



# 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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Friday 26th May 2023

### VIRTUES AND VALUES

#### Virtue of the term

Love

#### Value of the Month

Self-Belief

### LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,  
you give us the gift of the  
Holy Spirit to fill our hearts  
with your love. Help us to  
bring Jesus to those who do  
not know him, and share this  
love with them.  
Amen.

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

We have again come to the end of another term and can hardly believe we have just one term left before another academic year is over. Here are some highlights from this week.

In EYFS the children put on an amazing class worship, where they shared all they have learnt about Pentecost. In Literacy they have been writing a sorry letter for eating the chocolate cake (Chocolate cake by Michael Rosen) and in Maths they have been creating subtraction stories, recording their own number sentences. In RE they have been thinking about what breaks a friendship!

Year 1 are happily preparing for the Summer months ahead as part of their Science learning. They shared their favourite Summer activities and how the weather changes for the season. They then learned all about how to stay safe in the sun, including keeping hydrated, using shade, sunscreen and never looking directly at the sun. Very important!

In Year 2 this week they have been redrafting their writing and improving their sentence structure when writing about Plants for their Science topic. They have also been looking carefully at different flowers and observing their features. They have created 'Holy Spirit' candles from their class based worship this week and thought about ways they can share the gift of the Holy Spirit with others.

Year 3 have made clay candle pots this week and decorated them. They took them home this week. The children painted a large canvas and presented it to myself (Mrs Withers) to end our art topic. Year 3 are looking forward to the visit from our musician on Friday. They have created their own piece of music, using beat boxing, body percussion, each group performed in front of the class. These can be found on Teams.

Year 4 have been learning how many days there are in each month and how to convert time. They have also been learning about the rivers of Spalding and how pollution can effect the water systems. They have discussed ways to prevent pollution and protect habitats.

This week Year 5 have been busy using scientific vocabulary to explain how they can identify reversible and irreversible changes. They even talked about transitioning to secondary schools, and how this lesson would be called a Chemistry lesson. To finish the week they enjoyed their final PE session of the term, applying different tactics to demonstrate different strategies in a competitive game.

Y6 this week, in ICT have learnt how to use formulas to produce calculated data. They have learnt that the type of data in a cell is important and then they created formulas to use in spreadsheets using cell references. Despite all of it sounding really technical and serious, children thoroughly enjoyed learning and were amazed how spreadsheets can be useful.

In Art children were making vases; learning how to use different tools and techniques; we have amazing artists in our class!

Have a wonderful half term; I hope you all have an opportunity to spend quality time with your families. The weather is improving so just remember your sun safety with increasing UV levels. You can keep safe in the sun wearing sunglasses, a hat and sun cream.

Reminder: Year 4 on PGL trip next term remember to get a good night sleep the Sunday before we go and come straight into school with your luggage on the Monday morning. Please remember to make sure your luggage is labelled and any medication and money handed into me when you arrive. Any envelopes or packets should be clearly labelled with your name. I look forward to seeing you after half term ready for our adventure.

Mrs Withers x

### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Today is a special feast for the Church. It is called 'Pentecost' which takes its name from the feast the Jews celebrated fifty days after their Passover. We celebrate it as the feast where Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples in a special way just as he had promised to do. How was the Holy Spirit to help the disciples? Pentecost is sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. Can you think why this is so?

When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How has the Holy Spirit changed your life? How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in service of others? What fruit of the Spirit are manifest most in those closest to you? This week work on those gifts that are most neglected in yourself.

**This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship**

Do something this week to show that you understand how someone else is feeling. If he or she has done something he or she is proud of you could congratulate him or her. If he or she is feeling sad you could do something to cheer him or her up, like listening to him or her, or making a drink or a snack. If he or she looks lonely, perhaps you could ask him or her to play with you?

**Pentecost**

The feast of Pentecost is one of the biggest events in the history of the Church. The Church we're part of today can be traced back to that single event when the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, went out into the streets and started spreading the Good News in many different languages. They found a new courage and a new mission to spread Jesus' message and today over 1 billion people are part of the Catholic Church! Think about the Good News in your lives - how do you share that with others?

