



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

VIRTUE OF THE TERM:  
**PATIENCE**

*'For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not have, we wait for it patiently.'* (Romans 8:24-25)  
The God who speaks- lent 1  
**Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word**

Value of the Month: January  
**SELF-DISCIPLINE**



Happy New Year as a school community we send you prayers and blessings for 2023 and hope we all continue to keep safe and well. Next week our Ordo focus 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.

### This Week's Highlights!

- It was incredible to welcome our team, children and families back this week-A Happy New Year to you all!
- It's been a busy week, a new term of Dance with Miss Wilmott and our Maths on the Move sessions have started.
- We shared a very special New Year Epiphany Mass with Fr Jim today-thank you for being with us on this Holy Day of Obligation.
- We have explored the British Value of 'Individual Liberty' this week.
- We joined together in solemn prayer to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict.

Breakfast Club with Discovery Sports Coaching is now approaching its second term, it's been great to see more and more families accessing and benefiting from this provision and the children have loved the activities on offer which have ranged from crafts, drawing, Lego and sports. If you would like to book your child's place then please visit [discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings](http://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 way 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](http://discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings)

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend with your families as we get back into our busy routines.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

This ancient feast of Epiphany celebrates the welcoming of all people who seek God with a sincere heart. It is not just the chosen people who are invited to faith in Jesus as Lord. He is significant to all who seek truth, and his light draws people into relationship with God. He is the sign of God's love for creation and through whom God's love is made known to all.

This week is a time to reflect on how far we have travelled in our own journey towards Jesus. What is leading you? How much progress have you made? What gifts do you bring? How open are you to the possibility of finding the divine in the ordinary? As we think on the story of the wise men, and reflect on how thrilled and excited they were to see the star, we might reflect back on times of pure delight in our own life experience. Did they cause us to take a new road? What hospitality ministries are present in your faith community? How important are they?

*Lord, you revealed your Son to the world by the guidance of a star. Lead us too, by the light of faith, that we may bring others to you as well. Amen*

### Rights of the Week





Lent 1



### Lent 1: 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? Even things like completing the Big Bird Watch RSPB would involve you giving up your time for a cause.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**Next week's Ordo Theme-** Being a disciple means following a teacher or a way of life, it's where we get the word disciple from. 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. This week we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the start of his active ministry. That ministry would go on to change the whole world and just like then, we are called to be disciples of Jesus today.

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP...>

**Discovery Coaching-**Please use the link below to book onto Breakfast Club or Saturdays Football Club

<https://discovery.sportscoaching.co.uk/bookings/>



**Well Done, Mummy Penguin-** Chris Haughton: In this suspenseful and gently humorous picture book, Mummy Penguin goes off to hunt for fish whilst Little Penguin and Daddy Penguin watch on. Will she make it back safely with dinner?

**Luma and the Hiccupping Dragon -** Leah Mohammed: Luma's best friend in the world is Timir, a very cute puppy-like creature who sometimes turns into a baby dragon. Yet, when Timir gets the hiccups, purple flame starts bursting out of his nose! What will Luma do?

**Saving Neverland-** Abi Elphinstone: An enchanting reimagining of Peter Pan for contemporary times, where Martha must help Peter stop Captain Hook's curse.

## 30 Day Winter Writing Challenge



Write a funny story about Santa who lost his way.	Write a story about a snowman who loves summer.	Write a letter to Santa thanking him for all the presents.	Make a grocery list with your parents.	Write 5 things that are blue.
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Write a poem about winter nights.	Write 5 things you like and dislike about winter.	Do some research on the North Pole. Make a fact file about it.	Write about your favourite winter sport.	Write a list of your favourite winter movies.
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Write a diary entry whilst sitting cosily in your duvet.	Write 5 things you want to learn in this new year.	Go for a walk. Write 5 things you noticed that are different from summer.	Write a letter to your friend.	Describe the weather today. How does it make you feel?
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Write about your favourite winter holiday destination.	Write steps to build a snowman.	Write about a fairy wand you find in your cupboard.	Write about what you can see outside your window.	Write a horror story about a wet winter night.
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Write about the best Christmas present you received.	Write a recipe for your favourite Christmas meal.	Write about a favourite character you read in a book.	Write a hilarious story about a grumpy elf.	Why is December different in Australia than in the UK? Research and then write a short paragraph.
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
Write a recount of your favourite winter memory.	Write an acrostic poem about winter.	Write a new ending for the book you just read.	What do you wear in winter? Make a list of winter clothing.	Write about how to make hot chocolate.
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30



**Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary**

January-I will follow Jesus as the wise men followed the star.

