



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE  
OF THE TERM:  
**MISSION**

*'Let all that you do be done in love.'* **Corinthians 16:18**  
**The God who speaks- Pentecost 2**  
**Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word**

Value of the Month: July  
**ASPIRATION**

**Weekly Updates:**

Good Afternoon to our school community,

It is our final official day of the school year today and what a year it has been. You have all been absolutely incredibly and we thank you for your support, communications and good wishes during this time. We cannot wait to see the children in September and have been working hard to make the school as safe as it can be with high levels of hygiene. We from September will have a Curriculum Addendum on our website alongside our current recovery statement. In addition we are beginning to upload a recovery statement for each Subject area on the website.

<https://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/>

As always may I take this opportunity to remind you if you have any queries now or throughout the Summer period please contact me via my email [jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)

We today completed our final Friday Celebration virtual worship between our 'bubbles' and it was a joy to have a socially distanced dance to an empowering 'Greatest Showman' Tune. Today we thought about Peace and how to bring about Peace in our lives and the lives of others. We cannot wait for the day we are all safely reunited. We are excited for the safe socially distanced transition picnics on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please send your child with a packed lunch and drink. Events will take place outside or spaced in hall and rooms if wet. **Parents may only attend with New EYFS and Year 6.**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

10-12pm only: New EYFS (Reception 2020) and parents and New Year 1(our current EYFS)

1:00-3:00pm only: New Year 2(our current Year 1) and New Year 3(our current Year 2)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

10-12pm only: New Year 4(our current 3) New Year 5(our current 4) New Year 6(our current 5)

1:00-3:00pm only: Year 6 Leavers Celebration with parents.

We are aware of issues with Microsoft Teams and our provider is working hard to resolve this, thank you for your patience.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

As ever you remain in my thoughts and prayers,

Best Wishes

Mrs Withers xxx

**Thought of the Week:**

*'God is patient and good.'* **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Have you ever helped weed the garden? Why does no one like weeds? In this week's Gospel Jesus tells us another parable and wants us to think about what will happen at the end of time to those people who do not listen to him. Like the wheat and the weeds, God allows good and bad to live side by side. God wants to allow bad people a chance to change their ways before the end of time.

The weeds that have come up with the wheat refers to an annual grass called darnel, which looks very much like wheat when it first shoots. The information is given that the farmer has indeed sown good seed, and that it is a conspiracy by the enemy which has spoilt the expected harvest. By choosing to allow both wheat and weeds to grow to maturity until they are separated at harvest, a picture is painted of a God who allows us every chance of reaching our fullest potential and changing that in us which is bad or imperfect  
**Lord, our lives are a mixture of good and bad. Help us to know the difference so that we can do what pleases you.**

**Right of the Week**



Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



### Pentecost 2: Encounter with us through being a Missionary Disciple...

It is Bishop Patrick's vision that every church, chaplaincy, school and home in our Diocese will be a place where people can encounter Jesus. We are being called to encounter and re-encounter Jesus and his love for us. We are called to discover and rediscover Jesus and the call to follow him. Our school exists so we can present the Good News to you our families in engaging and transforming ways. How will you Encounter Christ this term? How will you be a Disciple or Missionary? Perhaps share as a family the Wednesday Word we sent all editions home with you on the last school day.

*"Were not our hearts burning within us"*

#### Weekly Mission:

- *Or...Missionary Discipleship Challenge: Draw an image to celebrate your family this week Save some pennies and contribute to our Briars Collection this term, as a charity they will be feeling these hard times, so let's give what we can to support them. Donations can be delivered to our school post box or sent in with children attending.*
- *Attend church safely for private prayer-see information attached and email sent last week.*

### Information: helpline launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Withers and Mr Morton.

[jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)

[sam.morton@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sam.morton@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)



### Summer Writing Challenge

On your Teams Class page is a Summer Writing Challenge. If you would like to complete over the summer Mrs Hibbert would love to see your successfully completed challenges in September.

