



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 1**

**Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word**

Value of the  
Month: November  
**DIVERSITY**

## Statements to live by....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next few weeks the children will be working together to...

*Know, appreciate and understand the importance of social justice and develop independence, interdependence and responsibility'*

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home and support them as they learn about....

- I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt
- I understand that rights match responsibility
- I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others
- I try to be just and fair

Who do you feel safe with and who do you trust?

### This Week's Highlights!

-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 Race looking at the story of 'Sulwe' a beautiful book looking at how we should recognise our beauty and worth inside and out.

-We have explored the British Value of 'Mutual Respect' 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 huge thank you to Jack in Year 3 who wanted to live out random acts of kindness: giving Mrs Withers a bouquet of roses this week-how thoughtful! You made my day :)

Breakfast club with Discovery Sports Coaching is now approaching its 4th 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 [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. To book go to <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-42958911597>

Good Luck to all Nations in the FIFA World Cup 2022, I plan to start my weekend supporting England watching tonight's game from 7pm. Have an amazing weekend and remember this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, I look forward to the coming weeks as we share the hope, joy, and love of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ our Saviour.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

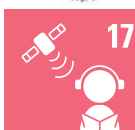
Jesus came to earth the first time as a baby - we remember this and celebrate it at Christmas. We know that one day he will return, but we don't know when. During Advent we think about the second coming of Jesus - we must be ready. Jesus tells us what sort of lives we must lead in preparation for this time.

The Advent wreath helps us to focus on these things - its circle of greenery represents God's unending love, and the candles represent Jesus, the Light of the World. There are three violet and one pink one. The four candles are lit consecutively on the four Sundays of Advent. This weekend we light the first violet one.

Reflect this week on the needs of others, and how we can respond to these; your own self - where you are in life and what things need to change; where God is in the ordinariness of your daily life. Make time each day to watch and listen. Engage in times of silent prayer.

Lord, you sent your Son, Jesus, to be our Saviour. Help us to prepare for Christmas as we hear God's Word. Amen

### Rights of the Week



ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION



## 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-Hope



On Monday, the whole will be taking part in our Advent afternoon retreat based on the theme 'The Prince of Peace'. This retreat is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of The Prince of Peace during this truly blessed time of expectant waiting. This time of year can be so busy in school and when much focus for many will be on Christmas itself, this retreat will be a perfect way of preparing for the birth of Jesus. Throughout the afternoon the children will take part in a series of activities including a liturgy where they will think about how we as Christians can prepare as peacemakers.

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counsellor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

### Poetry Challenge - Take your pen on a journey



Each week join Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho for his Poetry Prompts video - this time, he'll be encouraging you to take your pen on a journey around your imagination. You can also download the supporting resources to help you. Don't forget to tweet any thing you write and tag us at school as well #PoetryPrompts.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/poetry-prompts/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1>

### DT Challenge

There is always lots to prepare at Christmas. Why not practice some of your cooking skills, helping grown ups in the kitchen. .

In EYFS, Year1 and Year 2 children should be able to cut, peel and grate ingredients.

In Year 3 and 4 children should be able to prepare ingredients using appropriate cooking utensils, measuring and weighing ingredients to the nearest gram and millilitre;

In Year 5 and 6 children should be able to apply all the skills learnt already to follow a recipe, adapting it where necessary.

Have fun cooking!

### Maths

Some Amazing Maths Facts to Make Your Day!

Are you a big fan of Maths? Do numbers excite you? Here are some Maths amazing facts and wonders for you that can increase your knowledge on this subject. Another way to find a whole new enthusiasm to learn Maths!

- 1000 is the only number from 0 to 1000 that has "a" in it.
- No one represents 0 in Roman numerals.
- Among all the Shakespearean dramas, the word "Mathematics" only appears in the play called: "The Taming of the Shrew".
- Every odd number has an 'e'.
- You can use three cuts to a cake and get 8 pieces!
- An icosagon has 20 sides.
- Numbers on the opposite side of a dice always add to seven.

