesday night. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as we pray for a full recovery.

## 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



## Star of the week

Reception	Ophelia	For showing great effort with her letter formation and also blending three sound words.
	Reggie	For showing great enthusiasm for challenges in the classroom provision.
	Anamika	For trying hard when counting back from 20, using a number line.
Year 1	Iris	For being a super scientist this week, exploring materials and their uses.
	Bea	For super work in all lessons. Bea has a very positive attitude towards her learning - well done.
Year 2	Gold-Daniel	For excellent knowledge shown when answering questions in RE.
	Freddy	For producing some fantastic writing in English. Freddy has perfectly explained how a fossil is formed, using linking adverbs.
Year 3	Daisy	For using great communication skills in PE to be able to work confidently and lead her group.
	Alex	For returning to school after half term and having a positive attitude towards all of his learning.
	Inara	For writing a fantastic dilemma in English for our story the Viking Boy where she remembered to include all the grammar concepts we have learnt so far this year.
Year 4	Ena	For her amazing effort in maths. She is doing absolutely amazing with equivalent fractions and continue to share her knowledge with her classmates to help them as well..
	Rudy	For his attitude at school, he has been a good friend to everyone in class and his attitude towards learning has been amazing.
Year 5	Lettie	For showing the value of self control through her dedication to her learning and her amazing progress in reading.
	Maks	For being an active learner in maths, helping his peers and offering great explanations.
Year 6		



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## Friendly February

This month's well being focus is friendship. Friends are flowers in the garden of life bringing beauty, colour and joy. There are many different types of friends just like there are many different types of flowers , with each one bringing something special to the garden. Together we make the garden of life beautiful as we grow side by side.

Mrs Cockerill will be asking the children to decorate a flower to represent their friends.





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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
<b>Sleaford Children's Centre</b> , Carre Street, Sleaford, NG34 7TW
Time: 10am-12pm



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

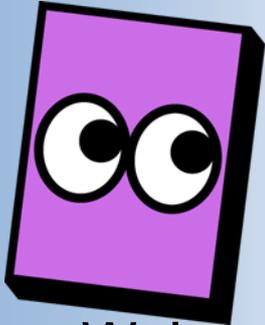
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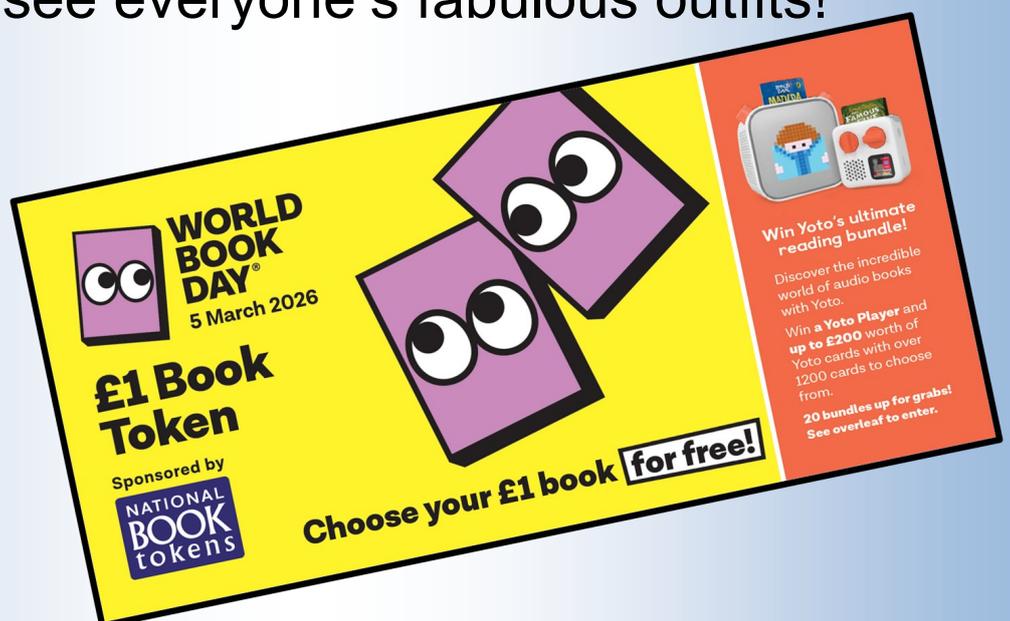
## WORLD BOOK DAY®

We're excited to celebrate **World Book Day!**

**Thursday 5th March 2026**

Children are invited to **come dressed as their favourite book character**—simple or creative costumes are all welcome.

We'll enjoy fun book themed activities, storytelling, and lots of reading throughout the day. We can't wait to see everyone's fabulous outfits!





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## Ready Steady go to School

This is a short fun filled session aimed at children who will be starting school in September. Come along to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Lincoln Central Children's Centre 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-11am  
Lincoln Abbey Children's Centre 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1-2pm  
Louth Children's Centre 13<sup>th</sup> Feb and 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 10-11am  
Skegness Children's Centre 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and 12<sup>th</sup> March 1-2pm  
Norfolk Lodge Children's Centre 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10-11am  
Spalding Children's Centre 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 1-2pm  
Market Deeping Children's Centre 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am  
Sleaford Children's Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am

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## WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP RAIL

Following the success of our Costume Swap Rail last year, we're bringing it back from 12th February to 5<sup>th</sup> March during normal library opening hours. Just bring along gently used past costumes to donate and swap for something 'new to you' for your child to wear this year.

We'll also have our 'Emergency Pack' available if you're up against it as the big day approaches. The packs include simple and quick last-minute costume ideas that will transform your child's everyday clothes into a character from a book. The Emergency Pack also includes recommended reads, chosen especially by library staff, to help you and your child find stories that truly capture their imagination and grow their love of reading.



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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

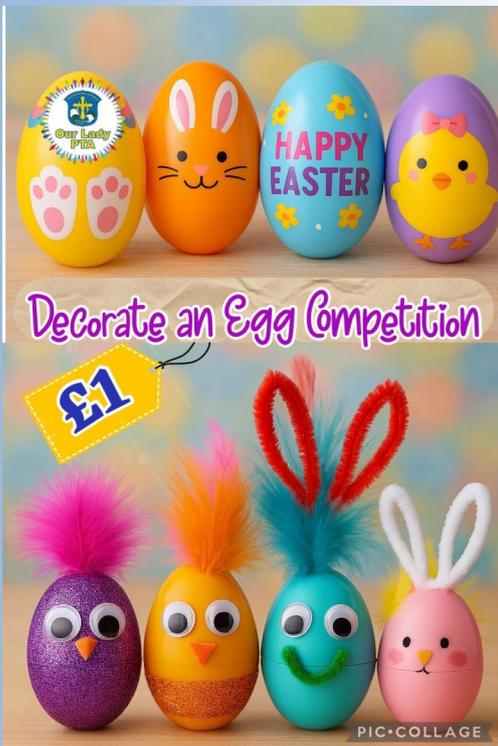
Our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea is back!

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](mailto: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

### **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 5th 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