



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



Firstly, this week, we come together as one community and family to send our love, thoughts and prayers to Mr Matchett and Family. Mr Matchett has suffered a heart attack this week but is being taken good care of in hospital. We wish you well Mr M, rest and do as the Doctors and Nurses tell you!



This Week's Highlights!

- We have reflected upon and explored Martin Luther King Day and Winnie the Pooh Day.
- Our School Council have shared their plans for 2023 and how they will make our school more 'Eco-Friendly'.
- Some beautiful artwork in the style of Van Gogh in Year 1!
- We have explored the British Value of 'Mutual Respect' this week.
- Classes enjoying reading in our beautiful library.

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)

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. We pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

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... In this week's reading Jesus invites two brothers to follow him. Jesus asks them to leave their boats, nets, homes and families behind and come and be his disciples. Do the brothers go? Why do they do this? Jesus told them that he would teach them how to bring in people instead of fish. They had to leave everything behind to follow him. Their new role was to catch people for Christ. How can we, as followers of Christ, do this? Preaching, teaching and healing comprised the ministry of Jesus, and it is this ministry that we are being asked to share. What exactly does the voice of Jesus call you to do and ask you to leave, to follow him? What makes leaving these things worthwhile? In what way do you most clearly hear the voice of Jesus in your experience? Be aware this week of the presence of Christ with you in all the mundane things of your daily life.

God our Father, help us to listen when you ask us to follow you; make us strong to walk with you each day and share your love with others that we meet. Amen

Rights of the Week





School News



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 your time for a cause.

CHALLENGE

Next week's Ordo Theme- How often so we accept the challenges of God and follow Jesus? As Christians, we face many challenges along our faith journey and we can look to the inner strength that is given to use by God so that we are able to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Think this week about the challenges you face and who you can ask for help.

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP--eQ-JNx4hDYBtY8KJP8Q>

Read more at <https://www.timeforkids.com/a26/sections/science/>

THE KID REPORT

Space

The Kid Report: Speaking from Space

January 12, 2023

Astronaut Nicole Mann is the first Native American woman in space. Last October, she blasted off for the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the SpaceX Crew Dragon. Read what she has to say about her life and her experience on...

30 Day Winter Writing Challenge

The Mum Educates

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



Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary
January-I will follow Jesus as the wise men followed the star.

ORDO: Challenge

Monday 23rd January - **Week 3 Ordinary Time**

Tuesday 24th January - **Week 3 Ordinary Time**

St.Francis de Sales

Wednesday 25th January- **Week 3 Ordinary Time The Conversion of St.Paul Apostle**

Thursday 26th January- **Week 3 Ordinary Time St's Timothy and Titus**

Friday 27th January- **Week 3 Ordinary Time St.Angela**



The Kindest Red - Ibtihaaj Mohammed and S. K. Ali

Faizah wants the world to be kind - and she and her class set about being kind to each other.



Little Explorers: Science- Templar Books

This would make a lovely addition particularly to a school library, or a great gift for a young science enthusiast with lots of questions.



The Circle Breakers- Patience Agbabi

The third book in The Leap Cycle series, this is a great example of a thrilling timeslip adventure which embraces diversity and inclusion.

DT

This week's skills to practice. Continuing our focus on cooking, can your child : use a range of techniques such as mashing, whisking, crushing, and kneading. measure and weigh ingredients to the nearest gram and millilitre

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Emily – Excellent phonics knowledge making great progress in reading and writing.

Year 1- Neitanas for his amazing line work recreating the Starry Night by Van Gogh.

Year 2- Matthew for his amazing, marvellous Money work! Using and applying his knowledge of coins.

Year 3- Leonard for trying really hard to have a positive attitude towards his learning.

Year 4- Oliwia for her fabulous Maths learning.

Year 5- Anna, for her contributions to our English lessons – super vocabulary!

Year 6- Matas, for using great vocabulary in English lesson

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.

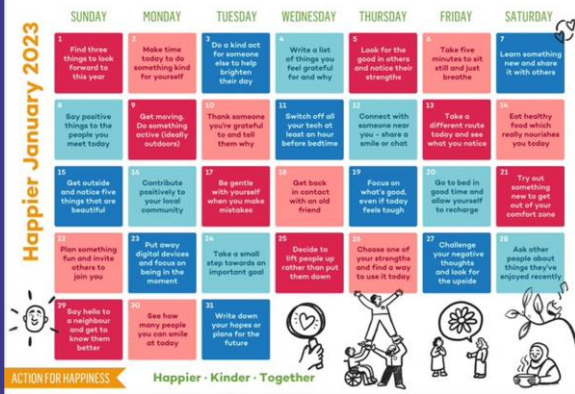


Thank you to the entire staff team who have completed overtime or taken on extra tasks during the school day to help the school run smoothly in the absence of our caretaker Mr. Matchett- Thank you xxx

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
94.09%	92.28%	93.38%	94.1%	95.79%	98.15%	96.3%

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/XQ-Itg8V3e/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)