



St. Norbert's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

*We strive to nurture and develop the whole child through:
a love of God, a love of one another and a love of life itself.*



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VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Love

Value of the Month

Patience

LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
you protect us with great
love and care. Help us
always to turn to you with
trust whenever we need
help.

Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

We have had another successful week of learning and enriching activities and have ended the week with a maths workshop. The children had a fabulous day today helping Trevi save his trattoria. The children have engaged in workshops solving problems. Each class was set a challenge of how to buy less food and create less waste. Therefore saving money and the environment. Children also participated in classroom challenges involving saving money on creating money saving recipes. Children had to use their times table knowledge to help them work out portion sizes and ingredient ratios. At the end of the day children gathered in the hall to collate their challenge results and to their amazing relief the children managed to save Trevi's ristorante from going out of business.

What a busy week in Reception. they have been looking at numbers beyond 10 and how 11 is made up of one ten and one ones. They have been writing about what happens on Rosie's Walk. Did you know she went under the bee hive, while the fox disturbed the bees and they chased him all the way off the farm! They have been matching Adult farm animals to their babies. During our Pentecost topic they have been thinking about, even though they can't see the Holy Spirit, how it is always with us to guide us to grow more like Jesus.

In Year 1, the children have been working hard on their computer typing skills. They have been learning important keys on the keyboard to help add and remove text in different places. The children have even started typing their own lost teddy posters. Miss Whyles has been so proud of how well they are doing with improving their computing knowledge. Well done Year 1!

Year 2 have been on a virtual, imaginary bus ride to the outdoor area at the bottom of the school field to investigate different plants and their leaves.

In Year 3, we have created a mosaic tile and designed their own pattern. They are going to paint their designs on top next week. We have learnt and sung a rap related to the water cycle, this can be viewed on tweeter.

William Morris has been an inspiration for Year 5 this week further to researching the Arts and Crafts Movement. We have practised tonal shading with a HB pencil by altering pencil pressure, whilst exploring Morris' designs through sketching and colour matching.

Year 4 have been really creative this week recording podcasts in computing and finally Year 6 have been technical in learning how to modify cells on spreadsheets in ICT.

We hope you all have a restful bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Prayers and blessings for the week ahead.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



No image of God gives us a complete picture, but each offers a valuable insight into God and our relationship with God. We understand that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Hebrew Scriptures, and the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd gives many a deep sense of comfort and security. What particular images of Jesus have you found most helpful to you in your faith journey? As we travel our journey of faith, many people will have guided us and protected us. Can you recall the special people in your life, the attributes that they had and how they used their gifts to care for you and others? Jesus assures us that as his followers we will have life to its fullest, and for many in our society today this is a vain hope. How would you describe 'life in its fullest' to someone? During the coming week seek our opportunities to protect or shepherd someone who might be feeling a bit lost or helpless.

This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Your Mission is to reflect on your vocation and come up with a way that you could serve other people. This week think about how you can serve people in school, at home, in the wider community, in the Church. What might your vocation be in the future that will help you to serve others? It could start today!

Vocation

The word vocation comes from the Latin for 'to call' and it reminds us that we all have a calling from God to be the person he created us to be. Finding that vocation and hearing that call however can be really hard sometimes and it's often difficult to know what we should do with our lives. This week spend some time in prayer thinking about what we expect but when you find something that you love that is usually a good sign you're on the right track?!

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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**Parent Guides**

The NSPCC offer a range of parent guides that offer information, support and advice in a variety of topics. These include deciding whether they are ready to walk home alone and help with talking about difficult topics. Click [here](#) to have a look at what is available.

E-Safety

Visit our [Online Safety page](#) on the school website which has links to different sources of information.

UK Safer Internet Centre online has lots of interesting information in his latest weekly update. Click [here](#) to read the latest advice on how to stay safe online and with different devices.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Rosie for recalling many phonemes when shown the graphemes and working hard to write them down.

