



# 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

Self-Belief

### LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,  
you are always fair and good.  
Teach us your ways so that  
we may know you better and  
grow more like you each day.

Amen.

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Bishops of England and Wales ask each of us to pray for His Majesty, King Charles III and the Queen. As we look towards the Coronation Day, which will be marked with joy and celebration across England and Wales, and the Commonwealth, let us commend King Charles and Queen Camilla to our Heavenly Father, that he may sustain them in their duties all the days of their lives. It has been wonderful to mark the occasion with Coronation activities, including a themed lunch assembly and regal dress up day.

In addition, the children have been working as hard as ever. Despite the bank holiday and Polling day it has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements and share with you what they have been busy doing. In Reception, they have continued looking at numbers beyond 10 and how 24 is made up of two ten and four ones and have been matching and filling shapes and replicating models. They have started a new book called Pigs Might Fly, which is the story of what happened next after the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. They have also learnt about the life cycle of a plant and during our Pentecost topic for RE they have moved on to celebrate the churches birthday.

Year 1 have been busy wondering how the Holy Spirit helps them and makes them feel. They came up with wonderful answers such as peaceful, joyful, compassionate. They then considered ways they can share this good news with other. We hope you keep an eye out for the Year 1 children demonstrating kindness, inclusion, patience and some self-control!

This week in Year 2, they have been learning about Fractions in Maths, drafting their Information writing about plants in English and also learning about Joan Miro sculptures in Art! Why not check out our Year 2 Twitter messages to see some of their sculptures.

Year 3 have been writing Diamante poems and listening to rhyming words. In music, they have created an 8 beat rhythm using body percussion and producing beat box sounds. The children were fantastic at the beat boxing and we hope they demonstrate this to their parents/carers, they were amazing. Year 4 have been really busy this week using their knowledge of decimals to help them write different amounts of money.

This week Year 5 have been busy refining their recorder skills learning two extra notes g and a! They worked so hard to stay in time with each other and play as a mini orchestra and everyone wanted to showcase their skills and play a mini solo to the class at the end of the lesson. It was wonderful to see the encouragement and support the children offered to each other. In PE we have been learning about the roles and responsibilities of the backstop position and base-fielders in rounders.

This week Year 6 have had fun in Maths learning about angles in a triangle, using protractors and applying rules to solve problems. With SATs week almost upon us, we wish them every success and are incredibly proud of each and every one of them in all that they do.

We hope you all have another restful bank holiday weekend, enjoy the Coronation celebrations and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Prayers and blessings for the week ahead.

Mrs Withers x

### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus is preparing to leave the disciples. He will still be with them in a special way, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. He knows that it is difficult to believe in what you cannot see. This will really give the disciples an opportunity to have faith. Following Jesus' teachings will enable the disciples to go to Heaven, where Jesus has prepared a place for them. We too are called into this discipleship. May we follow his mission. This is a joyful message of faith, love and hope.

Do you have a sense of being specially chosen to do God's work? Perhaps in a particular ministry? This is mission! We often think about mission work in relation to those missionaries serving overseas. However, we are all called to be on mission in our everyday lives, here and now, even in our conversations and daily actions. We may not see the fruits of the service and mission that we live. Spend time during the week actively looking to Jesus to relieve you of any fears that you have about the future.



**This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship**

Your Mission, as a disciple of Jesus, is to create an opportunity for someone else to encounter God this week so they may feel that same calling to a life with Christ too. Could you organise a Mass or Liturgy which explores the theme of Jesus, The Good Shepherd who cares for the Lost Sheep? Could you create a Prayer Space in your home or school which helps people to pray and talk to God?

**Witness**

To be a witness involves two things. The first is seeing something happen that you remember and that has an effect on you. The second is telling others about what you have seen. The first disciples were witness to the resurrection and we too can be witness to Christ when we recognise him at work in our world. The question is, how will you tell others what you've seen so that the Good News continues to be heard?

**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** - Marcel for really developing his independent skills and listening and engaging in learning!

**Year 1** - Eliza F for working really hard to recognise ways we can share the Good News with others.

**Year 2** - Evie for her excellent work on Fractions in our online learning lesson - great application of skills and knowledge.

**Year 3** - Joseph for his enthusiasm and effort in his work.

**Year 4** - Maisy for her fabulous maths learning using decimals.

**Year 5** - Nicole for the beautiful presentation in all of her books.

**Year 6** - Brajan for hard work in all subjects and asking interesting thought provoking questions.

**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 Hunor for sharing the virtue of patience this week with others.

**ATTENDANCE****Well done Year 4 for this week'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 - 94.77%  
Year 1 - 89.73%  
Year 2 - 88.89%  
Year 3 - 98.68%  
Year 4 - 100%  
Year 5 - 93.84%  
Year 6 - 96.69%

**Mental Health Awareness Week  
15th-21st May****WELLBEING****The Power of Positive Thinking**

Be inspired to build up a habit of optimism! Ever noticed someone who is so happy they're singing to themselves or smiling as they walk along the street? How did you feel around that person? They probably boosted your mood and lifted your spirits because happiness is contagious!

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

**Meaningful May**





## Recommended Reads

### Tree Whispers: A forest of poems - Mandy Ross

In a lovely collection of tree-themed poems, Mandy Ross takes us from Joshua Tree in the American desert to the pine and oyamel trees of Mexico, to a snowy forest and the trees in a city – and many more!

### A Little Dose of Nature - Dr. Alison Greenwood

This book is both calming and fun, suggesting over 25 activities to do while enjoying being outside. Brilliant for young children and families.

### Wild Family - Ben Lerwill

A fascinating examination of animal families, and how many species are all interlinked. Gorgeous illustrations and enough facts to keep a variety of ages engaged.

## ART CLUB

Art Club: This week Art Club have been exploring the American female artist Georgia O'Keefe. They learned that she was very famous for her close up paintings of flowers. The children were taught how to use different oil pastels and blend them correctly using the lighter colours to create interesting tints. Their work was stunning!



## DIARY DATES

Every Tuesday Year 3 swimming

Monday 8th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Year 6 SATs Week 9th-12th May

Wednesday 17th May Year 5 Class Worship

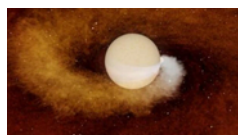
Thursday 18th May Ascension Mass at Church- 9:45am

Wednesday 24th May EYFS Class Worship

## CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

### Science

#### Planet swallowed by host star



Space Scientists have made an incredible discovery by observing, for the first time, a planet being swallowed by its host star. The event which took place around 12,000 light years from Earth. Find out more at Kids News Science Click [here](#)

### Writing - Poetry Competition - CLOSING 26TH MAY

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.

## CORONATION DAY CELEBRATIONS!

On Friday we enjoyed some regal celebrations where we had the opportunity to dress up as kings and queens for the day. During our celebration worship, we learnt all about the history of the coronation and why being a monarch is an important role to hold.