Can. you find any interesting mathematical facts to share in school?

### History

5 fun facts about King Charles III

1. King Charles III was born at 9.14pm on 14 November 1948

To parents Queen Elizabeth II (then Princess Elizabeth) and Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace, London.

2. He became King on 8 September 2022

After his mother the Queen sadly passed away in Balmoral, Scotland. Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever crowned in British history, having been heir apparent (the next person to be crowned) since he was 3 years old.

3. From 1967 to 1970, he studied history at Cambridge University Making him the first monarch in UK history with a university degree!

4. King Charles III can speak Welsh

After spending two months learning the language as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales in 1969. He still speaks it today, while visiting and addressing the country.

5. The King is a qualified pilot and diver

While serving in the military, King Charles III trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became an accomplished diver. He's even explored shipwrecks like The Mary Rose - King Henry VIII's flagship!

Source and for more information visit: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/monarchy/facts-about-the-king-charles-iii/>



#### **Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary**

November- I will remember all those who have died and pray for them

ORDO: HOPE

Monday 28th November - 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent

Y5/6 Football Match Away at Pinchbeck East Primary

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Saint Andrew, Apostle Feast

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent, Saint Ralph Sherwin and The Martyrs of Derbyshire

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent

What an amazing evening! Last Friday night, St. Norbert's' hockey team turned up in force - much better weather than the last tournament - a double rainbow ☁ during the warm up put us in good spirits!

Amazing defending by Daniel, Oscar and Melanie held St John's to a 0-0 draw.

The next match against Spalding Parish saw a great goal from Noah and a superb team effort to maintain the lead!

Gosberton Academy put up a good fight but an amazing break away by Daniel secured another 1-0 win!

A superb clearance by Toby denied Surfleet a goal and with great perseverance on the wing by Finley and Guste pushing forward a goal from Noah sealed the 1-0 win!

Looking forward to the next tournament in February to see how far this amazing team can progress!

A huge well done to Daniel and Oscar Y6, Finley, Melanie, Noah and Guste Y5 and Toby Y4 - you should be so proud of your amazing teamwork. 🏒

#### **Warm Hub: A Warm Place to Be**

Understandably, there is growing concern about energy bills this winter and affordability. In order to support the needs of the community a warm hub timetable has been set up in Bourne for those seeking a place to visit, work or socialise that is warm and welcoming. There is tea and coffee available and Free WiFi in most of the venues, as well as books and board games to enjoy and share with others. It is available to use Monday-Friday 10am-6pm in the following places:

Monday - Bourne Salvation Army Community Church, Manning Road

Tuesday - Bourne Baptist Church, West Street

Wednesday - The Butterfield Centre, North Road

Thursday - Wake House, North Road and Elsea Park Community Centre, Sandown Drive

Friday - Bourne Salvation Army Community Church, Manning Road

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

**EYFS-** Josephine for joining in all phonics sessions with enthusiasm and becoming more independent with blending during guided reading sessions! Great Job!

**Year 1-** Alexander for always working his hardest.

**Year 2-**

**Year 3-** Othula for always going above and beyond in her learning and always being ready to learn.

**Year 4-** Matthew for his fabulous fraction learning.

**Year 5-** Oliver for his contributions to our RE learning this week when discussing Advent.

**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 the anonymous donors that have generously donated money to the school to use as we see fit for resources for the children and staff to use and enjoy enhancing their learning, your generosity in this economically challenging times is incredible we send our heartfelt thanks-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
85.67%	91.67%	92.08%	99.67%	94.48%	95.67%	99.33%



## 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



### J.R.S.O. Junior Road Safety Officer JRSO Message

<https://thinkdirect.gps.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-16-11s/Be-bright-be-seen/>

### 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/Pdfm\\_source=Adestro&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Videos&utm\\_campaign=121017.com-netaware\\_LFS](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/Pdfm_source=Adestro&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Videos&utm_campaign=121017.com-netaware_LFS)

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.be/XQhtg8V3eK>

<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/>



### Pope's Intention for November: Children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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