**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

**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** - All of reception for putting on an amazing class worship!

**Year 1** - Tiwatope for building his confidence and resilience in art

**Year 2** - Max for a beautifully written letter in our independent writing task.

**Year 3** - Othula for always give 100 percent in all that she does.

**Year 4** - Maya C for her amazing tackling skills in PE.

**Year 5** - Andrea for making beautiful links to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

**Year 6** - Gabriela Laskowska for her amazing skills in Art, ability to create a vase using tools and variety of techniques.

**THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD**

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

Amanda Year 3 for supporting other children in class with their Maths learning.

**ATTENDANCE**

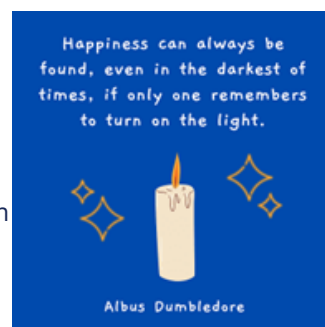
Remember our school target is 97% and anything below 90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.. You must inform us when your child is not attending school if we are unable to make contact we will conduct a home visit. Pupils should be at school by 8:45 to avoid being marked as Late.

**Well done Year 2 and 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance!**

EYFS - 94.67%  
Year 1 - 97.86%  
Year 2 - 98%  
Year 3 - 98%  
Year 4 - 92.91%  
Year 5 - 93.45%  
Year 6 - 97.67%

**WELLBEING****Building Resilience**

Being able to face life's obstacles with hope, perseverance and resilience is a key skill that will serve children well throughout their lives. Give your child a boost by reading these [top tips to help your child build resilience](#). Children can begin to strengthen their resilience using this [Resilience Toolkit Understanding Ourselves Worksheet](#) and our [Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Pack](#).

**Useful Websites**

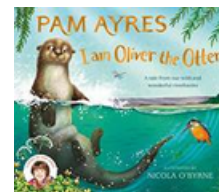
[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)





## Recommended Reads

### I am Oliver the Otter - Pam Ayres

This heartfelt picture book is an ode to all things otter, written by nationally renowned poet and wildlife advocate, Pam Ayres.

### 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!

### Wren - Lucy Hope

Wren feels trapped, but she's not the only one to be inextricably linked to her home – an ancient Welsh castle. Exploring mythical creatures, grief and what it means to be free, this historical novel is also packed with drama and soaring action

## ART CLUB

This week, art club loved looking at female, Japanese artist- Yayoi Kusama's spotty creations. We explored different tools to make spots and dots of different sizes with paint. The children then created beautiful pumpkins and selected their own bright colour to mount them on.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 5th June Term 6 starts

Every Tuesday Year 5  
Swimming

Wednesday 14th June Year 2  
Class Worship

Thursday 22nd June Sports  
Day

Wednesday 5th July Year 3  
Class Worship

Friday 21st July Leavers  
Assembly 1:30pm

End of term Friday 21st July

## CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR HALF TERM

### Fun Science Facts

- The human brain is over three times as big as the brain of other mammals that are of similar body size.
- The ears of an African Elephant can be 6 feet long!
- Pufferfish teeth grow continuously.

Find more facts [here](#). You could create a quiz for your family or write a fact file!

### Spalding Library Half Term

**Children's Crafts Saturday 27th May - Saturday 3rd June 10.00am - 2.00pm (10.00am - 12noon Saturdays)**

- Come along for a different craft every day plus games and a picture hunt. It's free to do and there's no booking required so just pop in!

### 50 things to do before you're 11½

Have a look at the National Trust's website for ideas on things to do this half term. There's plenty of outdoor activities, from watching the sunset to creating some wild art. Many can be done at home and in your garden. How many can you tick off this half term?

Find out more [here](#)

### Ferry Meadows Peterborough

Holiday Trail @ Ferry Meadows – 10am-4pm – £1 per sheet – Collect a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre and then hunt for questions as you walk around Ferry Meadows. Return to the Visitor Centre to claim your prize.

## ROUNDERS!

Our newly formed Rounders team had their first outing to Wygate Primary Academy on Monday. The children enjoyed playing on their large field and under the watchful eye Elite Sports. The match was well balanced and both teams competed to retain their position within the match. St. Norbert's managed to extend a good lead through their runs and fielding by the end of their 2nd innings. Wygate were able to edge their way closer through a succession of 'No Bowls' giving them an extra 6 rounders. By the time the match had finished we were in the lead by 21.5 to 15. A great first match experience with further training to tighten up our bowling and fielding positions. Well done Team St. Norbert's!

