



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

VIRTUE OF THE  
TERM:  
**HOPE**

*'Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.'* Hebrews 10:23  
**The God who speaks- Advent 1**

Value of the  
Month: September  
**RESPECT**

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



## This Week's Highlights!

- Year 6 had an amazing time at the Briars residential!
- Year 5 planned and led a beautiful Liturgy to parents and the whole school on Wednesday.
- Our Noticeboard was updated-please look for useful links, hints, tips and key information.
- We have explored the British Value of 'Mutual Respect' this week.



Today we have sent questionnaires to all children and please find below a link for you to share your views regarding Project St. Thomas Fr Jim would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. We know there are things going on all across #Spalding, but there are also big gaps in what's available. What kind of activities do you think we need to make sure are happening at #ProjectStThomas. Tell us by completing a survey at

<https://forms.gle/EQdKbRCw5p5JsU7k6>

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

How would you describe what the word 'faith' means? Faith is to have complete trust and belief in some person or thing. Who are the people who you see as having great faith in God? There are many things that we don't know or understand about God, but faith is a gift from God that helps us to pray and to believe what we cannot see. In what ways has your community fostered the faith given by God? How are you willing to nurture your own seed of faith? How is God calling you to serve? Think about a time when you felt as though you had done your duty. During this week stretch your faith by handing a problem over to God, and doing something that seems beyond you.

Lord, we trust you and your love for us. Increase our faith in you and your goodness. Amen.

## Rights of the Week





# School News



Advent 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

Encounter

Could you mark the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux tomorrow with one of her 'Little Ways'? Maybe you could complete a random act of kindness this weekend. You can find acts of kindness ideas on our school noticeboard.



Next week's Ordo Theme-

This Week's Ordo theme is Rosary. This week we enter into October - a month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It's a reminder that we can look to Mary not only as an example, but also as a friend who prays with us when we need her the most. Think about who you want to pray for at the moment and maybe take some time this week to pray with Mary. Visit the NDCYS YouTube channel to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-eQ-BNxAhDYRhy8KdP8Q>



Reading

Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush- Patrice Lawrence

Ava must dress up as someone she admires for a school project, but can't decide who to be, so Granny offers to help. As they search for inspiration in Granny's trunk of clothes, Ava is intrigued when she finds a small, cardboard suitcase, containing four objects: an empty jar, a pebble, a small blue hat and a pair of delicate lace gloves. Granny shares the precious memories evoked by these simple objects with Ava, recounting how she left Trinidad aboard the boat Empire Windrush to begin a new life in England.

How to Be a Doctor and Other Life-Saving Jobs- Dr Punam Krishan

What is a doctor and how do you become one? What do doctors need to learn, and what are the different kinds of doctors you can be?

Answering these and many more questions, such as 'Who looks after older people?' and 'What happens when someone has a baby?' this helpful picture book, perfect for mid- and upper-primary readers, explains how a variety of people in healthcare help us and what their jobs consist of. It also looks at other areas of healthcare, such as psychiatry, psychology and counselling as well as medical research scientists, microbiologists and pharmacists.

Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear- Trang Nguyen

Based on a true story, this stunning graphic novel follows Chang as she fights to protect her local forests and wildlife, and rewild a young sun bear, Sorya, who was captured by poachers as a cub.

Writing Challenge - Poetry Stars 5- 11 years (Closing Date 21st October)



Poetry Stars is packed with cross-curricular ideas, different styles of poetry worksheets and has an open theme. Poetry Stars has some fun animal characters to help engage your child with poetry and fall in love with creative writing.

It's National Poetry Day on 6th October - this year's theme is The Environment, why not get your child involved? They could write about nature, wildlife, an animal, etc.

Visit the Young Writers website for more information and resources. <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS2>

Rainforests

Rainforests cover about 6% of the Earth's land surface.

2. In Central American rainforests, rival strawberry poison dart frogs might wrestle for up to 20 minutes!
3. It can take ten minutes for a falling raindrop to travel from a rainforest's thick canopy to the floor.
4. A tree known as the idiot fruit grows in Australia's Daintree rainforest.
5. The rhinoceros hornbill bird from southeast Asian rainforests has a hornlike structure on its head that looks like an extra beak!
6. Rainforests get at least 250cm of rain a year. Sometimes it's almost double that at 450cm.

