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# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have continued to enjoy a positive and productive Pentecost Term 1. The children have maintained their enthusiasm for school routines, and it has been lovely to see them making the most of playtimes outdoors, particularly enjoying the field during the recent spell of fine weather. There has been a strong focus in lessons this week, with pupils across the school showing excellent effort, engagement and determination in their learning.

A special well done goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have approached their SATs with resilience and a positive attitude. They have worked incredibly hard and should feel very proud of their commitment and the way they have conducted themselves throughout the week.

During this season of Pentecost, we are reminded of the themes of renewal, courage and guidance. As a school community, we are inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit as we learn, grow and support one another 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 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	Ophelia	For her wonderful enthusiasm and energy in her speech and language sessions.
	Ella	For showing great self-motivation and stamina with her sentence writing!
Year 1	Aalia	For good independent writing about a pet in RWI. Aalia structured her sentences carefully and knew what she wanted to write all on her own.
	Iris	For great knowledge about maps this week in geography. Iris has answered lots of questions and done some super tasks.
Year 2	Skyla	For showing super science knowledge when discussing what a plant needs to thrive. Well done Skyla.
	Harry	For his brilliant questions any observations about plants shared during our science lessons.
Year 3	Elijah	For settling in beautifully to our school and class. He has had a super week and has shown just how clever he is!
	Reuben	Demonstrating a super understanding when learning about levels in DT. He was able to work towards making his own.
Year 4	Theo	For working with determination and resilience in all lessons even when he has found some tasks challenging.
	Kobi	For working hard in maths this week as we developed our understanding of money and how we can estimate our spending to make sure we have enough to buy what we would like.
Year 5	Charlie	His great start in a new setting. He has made a great effort to make lots of friends as well as showing his talents in maths and IT. Keep it up!
	Felicity	A fantastic start to her time at Our Lady, she has been an excellent addition to the year 5 class settling in really well and making 100% effort in every aspect of school life. Well done Keep it up!
Year 6	Kane	For showing the virtue of courage through demonstrating his mathematical skills.
	Lettie	For living out the value of solidarity through being a kind friend and helping others.



# PTA

## PTA Movie Night

Thursday 21st May 2026 - Afterschool

Pick up: 5.45pm

Zootopia 2

**\*PLEASE NOTE THIS FILM IS RATED PG\***

**£4 per child.**

*Siblings at a reduced rate*

*- £3 for child #2*

*- £2 for child #3*

*- and £1 for remaining children.*

The cost of entry covers snacks and drinks for the children throughout the film.

Please can you make sure you return the attached permission slip when you buy your tickets from the PTA pop up stalls that will take place from

**w/c 11.05.26.**

**\*CASH ONLY \***

All the PTA events are run entirely by volunteers. If you are able to help with this event, please contact the PTA at our Facebook page or at school.

If you have any questions, please message the PTA @ [www.facebook.com/ourladypta](https://www.facebook.com/ourladypta)





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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.





# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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

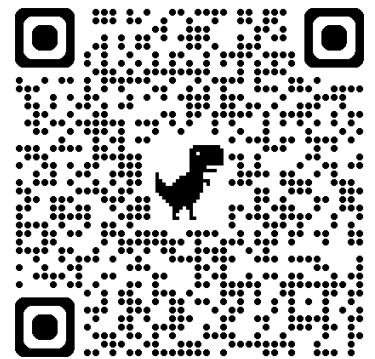
**Sleaford Children's Centre**, Carre Street,  
Sleaford, NG34 7TW

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.

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## 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.

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#### Resource:

Laws about online behaviour: [www.childnet.com/ufiles/Laws-around-online-behaviour.pdf](http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Laws-around-online-behaviour.pdf)



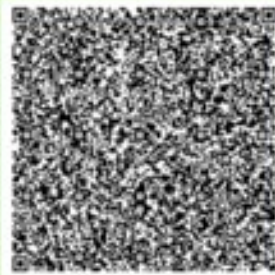
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## Ready Steady go to School



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

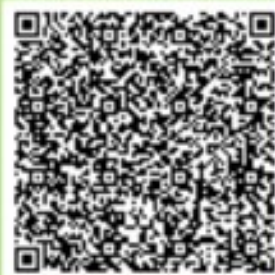


Wednesday 29th April  
1.30-2.30pm



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

Lincolnshire  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
*Working for a better future*

## 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/](http://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](mailto: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



CALL: 01529 308 746  
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2  
CREDITS  
FOR  
£40



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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
<b>May</b>	
11th—14th	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 21st	Retreat Day –Last day of term
Thursday 21st	PTA Movie Night
Friday 22nd	INSET day

<b>June</b>	
Monday 1st	INSET day
Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
Friday 12th	LCH charity colour dash
Friday 19th	Dads and Donuts (Fathers Day event)

<b>July</b>	
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**  
 Sports Day  
 School reports  
 Celebration of learning open day  
 Celebration of learning awards