23.10.2026

Our Lady's News

We have finally made it to half term. This term has been a long one but the children have embraced all their new learning and the formation of their new classes. Well done children, parents and staff.

Class 1 children performed to parents yesterday and we all dressed up in bright or autumnal colours to raise food for the New Life Community Larder. Thank you to everyone who supported this amazing charity.

The next half term is going to be a very busy term , so keep an eye on the newsletter, Facebook and Dojo for information.

We have a new addition to our school community. Miss Brearley has welcomed her beautiful daughter into the world. Her name is Maeve Elizabeth Allen. I know you will all be excited to get to meet her because the staff can't wait.

I would like to wish you all a restful half term and remember school opens again on Tuesday 3rd November

Parent Forum Group

The first meeting of the parent forum group will take place on Friday 27th November at 12:30pm. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs. Chawner.

Pen License

Some of our children in class 3, 4 and 5 are working towards a pen license. If you want to help them practice at home, we have the handwriting pens that we use on sale for 50p. Homework should not be done in pen but pencil until instructed by the class teacher. Pens are for practice only.

Attendance

Attendance this term is below 95%, which is below national average. It is important that your child attends school on a regular basis. Let us see if we can improve this next term by working together.

Safeguarding

The DSL for school is Mrs. Chawner.
The DDSL's for school are Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Blow.
Posters are around school and on the website if you are not sure who these people are. Thank you.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

We love, live and learn in the light of Christ.

Stars of the week

Class 1-Acorn

Whole Class

Class 2- Acer

Angelina

Charlie-Jorge

Class 3- Beech

Reggie

Elyas

Class 4 -Maple

Viraj

Liam

Class 5 Oak

Katie

Freddie

Awards

Bronze Learners

Lydia

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 93.2%

The Attendance trophy this week goes to .....

Class 4

Maple

Well done to Class 4 for achieving 96.8%.

Across school, 83 children achieved 97% or more attendance this half term.

This is an amazing achievement.

Is your child registered for free School Milk

Child Under 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Child Over 5

Every child is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Register Today

Register online **www.coolmilk.com**

Need help?
Send us a message at **www.coolmilk.com/contact**
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

Find us on social media – search Coolmilkscheme

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

1 2 3 4

I declare a

penny war

Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 20th November
Add your loose change to your class jar.
The class with the most money in their jar at the end will win a prize!



Let's
BRIGHTEN UP
the world
for those in need
one penny at a time!

Online safety Q+A for Early Year and primary parents



Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL

📅 Tuesday 1st December
🕕 6:00pm - 7:30pm
💻 Microsoft Teams
🎟 Sign-up required

Whether your child is using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps, this session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:
- ✅ Screen time and healthy online habits
- ✅ Parental controls and privacy settings
- ✅ Age-appropriate apps and games
- ✅ Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
- ✅ Any online safety questions you'd like support with

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476488

Our Lady of Good Counsel School, The Drove
Friday 13th November

Coffee & Play Morning

On Friday, November 13th, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, we invite all little ones to come and enjoy a special hour filled with engaging activities, laughter, and new friendships. Parents and guardians are to accompany their children. We can't wait to see you there for a memorable morning of fun!



Parish News

Mass times:

Monday to Thursday Daily Mass is at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 11.30a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 p.m.

Sunday morning 10 a.m.

RCIA INSTRUCTION begins next Wednesday 28th October @ 19.00 in the parish Hall.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Music Group

Beginner Guitar Group Lessons

Have you always wanted to play the guitar?

Whether you are a complete beginner or just getting started, come along and join our friendly group lessons.

These are held on a Tuesday in the Church Hall from 5pm

The cost is £5 per session and you need to have your own guitar.

For more information contact Rita Spiteri: ritamaryanne67@gmail.com

The new Word of the Week Podcast is now available to parents.

These are weekly reflections with a clear focus that have been recorded by the Trust Chaplaincy team. You can listen on Spotify or watch these on You tube by following the links below:

- **Spotify:** Listen on Spotify
- **YouTube:** Watch on YouTube

PTA News

Planned events

November

Friday 20th - Non-uniform

Donations of sweets or chocolate for the Christmas market tombola

Sunday 29th- Sleaford Christmas market

December

Friday 4th - Christmas fair in school from 2pm

Wednesday 16th– Whole School disco 3:15pm- 4:45pm

January

Friday 29th– Family Quiz night and auction -6pm

March

Friday 5th- Mother's day afternoon

Monday 22nd- Non-uniform day- Easter egg donations

Wednesday 24th- Easter egg raffle

May

Friday 21st- Karaoke night

Monday 24th– Non-uniform day- Bottle donations

June

Summer fair-date to be confirmed

Friday 18th– Dads and Donuts afternoon

July

Friday 16th- Whole school disco 3:15pm-4:45pm





Well-being

Optimistic October

This month's well-being focus is about being optimistic, which means hoping or believing that good things will happen even when faced with tough situations. It doesn't mean ignoring our problems or pretending that everything is perfect, but it's about finding the best solution. Approaching challenges with a positive mindset, boosts our resilience and problem-solving skills. Optimism is contagious!! So, remember when you stay hopeful, you inspire and encourage the people around you.

If you need extra support visit our well-being space by following the link:

https://mentalhealthandwellbeing.space/

If you need extra support regarding safeguarding , visit our safeguarding space by following the link:

https://www.our-lady.lincs.sch.uk/information/safeguarding/



Diary dates

November	
Monday 2nd	Inset day
Tuesday 3rd	First day back
Tuesday 3rd	Open day tour of school at 4pm
Friday 13th	Coffee and play morning 9:30am- 10:30am
Thursday 19th	Open day tour of school at 4pm
Friday 20th	Non uniform day- donations of chocolates or sweets
Tuesday 24th	Parents' evening
Wednesday 25th	Parents' evening
Sunday 29th	Sleaford Christmas Market
December	
Tuesday 1st	Sports star visit
Friday 4th	Christmas Fair in school at 2pm
Monday 7th	Open day tour of school at 5pm
Wednesday 9th	Class 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm
Thursday 10th	Christmas Dinner day- Christmas jumper day
Thursday 10th	Class 1 and 2 Nativity at 5pm
Tuesday 15th	Awards Assembly at 2:45pm
Wednesday 16th	Class 5 Carol Service in church at 1:30pm
Wednesday 16th	PTA Disco (subject to confirmation)
Thursday 17th	Class 3, 4 and 5 Carol Service in school at 2pm
Friday 18th	Panto in school at 1:45pm
Friday 18th	Last day of term – No Afterschool Clubs
January	
Monday 4th	First day back
Wednesday 6th	Epiphany mass in church at 10am
Friday 29th	PTA Quiz/ Auction night- time to be confirmed
February	
Wednesday 10th	Ash Wednesday mass in church
Thursday 11th	Last day of term
Friday 12th	Inset Day
Monday 22nd	First day back
Monday 22nd	Big Lent Sponsored Walk
March	
Friday 5th	Mother's Day Coffee afternoon
Tuesday 16th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18th	Parents' Evening

Please note that these may be subject to change but every effort will be made to limit the changes.