



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

VIRTUE OF THE  
TERM:  
**Compassion**

**'A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.'** (Psalms 50(51) 3-6, 18-19)

**The God who speaks- Lent 2**

**Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word**

Value of the  
Month: March  
**Cooperation**



## **This Week's Highlights!**

- We joined Fr Jim and the Parish for a reflective and contemplative Ash Wednesday Mass
- We have explored the British Value of 'Individual Liberty' this week.
- We have competed in a Football and Netball Matches this week- One away game at Crowland and one game against Gosberton Academy. See below for more detail...

Year 5 shared their love of reading with EYFS this week. Such a lovely opportunity whilst they were dressed as their favourite characters for World Book Day. We have also been discussing our Lenten Journey and how this is going to be reflected in our actions over the coming term. Mrs McMurray kindly brought in a bullet-proof vest as part of our Science learning about materials. Kevlar is the most commonly used material as armour for protection because of its impact resistance, high strength and low weight. We all tried it on in class! Thank you Mrs McMurray!!

Our Netball A-Team took part in a Super League Netball match against Gosberton Academy on Thursday 2nd March. Our team consisted of three girls and three boys - 5 players on the court at any one-time. We took control of the match in the first quarter scoring a number of nets through exceptional team work from our captain, Mbali, passing the ball through to Harry, Brajan and Chloe. Defending our net were Nicola and Charlie as they rotated their positions through each position to end the match with an astounding 16-0 score card! We are super proud of the team work and the game play - well done Netballers!

On Tuesday the 28th February the girls football team took part in an away match against Crowland Southview Primary School. The girls played 20 minutes each way and were up against a tough side. They began their match with words of wisdom ringing in their ears 'Defend our Goal!' They diligently took on this advice and were instrumental in tackling and defending their goals. Our goalie, Wiktoria, saved many attempts on goal and prevented the Crowland girls running away with the match. Ruby, Nicola and Mbali created a number of runs on their goal with a beautifully positioned pass through to Melanie who scored our one and only goal. The Crowland girls managed to sneak four goals past Wiktoria before being stopped by Chloe, Guste and Eva in defence. Kristella rallied the girls into a positive mindset with her encouraging songs and big smiles as we ended the match 4-1 to Crowland. A great ending for our second match - we look forward to our next matches on the 13th and 23rd March!

## **We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!**

Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight extreme poverty. We will be walking the daily mile around the school grounds, to raise funds for charity. Our target is open ended. CAFOD suggested 200km, but we are certain we can smash this target! Please send any donations or funds raised into school throughout Lent- even the smallest amount can make a big difference! The money raised will be totaled at the end of next term. CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

## **Discovery Coaching**

Breakfast Club-If you would like to book your child's place then please visit [discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings](https://discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings)

If you hadn't heard already we now have a community football session on site every Saturday morning during term time. Discovery Sports Coaching deliver these sessions from 10-11 o'clock, for children in reception through to year 6. Aimed at introducing children to football and developing existing skills it is a great to keep your children active during the weekend. Sessions are open to all local children, not just those who attend St Norbert's. If you would like to book your child's place then please visit [discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings](https://discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings)

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend with your families, perhaps enjoy a walk and keep up our Lenten CAFOD Challenge, trying to cover a mile a day. Please remember we are collecting donated loose change in each class.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...**

Where do you pray? When Jesus wanted to pray he would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where he could be alone with his heavenly father. What place did Jesus take his friends to, to pray? What happened to Jesus when he prayed? We call this the 'Transfiguration.' Jesus was covered in God's glory, just as he would be in heaven, and God's approval for him was apparent. The disciples would remember this later when Jesus was put to death. Just as Jesus was revealed as the beloved Son of God, we too can take our place as beloved children of God. What glimpses of the glory of God do you see in your daily life? Can you recall an experience, which has revealed another person to you in a completely new light? Or, being able to see attributes in someone that you had previously been unaware of? During this week, try as a follower of Jesus, to respond to people with greater generosity, forgiveness, acceptance and love.