### Healthy Minds - <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

This service has created a range of online workshops to be completed from the comfort of your own home. These workshops are designed to provide children/young people and their families with the opportunity to learn new strategies to help manage a variety of emotional wellbeing concerns.

We currently have the following workshops available:

- Survival Guide to Change
- Managing Worries and Anxious Feelings
- Parents supporting children with Anxiety and Additional Needs

### Free School Meals

The Covid Summer Food Fund will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM) to be supported over the summer holiday period. All vouchers for the summer holidays will be ordered for you before the end of term for you to claim in the same way you would normally do through Edenred. The costs will be met centrally by the Department for Education.

### Eco Spotlight

#### Wildlife at home

In these unusual times when more of us are staying at home or close to home, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know our wildlife living in our gardens. Visit the following link <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/explore/childrens-activities> for wildlife videos, spotter sheets and activity sheets. I hope you enjoy getting closer to nature, I wonder what you will see!

## Geography Spotlight-Facts about Italy



When you think of Italy, what do you think of? Maybe the Leaning Tower of Pisa or the Colosseum in Rome? Delicious pizza and pasta. There's a lot more to this incredible country, see for yourselves with our fascinating facts about Italy...

Official Name: Italian Republic

Form of Government: Republic

Capital: Rome

Population: 60,606,230

Official Language: Italian

Money: Euro

Area: 301,277 square kilometres

Major Mountain Ranges: Alps, Apennines

Major Rivers: Po, Adige, Arno, Tiber

Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula that juts out of southern Europe into the Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Mediterranean Sea and other waters. Its location has played an important role throughout its history.

The sea surrounds Italy, and mountains crisscross the interior, dividing the land into regions. The Alps cut across the top of the country and are streaked with long, thin glacial lakes. From the western end of the Alps, the Apennines mountains stretch south down the entire peninsula.

West of the Apennines are wooded hills that are home to many of Italy's historic cities, including Rome. In the south are hot, dry coastlands and fertile plains where olives, almonds, figs and other crops are grown.

For more facts about Italy visit the source of this information via the following link:  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-italy/>

Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, and writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

### 20 Fun Facts about Summer:

1. The first modern Olympic Games were held in the summer in 1896 in Athens, Greece.
2. The first day of summer is between June 20th and June 22nd every year. The first day of summer is called the summer solstice, and the day varies due to the Earth's rotation not exactly reflecting our calendar year.
3. The last day of summer is September 20th.
4. Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.
5. The Eiffel Tower actually grows in the heat of the summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer.
6. If you love ice cream, the summer season should be your favorite. July is national ice cream month.
7. Another interesting fact about summer is that television shows used to only be reruns during the summer months. The idea being that everyone was outside enjoying the weather.
8. A June fun fact is that the month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno.
9. The first women's bathing suit was created in the 1800's. It came with a pair of bloomers.
10. The "dog days of summer" refer to the dates from July 3rd to August 11th. They are named so after the Sirius the Dog Star. This star is located in the constellation of Canis Major.
11. Frisbee's, invented in the 1870's as a pie plate, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing them around. They have since stopped being used for pie plates and are now a summertime staple.
12. For a July fun fact, Roman general Marc Antony named the month of July after Julius Caesar.
13. July is national blueberry month.
14. The longest day of the year is on the summer solstice.

## St. Norbert Shout Outs:

I would like to a massive thank you and well done to all of Year 4 for all of your hard work this year! As I set you the challenge this week of writing a poem as I did last time, I have written one for you. I hope you enjoy it.

We may have not seen each other in a while,  
But you have all been in my heart and mind,  
I thank you for all your hard work this year,  
Which makes me want to applaud and cheer!  
You have all made me proud every day,  
I just had to say,  
This summer have a lovely rest,  
Because you have all done your best,  
I wish good luck in Year 5,  
Where I know you will thrive,  
Remember like I always said you can be whatever you want to be,  
Just you wait and see,  
Have a lovely, restful summer Year 4! From Mrs. Simmons



A shout out to Oskars and Markuss completing the 20 for 2020 Reading Challenge! Well Done!