Year 1 - Milita for being such a fabulous learning helper to others in class.

Year 2 - Astija for her wonderful reading and writing about plants.

Year 3 - Dragos for award for his efforts in English and maths this week.

Year 4 - Cadence for her lovely big write.

Year 5 - Mario for his hard work in guided reading.

Year 6 - Daniel for his amazing enthusiasm in class with all his learning.

**THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD**

Each week the pupils can all nominate their peers for this award, for those acts of mercy and kindness.

Well done to Gabriel in Year 6 for helping teaching and helping others in chess club

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 6 for last term's highest scoring 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 - 88.69%
Year 1 - 99.21%
Year 2 - 93.36%
Year 3 - 98.52%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 98.47%
Year 6 - 96.68%

**Mental Health Awareness Week
15th-21st May****WELLBEING****Connecting With Nature**

There are ways that we can develop our connectedness with nature. Activities that involve the senses can help to build our connection with the natural world. For instance, we might notice the beauty of nature by listening intently to birdsong or touching the bark of trees. Smelling flowers or feeling the soil between our fingers whilst planting bulbs.

Meaningful May**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

[Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together](#)

[Our Time](#)



Recommended Reads

The Versatile Reptile - Nicola Davies

Reptiles are amazing! Find out more in this simple nature picture book with a rhyming refrain.

The Broken Dragon - Karen McCombie

Tyra loves her new life with Nan but is anxious about starting a new school in case she doesn't fit in. A heart-warming tale, designed specifically to appeal to reluctant and dyslexic readers.

The Boy Who Saved a Bear - Nizrana Farook

When 12 year old Nuwan accidentally gets hold of a priceless key, it's the start of an incredible journey - with a ferocious black bear for company!

ART CLUB

Miss Whyles has loved leading art club again. The budding artists have been so engaged with the artists focussed on this week. The creativity, effort and concentration the children have been putting into their art is wonderful. So far we have been inspired by Matisse and Kandinsky. Who will be next?

DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday Year 3 swimming

Monday 1st May -BANK HOLIDAY

Polling Day 4th May - Online learning only

Kings and Queens Coronation Dress up day Friday 5th May

Monday 8th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Year 6 SATs Week 9th-12th May

Wednesday 17th May Year 5 Class Worship

Thursday 18th May Ascension Mass at Church- 9:45am

Wednesday 24th May EYFS Class Worship

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Science

The mind-blowing future of travel



TECHNOLOGY How would you feel about using your heartbeat instead of your passport? Having your buffet breakfast 3D printed? This is travel in the year 2070

Writing - Poetry Competition

Find out more at on the [Young Writers](#) website



5-7 Year olds

It's time for your child to have some creative fun, from the jungle or the Arctic to the local area or zoo... with Poetry Safari the possibilities are endless.

They could write about an animal from their favorite book, be inspired by their pet, or even create their own crazy creature. Whatever they decide your child will LOVE writing for a purpose and a new audience.

7-12 Year olds

Engage your child with writing a poem inspired by a monster they have created & watch them blossom into a confident writer!

It's a fab way to learn about poetic techniques as well as narrative poems & acrostics, which work so well for this poetry theme.

Music - Spalding Music Centre

Following our work with Lincs Music Service and the wonderful ukulele concert, many parents have been interested in getting their child signed up to access the other opportunities at Spalding Music Centre. Spalding Music Centre meet on Tuesday evenings 4.15-5.15 starting on 25th April this term. There is no cost, just turn up at Broad St Methodist Church on Tuesday the information on how to enrol will be given to you. Any player can attend, not just the pupils who took part in the ukulele project! The Spalding Music Centre looks forward to meeting you! Follow the [link](#) to find out more.

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL MATCH

Our Year 5/6 netball team won their last league match on Tuesday evening ending their group league as winners. They now compete in the Semi-finals to find out which school will go through to the overall finals. Well done to our Netball team.

