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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have continued to enjoy a positive and settled start to Pentecost Term 1. The children have returned to school routines with enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to see them making the most of playtimes outdoors, particularly on the field during the recent spell of fine weather.

During this season of Pentecost, we are reminded of themes of renewal, courage and guidance. As a school community, we continue to be inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit as we learn and grow together throughout the term.

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 Antoni Miya Alex
Andrea Tasnim Daniela Aalia
Freddie Sree Daniel
Jonique Serghey Rosie Logan Reggie
Daisy T Violet Alice Daisy H
Amelia Serenity Ansam Gold-Daniel
Ellie Ellis Skyla Bella Mae Aidra
Lydia Betsy-Rose

Silver Learners

Katie Nevaeh



Star of the week

Reception	Reggie	For showing great effort in his phonics lessons.
	Favour	For her fantastic diagram showing the life cycle of a butterfly.
Year 1	Eva	For always been an attentive and active learner in class, leading discussions and answering lots of questions across all subjects.
	Clark	For great acknowledge on History, learning about Neil Armstrong and his mission to the moon!
Year 2	Paris	For being keen and enthusiastic in all lessons and showing her knowledge of plants during science discussions.
	Tasnim	For being kind and respectful to everyone and helping to keep the classroom neat and tidy without being asked.
Year 3	Rosie	For her resilience during our sports events this week. Rosie put her all into each activity and refused to give up.
	Joshua	For throwing himself into each lesson and giving everything his all. This week he has shown determination and confidence.
Year 4	Keyla	For positively working with her peers in the sports session this week and making sure that everyone in her group was included.
	Inara	For always arriving at school with a positive attitude and a huge smile. Her greetings each morning to the teacher are very uplifting.
Year 5	Freddie	For his effort to improve his handwriting. He has made it a massive focus for him and it is easy to notice. Keep it up!
	Aiza	For her fantastic skills in maths, being able to identify different types of angles and measure them neatly with really good precision.
Year 6	Michael	For showing the virtue of justice by always being responsible for himself and doing the right thing.
	Amara	For living out the value of courage by responding to learning in group discussions confidently.



Reading WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the reading competition, “Send a photo of you reading in a crazy location.”

Congratulations to our winners!

Please visit Mrs Blow to choose a book as your prize.

Reception	Ophelia
Year 1	Aidra
Year 2	Ellis
Year 3	Alice
Year 4	Matilda
Year 5	Leah
Year 6	Felicia



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Active April

This month's wellbeing focus is to find ways of being more physically active. Regular physical activity is not only good for our bodies but is also good for our minds. It helps us improve our concentration, memory and problem-solving skills which means academic performance is improved. It also boosts mood and mental health by releasing endorphins, promoting feelings of happiness and wellbeing, and reducing stress, anxiety and depression. Mrs Cockerill is asking the children to have daily bursts of activity throughout the month, which could include running, dancing, jumping in puddles or skipping. The children can draw a picture, write about what they have done or send in a photo so she can add them to the ELSA display.





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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

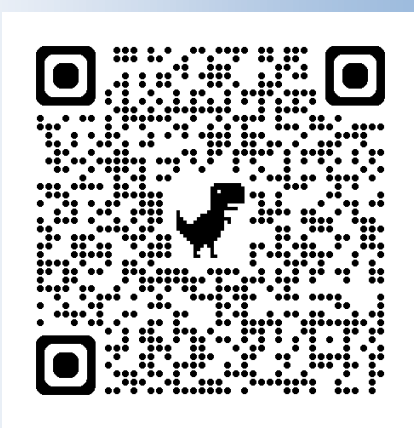
The Children's Centre also offers a variety of other parent and early years services, from play sessions and parenting support to help accessing wider community resources.

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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Morning Supervision Before 8:30am



A Parent's Guide to Supervising Children in the Mornings

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Positive Reminders:

- ✓ Stay with your child until the school gates open at 8:30am.
- ✓ Ensure they wait safely and calmly at the gate.
- ✓ Encourage standing sensibly, away from the road.
- ✓ Remind them to make safe appropriate choices.

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe!

As the weather
continues to
improve,



please remember to apply suncream to your child(ren) each morning and ensure they bring a sun hat and a water bottle to school every day, so they can stay safe and comfortable while enjoying the outdoors.





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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



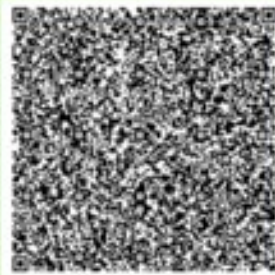
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Ready Steady go to School



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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Stay Safe Team



How to Navigate Group Chats Safely

Helping children stay safe, kind & confident online.



Group chats have become a big part of how children stay connected with classmates, friends, extended family and wider social groups. Whilst they can be fun and positive, they can also become overwhelming, unkind or unsafe without your guidance.

Why group chats can be challenging for children:

Group chats can move quickly and create pressure for children to keep up.

Common issues include:

- Too many notifications.
- Misunderstandings.
- Exclusion and arguments.
- Sharing unkind gossip or images.
- Pressure to respond late at night.
- Added to chats without permission.

Talking openly with your child about these challenges can help them feel more confident and capable.

What you can do at home:

Set healthy boundaries

- Agree on device-free times (eg. meals).
- Encourage children to mute group chats.
- Remind them its ok to leave a group.

Teach them "THINK before you send"

Before posting, ask them to check if the message is: true, helpful, & kind.

Encourage children to speak up about anything:

- Unkind, unsafe or aggressive.
- Not to join in or share it further.
- Save a screenshot if worried.
- Talk to a trusted adult.

Remind children not to share private information in group chats and model healthy digital behaviours yourself.

Where to go for support

internet
matters.org

www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/

Social
Media



Safer
Lincolnshire



Stay Safe
Partnership



@StaySafe
Partner

Contact for info: SSP@lincolnshire.gov.uk <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership>



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50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT

TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS

Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.



Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
May	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday—no school
Tuesday 5th	British Tri Festival at OLG
11th—14th	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21st	Retreat Day –Last day of term
Thursday 21st	PTA Movie Night
Friday 22nd	INSET day
June	
Monday 1st	INSET day
Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
Friday 12th	LCH charity colour dash
Friday 19th	The Ultimate Dad Games—details to follow
July	
Friday 10th	Summer Fete—details to follow
Friday 17th	PTA disco Reception and KS1—3.15pm to 4.15pm KS2—4.30pm—5.30pm
To be confirmed	Leavers Mass
To be confirmed	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22nd	Family picnic 12pm
Wednesday 22nd	Last day of term—no after school club

Further dates to be confirmed

Sports Day
School reports
Celebration of learning open day
Celebration of learning awards