



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: February  
**TRUST**

## 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 'Democracy' this week.
- We have competed in Football and Netball matches this week keeping fit and active whilst representing the school.

## 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 totalled 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.

### How can your sponsorship help?

£10 can provide four palm trees to protect land from extreme weather caused by the climate crisis.

£26 can provide tools and training to build raised beds to protect vegetables from floods.

£185 can provide a place on a two-week course: growing food, adapting to extreme weather and new ways of earning a living.

We are excited to put our best foot forward and joining the Big Lent Walk! Keep an eye out for updates over the Lenten season.

## 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)

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

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.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

This is the First Sunday of Lent. Have you ever thought about doing something that you know is not right?  
We call this 'temptation'.

Even Jesus had to face temptations in his life. God wants all of us to make right choices, and this can be hard for us to do. In Lent, the forty days when we prepare for Easter, we will be encouraged to keep in touch with God, make right choices, be less selfish and more generous.

Lord God, help us like to Jesus, to pray to you when we are alone or afraid. Help

## 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-** Prayer is something that can be really hard to understand, let alone do. Sometimes it comes naturally but usually it's something we forget about and don't find time for. Prayer is simply a chat with God and you don't even need to use any words, you just need to put aside some time to be with God. It's amazing what a difference a few minutes a day can make - try it for yourself this week!

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP...eQ-ItXAhdy8hy8KdP8Q>



### The Littlest Yak: The New Arrival- Lu Fraser

Gertie, the littlest yak, is thrilled to learn that she will soon be a big sister but worries that there won't be enough room in Mummy's heart for two little yaks. This humorous picture book is perfect to reassure young children who are expecting their own new sibling.

### History's Biggest Show-Offs: The Boldest, Bravest and Brainiest People of All Time- Andy Seed

Who are the biggest show-offs of all time? The people that have done some of the flashiest and most outrageously impressive things? Some of them were super powerful, some others were amazingly talented and some were extra clever. This book aims to give children an introduction to some of humanity's greats, and inspire them to want to show off about their talents, too - and grow up to be just as inspirational!

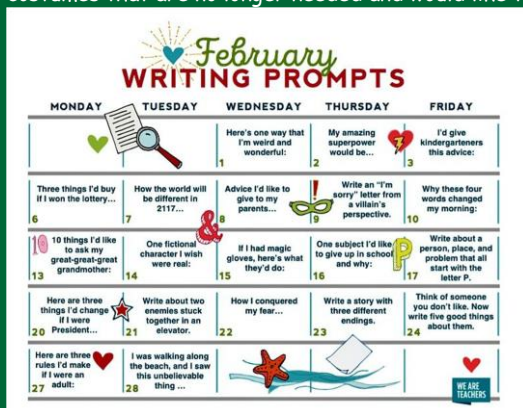
### Montgomery Bonbon: Murder at the Museum- Alasdair Beckett-King

When a murdered man is discovered in a room that is locked from the inside, who better to investigate than Montgomery Bonbon, the world's greatest detective - aka 10-year-old Bonnie Montgomery.

### World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023

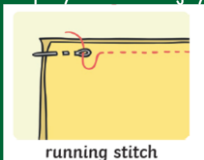
On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As a school, we seek to promote reading for pleasure for all of our families, so have outlined a variety of activities to celebrate, in addition to supporting reading at home. you can access the World Book Day website which offer audio books, songs, recommended reads and information regarding reading for pleasure. <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

World Book Day will be a dress up and activity day. Children are invited to dress up as something book related for the day. If any families have any costumes that are no longer needed and would like to donate these to the school, we would be very grateful.



### DT Challenge

I hope you have enjoyed trying some of the cookery skills. This week I'm going to move onto textiles. Practice using this stitch.



### Geography Challenge

This week the children have took part in a retreat afternoon called 'Let all Creation Sing'. We have been appreciating our wonderful world. What Geographical physical facts can you share about our world. Maybe you could name some of the magnificent mountains, or oceans. You might be able to name the 7 continents of the world. Through a piece of art work you could draw the physical features of the UK compared with another part of the world.



**Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary**  
 February-I will remember Christ is the light of the world and let my light shine.

ORDO: Prayer

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - *Week 1 Lent*

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - *Week 1 Lent St.David Bishop*  
*Year 5/6 Girls Football Match at Crowland Southview*  
*Primary - away fixture*

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March- *Week 1 Lent*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- *Week 1 Lent*

*World Book Day*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- *Week 1 Lent Women's World Day of prayer*

#### World Book Day

There is support for parents and caregivers to share a love of reading-watch our Engaging Families in Reading for Pleasure webinar.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_hqLJPmFPSRJywmueHNNWxbeZ5pErtAa0](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_hqLJPmFPSRJywmueHNNWxbeZ5pErtAa0)

#### **The Environment**

#### **Renewable Energy**

##### **What is renewable energy?**

Renewable energy uses energy sources that are not "used up". For example, solar power from the sun is renewable as we won't "use up" all the sunlight from the sun. Examples of non-renewable energy sources include fossil fuels like coal and oil. Once we use or burn these resources, they are gone forever.

##### **Why is renewable energy important?**

Much of the world relies on non-renewable energy to heat their homes, power their electronic devices, and power their cars. Once these energy sources are used up, they will be gone forever. Developing technologies that can efficiently use renewable energy sources is critical to our future.

##### **The Environment**

Many renewable energy sources are also better for the environment than burning fossil fuels. They produce less pollution which will help protect the environment and provide us with cleaner air and water.

Learn more at [https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/renewable\\_energy.php](https://www.ducksters.com/science/environment/renewable_energy.php)



Hello, As your Maths Subject Leader for our school I would just like to remind parents, carers and children what a fantastic resource MyMaths is. The website can help children to deepen their understanding of current units being taught in class. To help children refresh their memory about units that have previously been taught and are going to be taught over the next term. There are a wide range of activities and games that all children can access and don't forget there is a weekly MyMaths champion announced in celebration worship each week. Children at St Norbert's are very competitive and love a challenge so each week teachers will be giving out MyMaths Champion certificates each week.



#### **Pupil of the Week**

**EYFS**-Shazil for being really focused in phonic lessons and making great progress with his reading

**Year 1**- Tiago for amazing progress in all areas

**Year 2**- Shone for his fantastic independent writing, using his phonics knowledge to help him - Well Done Shone!

**Year 3**-

**Year 4**- Pijus for his lovely RE learning

**Year 5**- Dominic for his awesome problem solving and reasoning in Maths this week.

**Year 6**- Daniel H. For his focus, engagement and contributions to class in all subjects. Well done!

#### **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 Oscar in Y6 for his patience and compassion supporting neurodiverse pupils- 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
98.09%	93.13%	100%	95.94%	99.63%	93.38%	96.30%



## 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/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](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/>

Faithful God,  
 you created and sustain all things.  
 Create in us a desire to live simply  
 and in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need.  
 Amen.

*The Pope's intention for February : We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

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