



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 our PTA 'Friends of St. Norbert's' for continuing to support the school selling raffle tickets whenever they can including at the KS2 Carol Concert.
- It's been an amazing week with a very successful evening and daytime Nativity Performance-Well done everyone!
- We shared a very special evening together at St. Norbert's Church on Tuesday for the KS2 Carol Concert-Thank you for taking part and attending it was wonderful.
- We have explored the British Value of 'Rule of Law' this week.
- Santa came to see us with his elf!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- The Christmas Hamper Raffle draw is almost upon us... The draw will take place on the last day of term lots of amazing goodies to be won.
- An amazing Christmas Lunch on Wednesday in the hall with amazing music provided by Mrs. Nespoli and our KS2 Choir-Beautiful singing!

Breakfast club with Discovery Sports Coaching is now approaching its 6th 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, Mrs Quince and Mrs Wilson for all the effort so far! If you would like to book your child's place then please visit discoveryssportscoaching.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 discoveryssportscoaching.co.uk/bookings](https://discoveryssportscoaching.co.uk/bookings)

On the fourth week of Advent this Sunday we light the next candle representing 'Love'- As our ordo states, 'In this final week of Advent we focus on love. The love Joseph had for Mary, the love they had for Jesus and the love God showed the world when he gave us his only son. Jesus' birth is the greatest act of love in all history and it inspires us to always share that love with other people. Who do you love and how do you show it?'

I wish you a peaceful, joyful Advent and Christmastide taking time to be with your families. Keep safe and I shall see you all refreshed in 2023!

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK... God sends a special messenger to Joseph in his dream, just as when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she would have a child. What did Joseph need to be told by this messenger? What was his response? We, too, are called to trust God and to do what is asked of us, just as Mary and Joseph did.

Joseph is alerted and receives revelation of God's will in a dream. In biblical times dreams were a common way in which God communicated with human beings, and many famous people in the Hebrew Scriptures, such as Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph for example, received instructions in this way. Today we understand that not all dreams are direct communications from God, but they can often alert us to the ways God speaks through other means – intuition, Scripture, church teaching, words of other people, our own imagination, and thoughts for instance. Joseph's immediate response was to trust God, and this example of obedience and faith shown by both Mary and Joseph are still models for us today in our own confusing times. This week is the last Sunday in Advent and so we light the last violet candle on our Advent wreath.

Lord, you sent an angel to reveal the coming of your son. Give us hope and help us to be ready to hear when he will come again. 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-by donating warm clothes items?



Next week's Ordo Theme-

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Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-eQ-JNxAbBY8hw8KdF8Q>

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

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



Christmas Reads

The Night the Reindeer Saved Christmas - Raj Kaur Khaira: It's Christmas Eve and Santa is getting ready to deliver all the presents - but disaster strikes and his sleigh won't fly! Will he find the perfect helper to save Christmas?

Leah's Star - Margaret Bateson-Hill: This delightful version of the ancient Nativity tale is told through the eyes of the young girl Leah, the inn-keeper's daughter in Bethlehem. Her story tells a touching and human tale of two first-time parents about to experience the birth of their child together.

The Christmas Department Store - Maudie Powell-Tuck-Not all families can afford a picture-perfect Christmas and some children may feel sad and left out from the celebrations. This heart-warming book shows little ones that you don't have to have a lot of money or presents to have a special time at Christmas.

The Magic Door | Creative Writing Competition

Closing Date: Friday 23rd December 2022

What is behind the magic door?

- ★ A World Cup match
- ★ In a book or fairytale
- ★ Anywhere in the world
- ★ On the moon
- ★ Under the sea
- ★ Pudding Lane
- ★ On the Titanic
- ★ On a pirate ship
- ★ A winter wonderland
- ★ Anywhere in time
- ★ In space

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...



CHRISTMAS WRITING CHALLENGE - Reindeer Job Application

Qualifications- What talents and skills do you have that would make you an asset to Santa's reindeer team?

Why do you want to work for Santa?

All of Santa's reindeer have to be given a special name. What do you think would be a good name to describe you and why?

Christmas Through History facts

Come Christmas, people around the world enjoy all kinds of fun! Many of the festive traditions we have in the UK today came about in the Victorian era, such as Christmas cards, gift-giving and crackers, as well as traditional foods like mince pies and roast turkey! Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert were huge fans of Christmas, in fact!