Lord God, you showed the disciples the light of Jesus' glory. Help us to share that light with those we meet, so all will come to see your glory. Amen

## **Rights of the Week**





## Lent 2: Encounter with us...

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? Perhaps share as a family the Wednesday Word or use the booking system to attend Mass at St. Norbert's Church safely, stewards are on hand to help and support.

### Discipleship

Our theme for this term is discipleship: Being a disciple means following a teacher or way of life. It reminds us that to follow Jesus we have to live like him and shape our lives in a way that reflects who he was and what he taught.

Every Catholic School has a Mission Statement - words, sentences or phrases that remind us what our calling is as followers of Christ.

Our Mission Statement: a love of God, a love of one another and a love of life itself

Weekly Mission: Why not start the new year volunteering time and contributing to an organisation? Maybe you could help at the Hub In Hub out Project at church.



**Next week's Ordo Theme-** We often give up things for Lent but fasting is not about going without chocolate. It's about going without something you don't need in order to focus on the things you do. You might fast from watching TV or going on your phone and spend more time with your family and friends. What can you give up for Lent that will help you understand the really important things in your life?

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP...eQ..INx4hDVRhy8KdP8Q>



Ways to Say I Love You - Madeleine Cook

A gorgeous celebration of all the things we do with and for the people we love - from listening, to sharing, to playing together, to hugging

The Children's Book of Birdwatching - Dan Rouse

With bird numbers in decline around the world, it's more important than ever for us to understand what our feathered friends need and how we can help them, and encourage them back to our outdoor spaces.

The Tale of Truthwater Lake - Emma Carroll

In 2032, Polly dives into the world of the submerged town Syndercombe in 1952, where Nellie has set herself a swimming challenge she can only complete with the help of two good friends. Another superb story from the Queen of Historical Fiction.



**DT Challenge-** This week practice using blanket stitch. Follow the tutorial video <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/blanket-stitch-embroidery-sewing-video-tutorial-t-4-1635952759>

## Spalding Music Centre Concert



Children in Year 4 have been learning to play the ukelele in their music learning and now they are very excited to be invited by Lincolnshire Music Services to play at the Spalding Music Concert at Spalding Music Centre. The children will be playing a piece they have learnt in class and then they will join in and play a piece with a larger group of musicians. The event will take place on Tuesday the 21st of March at 5.45pm. If you would like to attend the event to support the children that would be fabulous.

## Woman's History Month - March



Katherine Johnson - American Mathematician

The stars were always within reach for Katherine Johnson. Using her mathematics skills, she helped NASA send astronauts to the moon and return them safely home. She also overcame racial and gender hurdles that helped make giant leaps for humankind.



**Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary**  
**March-I will keep my Lenten Promises**

**ORDO:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Week 2 Lent**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Week 2 Lent Commemoration of Saints Perpetua and Felicity: Martyrs**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Week 2 Lent Commemoration of St John of God**  
**Year 1 Class Worship**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Week 2 Lent**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Week 2 Lent Commemoration of St Frances of Rome**

## ANIMAL FACTS

The ears of an African Elephant can be 6 feet long!

Naked Mole Rats can live for up to 30 years, making them the longest-living rodents.



Naked Mole Rats have incisors that can move independently of each other, a bit like chopsticks.

A type of stick insect called Char's Megastick can grow to over half a metre long!

A platypus is a mammal that lays eggs!

Pufferfish teeth grow continuously.



