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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have come to the end of a positive and productive Pentecost Term 1, finishing today with a wonderful retreat day. It was a great opportunity for everyone to step away from technology and take time to reflect, connect, and enjoy a calm and meaningful end to the term.

Throughout the week, the children have continued to show enthusiasm for school life and have made the most of their time outdoors, particularly enjoying the field in the recent fine weather. In lessons, pupils have maintained a strong focus, demonstrating excellent effort, engagement, and determination in their learning.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break.

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 Aalia
Freddie Sree Daniel
Jonique Sergey Rosie Logan Reggie
Daisy T Violet Alice Daisy H
Amelia Serenity Ansam Gold-Daniel
Ellie Ellis Skyla Bella Mae Aidra
Lydia Betsy-Rose Luna-Hope Angelina
Kiara Anugraha

Silver Learners

Katie Nevaeh



Star of the Week

Reception	Isla	For settling in so well to her new school!
	Ophelia	For being a complete superstar in reception—we will miss you greatly!
	Kiara	For becoming a more independent writer and having a good go at holding and writing sentences. Kiara did some lovely Goldilocks sentences this week all on her own!
Year 1	Arthur	For his excellent sounding out and reading in his RWI assessment. Mrs Blow was wowed by Arthur's confidence and fluency!
Year 2	Harry	For super sound knowledge when reading and writing words.
	Ansam	For writing a fantastic explanation about a young sunflower.
Year 3	Reggie	For making some fantastic choices this week and being a friend to all.
	Viraj	For being a role model student. All week, Viraj has followed our tick behaviours and this hasn't gone unnoticed by any member of staff.
	Isabella	For working incredibly hard this term in all subjects. She has shown great determination in all she has done this term— Well done!
Year 4	Richard	For working hard in maths this week as we developed our understanding of time. He has successfully converted between digital and analogue clocks.
Year 5	Ena	For her resilience in all lessons. She has made sure that she has not given up no matter what topic it is she is facing and has worked hard to improve in all of them.
	Daniel	For his great ideas during class discussions that have got the whole classroom talking and debating. His love for knowledge is infectious and helps himself and the whole class flourish.
	Nathan	for showing the virtue of solidarity through being a supportive friend.
Year 6	Isla	for showing the virtue of courage by always trying her best in all that she does at school. We are super proud of you



PTA

PTA

coming soon !!



Details to follow





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Mighty May

This month's wellbeing focus is being brave and facing our fears. Being brave doesn't mean you're never scared—it means you try your best even when something feels a little scary or difficult. Resilient people keep going when things don't go their way, like trying again after making a mistake or falling down. Just like a tree that bends in the wind but doesn't break, you can grow stronger by facing challenges. Every time you try again, ask for help, or believe in yourself, you are being both brave and resilient. Mrs Cockerill will be asking the children to decorate a shield with a goal they want to achieve with courage and determination.





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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

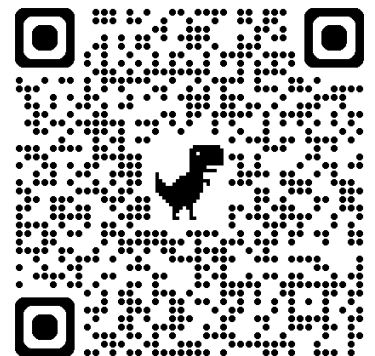
Sleaford Children's Centre, Carre Street,
Sleaford, NG34 7TW

Time: 10am-12pm

Speech and
Language drop
in!

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

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





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Morning Supervision Before 8:30am



A Parent's Guide to Supervising Children in the Morning

A Parent's Guide to Supervising Children in the Mornings

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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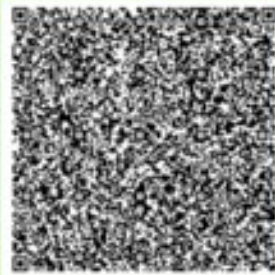
Ready Steady go to School



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

Please scan a QR code to join your preferred session

Thursday 23rd April
6-7pm



Wednesday 29th April
1.30-2.30pm



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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CGS OUTREACH HOLIDAY CAMP

SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 7

What to expect?

- Qualified Coaches
- Sports Hall, 3G Pitch & Gym
- New Sports
- Fun Games
- Making Friends!

WHERE?

NORTHGATE SPORTS HALL, SLEAFORD, NG34 7DD

WHEN?

ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!
(EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS)
8:30AM - 3:30PM

DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ARRIVAL ACTIVITY
- 2-3 THEMED ACTIVITIES
- CAMP FAVOURITES
(CARRE'S GAME, DODGEBALL,
MUSHROOM TIG & MANY MORE)

CAMP CHECKLIST:

- PACKED LUNCH, DRINK, SUITABLE
CLOTHING



CALL: 01529 308 746
EMAIL - CGSOUTREACH@CARRES.UK

Tuesday

26th

Gymnastics, Scatter Ball,
Sports Hall Ice Hockey,
Target Games



Friday

29th

Children vote for the day of
activities including their
favourite sports



Wednesday

27th

Racket and bat sports
including Badminton,
Table Tennis, Cricket
and Tennis



Other Activities:

- Free time after lunch
- Downtime activities
- Carre's Ball
- Become "Athlete of the Day"



Thursday

28th

Kinball, Archery, Street
Racket, Ultimate Frisbee
and Kick Rounders



NEW OFFER AVAILABLE

Credits can be shared
between siblings or used for
separate days



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CREDITS
FOR
£40



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Half Term: Tues 26th – 29th May'26

Sleaford Children's Centre

AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	Centre Closed Bank Holiday	Pop in and Play Under 2s 9.30am – 11am	SEND Drop in session 9am-11am Moving On Up! 0 – 5 years 10am – 11am Lincolnshire Breastfeeding Group 11.15am-12.45pm	Time to Play 9:30am – 11:30am For further information or to book a place please email: cwdlincolnshire@eyalliance.org.uk First Bites and Baby Life 3-6 months, 28 th May 10am-11.30am	Holiday Fun 0 – 5 years to include siblings up to 8 years 10am - 11am Speech and Language Drop In 10am - 12pm	
PM				Stay and Play Under 1s 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Pop In and Play 0 – 5 years to include siblings up to 8 years 1.30pm – 3pm	

Please scan the QR code to get the most up to date timetable information and to find out more about your local children's centre





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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
May	
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	Dads and Donuts (Fathers Day event)
July	
Friday 10th	Summer Fete—details to follow
Monday 13th	Sports Day Reception and KS1—
Thursday 16th	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
 School reports
 Celebration of learning open day
 Celebration of learning awards