Christmas trees also became popular in Victorian Britain. But these were first seen in 16th Century Germany where, at Christmas time, people decorated fir trees with fruit and nuts and later sweets, paper shapes and candles. Amazingly, historians think the origins of this festive tradition may date back to the Romans and Ancient Egyptians, who used evergreen plants and garlands as symbols of everlasting life.

Every year, Norway sends a beautiful home-grown Christmas tree to London, where it is decorated with lights in Trafalgar Square. Standing a towering 20m tall, the terrific tree is a gift to say thank you for the help the UK gave Norway during World War II.

In Australia, New Zealand and other southern hemisphere countries Christmas is celebrated during the season of summer!

Source and for more information visit: <https://www.netonkids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/facts-about-christmas/>

DT

This term's DT learning has been amazing in all classes. Children have been designing and Making. Look on Twitter and ask your child about their learning!



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

ORDO: LOVE

Monday 19th December - Week 4 Advent

Tuesday 20th December - Week 4 Advent

Wednesday 21st December- Week 4 Advent

Comemoration of St.Peter Canisius-Priest/Doctor

Thursday 22nd December- Week 4 Advent

Friday 23rd December- Week 4 Advent Commemoration of St. John of Kety- Priest

Christmas Math's Challenges: Can you solve the Christmas Maths Challenges? Why not create some mathematical, festive-fun and try to solve them over Christmas!!

1. Santa's elves have put sparkly red bows on 529 presents and blue sparkly bows on 347 presents. How many presents have they put bows on altogether?



2. A supermarket orders 345 small turkeys, 265 medium turkeys and 190 large turkeys. After selling 682 turkeys, how many are left unsold?



The elves must clean the bells on the reindeer harnesses until they shine. There are 240 bells altogether. They have cleaned 112 of them.

How many do they have left to clean?



Follow the link to make marsh mellow snow flakes:



https://education.theiet.org/primary/teaching-resources/marshmallow-snowflakes/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=PPC&utm_campaign=SL522&qclid=EAIaIQobChMIYdvTxsP7-wIVBsbCh2A1weUEAAYASABEgLDyPD_BwE



Or maybe you would prefer to make a snow globe

https://education.theiet.org/primary/teaching-resources/make-a-homemade-snow-globe-with-your-children/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=PPC&utm_campaign=SL522&qclid=EAIaIQobChMIYdvTxsP7-wIVBsbCh2A1weUEAAYASACEgKT_fD_BwE

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Emma - Pupil for great participation in phonics reading sessions this week!

Year 1- Alexander for always listening, always working hard and for continuous great behaviour.

Year 2-

Year 3- Elliott for being amazing at the carol concert learning all the words to the songs and showing such confidence, believe in yourself!

Year 4- Maya for her always being ready to learn

Year 5- Melanie, for reading at the Carol Concert and for stepping in at the last minute for a fellow pupil who was absent. Well done!

Year 6-

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 Mrs Okwuadi (Member of our school PTA) who organised for Santa to visit all the children and staff this week and give them presents-it was incredible and we are all so very grateful- 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
78.57%	91%	92.67%	92%	91.38%	81.33%	87.33%

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!

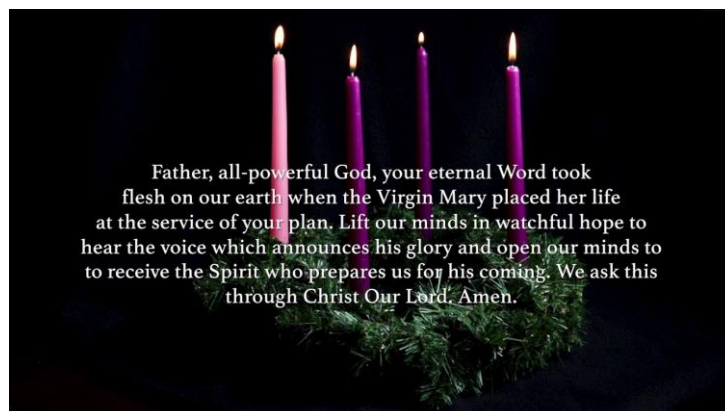
Daily Prayers for Home

<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/>



The Pope's intention for December: We pray that volunteer/ non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Amen. Mrs.J.Withers (Headteacher)