## The Heart that See's Award



To Mr Matchett who noticed my candle now showing very well on our MS Teams Worship, he made me a wooden candle holder and electric tealight so the light of the candle can be seen by all, Thank you.xxx

## Children's Mental Health Week Resources

Following on from last week's focus week here are further resources for all year round;

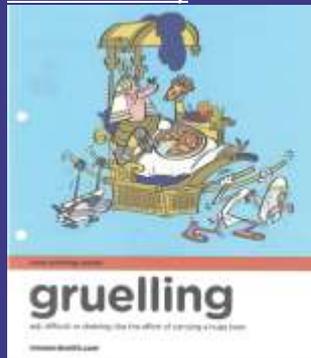
Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/?f3=10152#listing>

Place to Be <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools>

Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together

[https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/?utm\\_source=place2be.org.uk&utm\\_medium=referral](https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/?utm_source=place2be.org.uk&utm_medium=referral)

Our Time <https://ourtime.org.uk/resource/explaining-mental-illness-to-under-11s/>



## History Spotlight

## Facts about Ancient Rome

- 1) Rome was founded in 753BC by its first king, Romulus. It grew into a rich and powerful city during the next few hundred years.
- 2) By AD 117 the Roman Empire included the whole of Italy, all the lands around the Mediterranean and much of Europe, including England, Wales and parts of Scotland.
- 3) Roman legend says that Romulus had a twin brother called Remus. As babies they were abandoned in the area which later became Rome. A she-wolf found and raised them, but when they grew up, Romulus fought and killed Remus and became the first ruler of Rome!
- 4) The Romans built such a huge empire and conquered new lands, thanks to their strong army. The Roman army could march up to 40km a day!
- 5) During battle, a Roman soldier or 'legionary' first hurled his spear at the enemy, then he fought him with his sword. To protect himself, he carried a wooden shield and wore a metal helmet and armour.
- 6) The Romans didn't spend all their time fighting - they were amazing architects and engineers too! They built roads and walls - things we now take for granted.

For further facts and information visit the source of this information:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/romans/10-facts-about-the-ancient-romans/>



## JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/Be-bright-be-safe/>



## E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-marys.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>  
<https://net-aware.org.uk> Or download the Net Aware app for android and iOS.



Make sure your child knows what to do if they come across cyberbullying.

Encourage them to be an upstander not a bystander with the **Stop, Speak, Support** code. Developed by the Royal Foundation, we've been working in partnership with a coalition of organisations, including O2, and young people themselves. The code gives advice on how to respond to online bullying. Use the link below:

[https://www.natoc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/turn-source-4education\\_medium-emailform\\_content-Videoform\\_campaign-121-017-com-networks-JRS](https://www.natoc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/turn-source-4education_medium-emailform_content-Videoform_campaign-121-017-com-networks-JRS)

## Top Tips for safer digital living!

1. **Prioritise Safety-** Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to. Think about what YOU share about your child on social media too!
2. **Set Parental Controls-** Agree a list of websites and apps your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook or YouTube.
3. **Discuss their activities-** Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and online friends.
4. **Set Boundaries-** Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and game consoles. Make sure to set side time for "unplugged" family activity.
5. **Be open-** Let your child know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you'll listen without judgment



During this unprecedented time of the church and school closures, Ten Ten is offering all schools and their families the opportunity to access FREE prayer resources for the home. These include detailed daily reflections and prayers rooted in the Sunday Gospel and also a Sunday Liturgy for families, which will allow you the opportunity to lead your own Sunday liturgy. It will follow the order of the Mass and will include a Gospel film, a short family friendly homily from a priest and finally the liturgy will lead to 'Spiritual Communion'.

In order to access the resources, follow the link below. Links will be sent out weekly via email, however they can also be found on the school website homepage.

Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/homeprayer-2020-03-23>

Sunday Liturgy for Families

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

## Prayers and Reflection Please!

### Loving God,

*In the immeasurable brilliance of your Spirit, show us how to choose the path of light. May we glimpse things hidden since the creation of the world that you revealed to us through your Son. Amen.*

Mrs. J. Withers (Headteacher)