ORDO: Discipleship

Monday 9th January - *Week 1 Ordinary Time*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January - *Week 1 Ordinary Time*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January- *Week 1 Ordinary Time*

*St Aelred of Rievaulx Abbot*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January- *Week 1 Ordinary Time*

*St Hilary Bishop Doctor*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January- *Week 1 Ordinary Time*

As we approach Chinese New Year here are some fun facts about China:



- 1) The Chinese New Year celebration lasts for 15 days.
- 2) In China, every year is represented by one of 12 animals.
- 3) China's Bailong Elevator carries visitors more than 300m up a cliff's edge.
- 4) You can buy green-bean-flavoured ice pops in China!
- 5) In Ancient China, soldiers sometimes wore armour made from paper.
- 6) In 2010 a 2,400-year-old pot of soup was unearthed in Xi'an, China.
- 7) The Forbidden City, a palace complex in Beijing, contains about 9,000 rooms!

For more information and source :

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/30-cool-facts-about-china/>

Ron has these digit cards.



He uses two of the cards to make a 2-digit number.

How many even 2-digit numbers can he make?

Talk is a fundamental way children learn, even before they understand what is being said. Adults that talk with their child about maths at home, help to stimulate the child's mind to think about maths. What conversations about maths will you instigate this weekend? Here is an attached starter activity to get you going!

### **Pupil of the Week**

**EYFS-** Deigo – for settling back into learning quickly especially with his phonics.

**Year 1-** Amira - For beautiful sketchbook annotations

**Year 2-**

**Year 3-** Rayyan for trying so hard in his RE and doing lots of fabulous independent writing well done!

**Year 4-** Toby for beginning the term with such enthusiasm to learn

**Year 5-** Eva for her outstanding attitude and dedication to her learning.

**Year 6-** Aidan for a great start to the term.

### **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 those families that have donated second hand uniform; that will be at various times though the year be a second hand shop run by our PTA where you can purchase low cost items - 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. We are also required to report any families to the local authority whose children have had 10 consecutive days absent from school or any that take un-authorized absence or holiday. 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
92.86%	89.44%	95.66%	90.56%	96.55%	100%	94.44%

# Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

**Happier January 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	1 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	2 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	3 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	4 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	5 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	6 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving! Do something active (doubly outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or shout	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Be to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try not something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to let people go rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** Happier - Kinder - Together

**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.  
[jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)  
[sarah.hibbert@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.hibbert@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)  
[sam.morton@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sam.morton@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)

Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

If you have any concerns about a child, please call: **01522 782111**

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership  
Follow us on Twitter: @lincolnshirecp

**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=Ades&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=video&utm\\_campaign=121017-com-netaware\\_LFS](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Ades&utm_medium=email&utm_content=video&utm_campaign=121017-com-netaware_LFS)

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://youtu.be/X9Htg8V3eIk>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/tesse-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/>

**WELBEING**

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/>

### On the death of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 31st December 2022

An abiding memory I will have of Pope Benedict is how his quiet humility, warm charm, gentle eloquence, and love of Christ won over the hearts of the British people during his visit to the UK in 2010. May he rest forever in God's merciful love. On behalf of the Catholic diocese of Nottingham, I wish to express our sadness at hearing of the death of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI. May Christ Jesus, whom he served so generously, give him rest after his labours. Prayers and Masses will be offered for his happy repose in God's eternal and merciful love.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney; Bishop of Nottingham

Bishop Patrick will celebrate a Requiem Mass for the Pope Emeritus in Saint Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 8th January at 11.15am.

*The Pope's intention for January: We pray that Educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

**Amen. Mrs. J. Withers (Headteacher)**