



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

VIRTUE OF THE
TERM:
HONESTY

'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- Advent 2
Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word

Value of the
Month: December
HONESTY



This Week's Highlights!

- A huge thank you to Fr. Paul for leading us through a beautifully reflective Advent Reconciliation Service, we really thought deeply about how to prepare for the coming of Christ.
- It's been a busy week issuing tickets for the Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert please get your reply slips in as soon as possible.
- We explored the Protected Characteristic of Disability looking at the story of 'We Move Together'.
- We have explored the British Value of 'Democracy' this week.
- Thank you to our PTA who have started selling raffle tickets this week for the amazing Christmas Hamper. The draw will take place on the last day of term lots of amazing goodies to be won.
- A fantastic effort by our football team this week away at St. Bartholomew's. Well done for showing grit and determination.
- A beautiful Christmas Craft Fair selling things the children all took time and effort to make on Take Over Day back in November.

Breakfast club with Discovery Sports Coaching is now approaching its 5th week, 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. A big thank you to Mrs Nespoli, Mr McManus, Miss Quince and Mrs Wilson for all the effort so far! 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)

A Date with Dan: Free TEAMS Online Safety Q and A for Parents and Guardians, 7th December, 6-7pm. Sign up required

Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2021 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that their parents didn't know everything about their online activities. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support. We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required. A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 7 Dec 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-429589111597>

As we reach the knockout stages of the Football World Cup, I will be waiting and watching anxiously to see how England perform on Sunday evening, whether you follow football or not I hope you find time to relax and have fun as a family this weekend. On the second week of Advent this Sunday we light the next candle representing 'Peace'.

With Prayers and Blessings
Mrs Withers x

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

John the Baptist was God's messenger to help the people prepare before the public ministry of Jesus began. What was his message? John lived in the desert, wore strange clothes and ate even stranger food. Why did John live such an unusual lifestyle? Who were drawn to John, and for what did they come to see him? As Christmas draws closer, how are we to prepare? This Sunday we light the second violet candle on our Advent wreath. Advent is a time in which we are invited to withdraw and make time for prayer and reflection. During this week try to attend a Reconciliation service, and put time aside to prayerfully prepare for Christmas.

God of challenge, remove from us the things that stop us from welcoming Jesus with joy. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rights of the Week





School News



Advent 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

Encounter Challenge: Can you bring items to support our HUB IN HUB OUT Collection for church?



Next week's Ordo Theme-

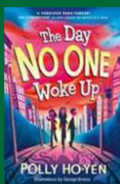
God gave Himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever. Think this week about the peace in our world. Does everyone live in peaceful communities? Let us try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-_eCQ-INw4RBYRhy8KdP8CQ

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

<https://discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings/>



Together with You - Patricia Toht

Come rain or shine, follow this little boy through the four different seasons as he enjoys precious moments with his beloved grandmother.

Time Travel at Puddle Lane - Emma Shevah

Siblings Ariella and Yosef are transported back in time to Georgian London, where they must save the life of a young girl before they are able to return home.

The Day No One Woke Up- Polly Ho-Yen

A tense and intriguing sci-fi mystery that's creepy and unnerving with one or two genuinely spine-tingling moments.

This week's 60 Second Physical Education Challenge is BURPEES!

How many Burpees can you achieve in 60 seconds? We will be asking children to share their Burpees during breaktimes and lunch break at school and crowning the Champions of the Burpee challenge next week! Encourage your family to get involved and share your achievements with us over the coming week.

The Magic Door | Creative Writing Competition

Closing Date: Friday 23rd December 2022



The Magic Door is here to engage your child with story writing, so the theme is open making it easy to inspire them with something they are interested in or you can easily tailor the resources to your current topic if home educating.

The colourful worksheet makes it easy to get planning and write a story. Where will the magic door take your child? Who will they meet? What will they experience?

Stories can be fictional or based on a recount of a real event, set anywhere in time or space, or even a whole new world. For children with a creative flair, they'll love the freedom, and more reluctant writers will feel supported by using a familiar topic or recount.

Let's get writing and see where the magic door takes your child...



Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary
 December-During Advent I will get ready for Jesus' coming.

