



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

This Week's Highlights!



- Clubs started with children playing football, dancing, exploring Science and much more!
- A huge well done to Year 3 for their wonderful class worship on Wednesday-it was lovely to see parents joining us for this.
- We have come together to say goodbye to Mrs Simons who starts Maternity Leave after today. We hope you like the cards we made and we send you all our very best prayers and wishes at this time.
- We have explored the British Value of 'Rule of Law' this week. Year 6 experienced a 'Magistrates in the Community' Workshop.
- We welcomed Mr della-Spina from the Trust who came to look at our curriculum, exploring how we progress in our learning across subjects.

Maths Challenge

Look at one of your books. Can you find and read the numbers that are on each page?
Which is the biggest number?
Which is the smallest number?

Practise writing these numbers at home.



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Discovery Coaching

Breakfast Club - If you would like to book your child's place then please visit 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, I am hoping for some drier weather so we can all enjoy some fresh air and enjoy the great outdoors.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK... God sent a sign so that John would know who the chosen one was that the people were to follow. John had been preparing the people, but John's work was coming to an end. Do you know what this sign was? There was another occasion when the Holy Spirit appeared in a different form. Do you know when that was? John had a special name for the chosen one, the 'Lamb of God'. What does this name mean?

We cannot ever physically know Jesus in the usual human sense. Like all human experience, physical knowledge of a person is limited unless there is a very intimate relationship involved. Our relationship with Jesus must come under the spotlight this week, as we examine in what ways we do know him; this might be through his presence in the Church, in the Scriptures, in the care and concern of people in our community, in our prayer, and in the action of the Liturgy.

Think about which of these is the most vibrant form of 'presence' for you. John's mission, as ours is, was to point Jesus out to the people. Who pointed Jesus out to you? In what way could you point him out to others? During this week, share something of your journey of faith with someone else.

Lord, you sent us your Holy Spirit to guide us and protect us always. Help us to remember that your spirit is with us in all that we do. Amen

Rights of the Week





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.

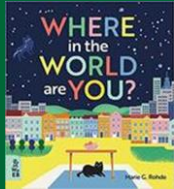
Our Mission Statement: a love of God, a love of one another and a love of life itself

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.

INSPIRE

Next week's Ordo Theme- The word inspire means 'filled with the spirit' and there are times when all of us take inspiration from the events and people around us. St Paul was inspired by a vision of Christ to change his ways and be a better person on the road to Damascus - we too can be inspired by Christ to change for the better. This week, think about how you can be inspirational. How can you give others a great example or show others how to live their lives in a better way?

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP...eQ-JNxAhDYRhy8KdPSQ>



Where in the World Are You?- Marie G. Rohde

The lovely black cat in this book is playing under a wobbly table, but that table is on a blue rug in a yellow room in a colourful flat. More than that, the flat is on a cheerful street in a crowded city on planet Earth which spins around the scorching Sun.

The Story Orchestra: I Can Play - Katy Flint

Featuring a collection of refrains from ballets and operas such as Swan Lake, The Four Seasons and The Nutcracker, each double page spread begins by telling children and parents a little bit of information about the piece of music and how it's played, followed by a sheet that shows children which notes to play on the book's chunky keyboard to play the tune.

Speak Up!- Rebecca Burgess

Mia is a secret superstar musician, writing song lyrics that her friends love. But in real life she's bullied for being different. Is Mia ready to show the world who she really is?

30 Day Winter Writing Challenge

The Mum Educates

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 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 last year 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: Inspire

Monday 16th January - **Week 2 Ordinary Time**

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday 17th January - **Week 2 Ordinary Time St**

Antony Abbot

Octave-8 days of prayer for Christian Unity Begins

Wednesday 18th January- **Week 2 Ordinary Time**

Winnie the Pooh Day

Thursday 19th January- **Week 2 Ordinary Time**

St. Wulstan Bishop

Friday 20th January- **Week 2 Ordinary Time St Fabian**

Pope St Sebastian Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene

Tansi Priest

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Over the next few weeks I am going to focus on skills. You can support your child at home to develop these skills. With a focus on cooking can your child :

Use a grater and juicer safely.

Peel, cut and chop ingredients.

Funky Weather Facts

1 You can tell the temperature by counting a cricket's chirps!

2 Sandstorms can swallow up entire cities.

3 In Antarctica, snow can fall so hard you can't see your hand in front of your face.

4 A whiteout or heavy snowfall that makes it difficult to see, can make you feel sick.

5 Wildfires sometimes create tornadoes made of fire called fire whirls.

6 A thunderstorm can produce 160kmph winds!

7 Some tornadoes can be faster than formula one racing cars!

Source and for more information visit:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/30-freaky-facts-about-weather/>

Octopuses are among the smartest animals in the ocean. The invertebrates can navigate through mazes, complete tasks in exchange for food, and even recognize human faces. Now, the clever animals have been caught throwing objects at one another. The rare behavior has previously been seen in only a few animals like chimpanzees, elephants, and birds.

Scientists at the University of Sydney discovered the odd conduct while studying the animals in Jervis Bay, Australia. Octopuses are usually solitary creatures. However, Jervis Bay's rich resources attract many gloomy octopuses (*Octopus tetricus*). Dr. Peter Godfrey-Smith and his team were curious to learn how the mollusks interact with each other. They placed cameras in two areas with large octopus populations to observe their behavior.

Learn more at <https://www.dogonews.com/2023/1/4/camera-footage-captures-octopuses-throwing-debris-at-each-other>

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Antoni for his excellent paint mixing skills, really concentrating and exploring colour

Year 1- Joya for focusing well on her learning this week

Year 2- Evie for her listening skills in Mathematics, using and applying her skills to solve sorting problems.

Year 3- Isabella for trying so hard in all her learning this week and putting her hand up lots to answer questions.

Year 4- Julia and Scarlett for their amazing paired work in gymnastics

Year 5- Teddie for his super vocabulary whilst sentence stacking. Well done!

Year 6- Ruby for excellent work in English this week.

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.

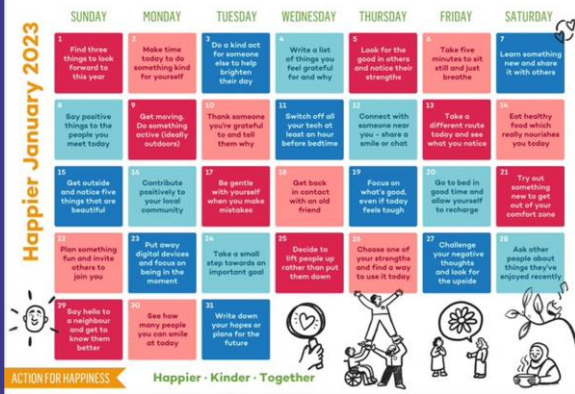


Thank you to those families that have donated second hand uniform; that will be at various times though the year be a second hand shop run by our PTA where you can purchase low cost items - Thank you xxx

Weekly Attendance: % Remember our school target is 97% and anything below 90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.. 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
98.41%	90.51%	96.30%	95.94%	95.8%	98.52%	97.04%

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

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/XG-ttg8V3e/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

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/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25

So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

John 17:21

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)