Source and for more fun facts: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/15-cool-things-about-rainforests/>



**Dates For Your Diary:** See school website for Diary  
 October- I will say the rosary this month.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - **Week 27 Ordinary Time**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - **St Francis of Assisi**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October- **Blessed Robert Sutton and companions**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October- **St Bruno**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October- **Our Lady of the Rosary**

We work to eradicate discrimination in our school, we learn through British values and our Faith to ensure equality for all.

The Protected Characteristics that apply to schools are:

- Age;
- Disability;
- Gender re-assignment;
- Marriage and civil partnership;
- Pregnancy and Maternity;
- Race;
- Religion Faith or Belief;
- Sex;
- Sexual orientation.

Composer of the term: Antonio Vivaldi



Antonio Vivaldi (1678- 1741) was an Italian composer. He was the most important composer in Italy at the end of the Baroque period.

Vivaldi wrote more than 400 concertos for various instruments, especially for the violin. His most popular work is the group of four violin concertos called "The Four Seasons". Each concerto describes a season: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. To listen to snippets of the Four seasons, use the QR code. What do you imagine when you listen to each concerto? How do the instruments reflect aspects of the seasons?

**Here is this week's PE challenge.** It's called 'Around the World in 60 Seconds'. How many times can you achieve in 60 Seconds? Challenge Mum or Dad to have a go and see if you can get the Gold award for your effort! Please share photos or mini-video blogs of your challenge with us here at school as we'd love to see how you get on. Thank you.

## **Pupil of the Week**

**EYFS-** Sebastian for retelling the story of A Squash and a Squeeze with such enthusiasm

**Year 1-** Milita for her beautiful writing in English.

**Year 2-** Damian for his extra effort this week in Phonics and Maths - what a super star!

**Year 3-**Elsa for contributing lovely ideas to our lessons this week and showing such confidence sharing ideas with the class.

**Year 4-** Ariel for her fabulous English learning.

**Year 5-** Ethan for his contributions in class during Geography this week - explaining fuel consumption and cost-effective ways to drive to reduce pollution!

**Year 6-** All of year 6 those at school and the Briars have been superstars!

**Weekly MyMaths Champions Results This week the Champions are Year 5 with 167 points-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.



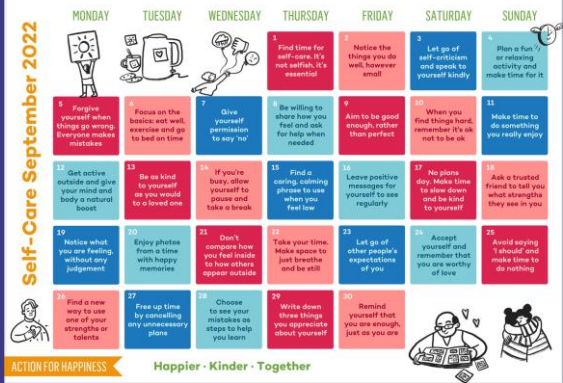
Mrs Wide is always there to help and support us staff, pupils and parents alike, she works so hard, and is so kind we send her all our best wishes as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow. Thank you for all you do Mrs Wide xxx

**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
97.50%	98%	99.33%	93.21%	94.67%	100%	98.67%



## Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar#download-block-anchor>

### 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. JRSO Message

<https://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-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\\_sourcesAdestroPdfm\\_medium=emailPdfm\\_content=VideosPdfm\\_campaign=121017.com-netaware\\_LFS](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/Pdfm_sourcesAdestroPdfm_medium=emailPdfm_content=VideosPdfm_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://youtu.be/XQ-Ht8V3eK>

<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/>

**Thérèse of the Child Jesus, most loving Saint, in union with you I adore the divine Majesty. My heart is filled with joy at the remembrance of the marvellous favours with which God blessed your life on earth and of the great glory that came to you after death. In union with you, I praise God, and offer him my humble tribute of thanksgiving. I implore you to obtain for me, through your powerful intercession, the greatest of all blessings - that of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beg of you to secure for me the special favour I seek in this novena**

**St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us.**



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