Find out more at <https://www.science-sparks.com/fun-science-facts/>

## Composer of the term

Our composer of the term is Tchaikovsky. He was a Russian composer in the Romantic era and is considered one of the most popular of all Russian composers. He wrote melodies which were usually dramatic and emotional and his compositions include 11 operas, 3 ballets, orchestral music, chamber music and over 100 songs. His famous ballets (Swan Lake, The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty) have some of the best known tunes and Tchaikovsky is widely regarded as the greatest composer of ballets. Scan the QR code or follow the link to watch a child friendly version of the Nutcracker, with Tchaikovsky's musical accompaniment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylc4sq6ztpY>



## Pupil of the Week

**EYFS-** Irin for independently creating a season tree using paint.

**Year 1-** Caroline for a positive attitude towards learning.

**Year 2-** Magor for his fantastic work in Maths this week giving lots of great reasoning answers!

**Year 3-** Isabella for her Maths learning.

**Year 4-** Alex for his fabulous fraction learning this week.

**Year 5-** Filip for his contributions to our Maths learning this week - well done converting fractions to decimals.

**Year 6-** Y6 girls football team: Mbali, Nicola, Kristella, Ruby, Sara, Wiktoria, Chloe for showing great teamwork, football skills and determination.

## The Heart that See's Award

Each week the pupils can all nominate their peers for this award, for those acts of mercy and kindness.



Thank you to Year 4 the class who have donated the most so far for the CAFOD fundraising – your efforts are incredible-what a team!- Thank you xxx

**Weekly Attendance: %** Remember our school target is 97% and anything below 90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.. You must inform us when your child is not attending school if we are unable to make contact we will conduct a home visit. Pupils should be at school by 8:45 to avoid being marked as Late.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.48%	91.03%	93.33%	94.67%	100%	95.33%	94.67%



## Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



### SAFEGUARDING

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

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Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children



### E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>  
<https://net-aware.org.uk> Or download the Net Aware app for android and iOS.  
[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm\\_source=Adeschools&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Video&utm\\_campaign=121017-com-netaware\\_LF5](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Adeschools&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Video&utm_campaign=121017-com-netaware_LF5)

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As our children move up through the school their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but our children and parents all need to be aware of various online risks. We would like to draw your attention to the following weblinks to help share and support our online safety message across the school and help keep your children safe whilst they research, access learning or practise their skills online.

<https://youtube.com/XGItg8V3e/k>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/lessie-and-friends/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runners/>

Are your children using electronic devices and accessing the internet at home? Whatever their age, the link we are sharing below can help you to find out more about what they might be doing online and give you practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe in their digital world. Take a moment to look through the website and see what is advised for the ages and stages of your child/children. It is really important that we all work together to keep the children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>



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/>

## Prayers Please!

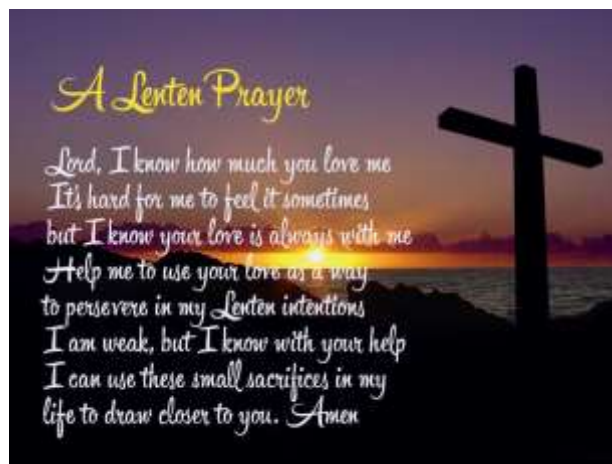
Daily Prayers for Home

<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/>

The Wednesday Word is offered to you as a new, weekly, special 5 minutes Family Time together. The Wednesday Word is a gift to families because of their connection with a Catholic school. Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week. Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. It is structured around the Sunday Gospel, because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive. The Wednesday Word Family Time leaflet is designed in a family friendly fashion to ensure that all family members feel included. It aims to be informative, enjoyable, and to help families maintain a special closeness throughout the school years. You can download your own copy from your child's MS Teams account where it is shared weekly or directly from their website <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>



*The Pope's intention for March: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

Amen. Mrs.J.Withers (Headteacher)