ORDO: PEACE

Monday 5th December - Week 2 Advent

Tuesday 6th December - Week 2 Advent **St. Nicolas Bishop**

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

KS2 Movie Night 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 7th December- Week 2 Advent **St. Ambrose-Bishop/Doctor**

EYFS & KS1 Movie Night 3.15pm to 5.00pm

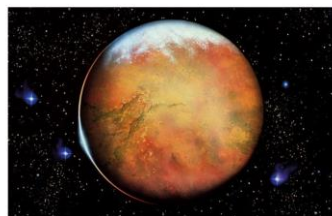
Thursday 8th December- Week 2 Advent **The Immaculate conception of our lady**

SCHOOL CLOSED - Polling Day

Friday 9th December- Week 2 Advent **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

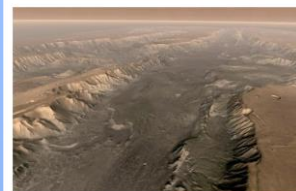
Christmas Jumper Day - donations towards Save the Children Charity

Facts about Mars



1) Named after the Roman God of war, Mars is the fourth planet from the sun in our solar system.

2) Mars is also known as the 'Red Planet' because, well, it's red! This signature colour comes from the large amount of a chemical called iron oxide (or 'rust' as you might know it) in its rocks and soil.



3) Mars is the second smallest planet in the solar system after Mercury. With a diameter (distance through the middle) of 6,791 kilometres, it's roughly half the size of Earth.

Learn more

at <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/space/facts-about-mars/>

Ever wondered what it would like to go to school in a Caribbean country? Here are some facts about going to school in St Lucia

Going to school in St Lucia-Here is a picture of one of the schools in St Lucia:



St Lucia reaches average temperatures of 31°C and above from mid-August to the end of October, so the classrooms are bright and airy, with big windows. Some classes are even held outside!

The buildings are brightly coloured and decorated, with colourful posters and paintings on the walls that display the trees and fruits native to the island, like bananas!

The school day in St Lucia may be much longer than what you are used to. For many children, the day begins at 7.30am and ends at 5pm.

The school plays an important part in the local community. Without the school, many children would not have access to healthy food, or anyone to look after them and keep them safe while their parents are at work.

The school library and the computer lab are open to and enjoyed by the whole community, not just the pupils!

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Irina for always being ready for learning, some great progress in her reading and writing this week

Year 1- Eliza this is for her continued effort in all her work and behaviour, everything she does, she tries extremely hard at!

Year 2- Marcel for his amazing confidence and determination to swim across the pool.

Year 3- Mario for trying so hard in all his learning at school and at home. I am extremely proud of him.

Year 4- Isabella for always being ready to learn

Year 5- Bhavya - For the wonderful presentation of learning in your Science book. Well done for setting such high standards in UKS2!

Year 6- Ruby-Lin for her hard work and effort

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 Scarlet in Year 4 who has written beautiful letters and made decorations for staff this week-how thoughtful and kind-
 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-authorised/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 8:55 to avoid being marked as Late.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.57%	71.63%	85.19%	92.33%	95.52%	92.33%	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



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!

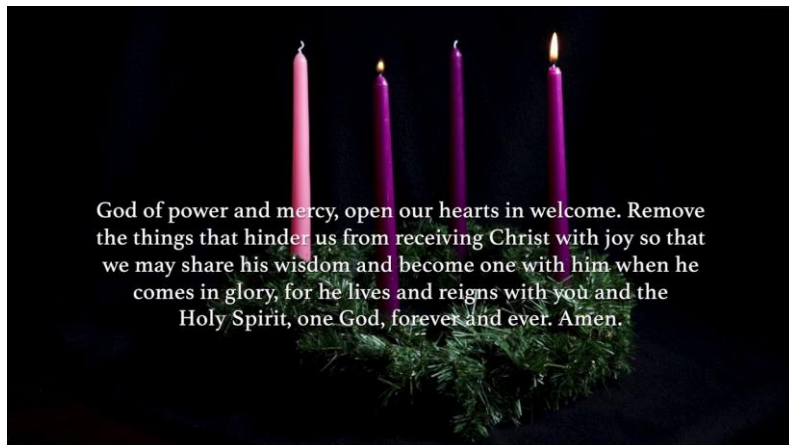
Daily Prayers for Home

<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/>



God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Amen. Mrs.J.Withers (Headteacher)

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.ncsc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Video&utm_campaign=121017-com-network-LPS

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/X9Htg8V3aIk>

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

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/bond-runner/>

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/>

As we approach the Christmas period and festive holidays please could you share and discuss with your children the need to be 'SMART' when they are online. Share the poster and discuss with your child/children the importance of keeping themselves safe when they are online and if something happens that they are not sure about to let an adult know immediately. Together we can all keep the children safe this festive season.