



St. Norbert's



*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 29th September 2023

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Friendship

Value of the Month

Respect

LET US PRAY

Lord, you give us freedom to choose how to live. Help us choose to be your children, to choose the good way to live and the right things to say.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in Maths EYFS have been busy recognising how different sets have been sorted. In phonics they have started to read words such as dip man and nap using all the phonemes they have learnt so far. (s a t p i n m d) They have been learning about our senses and how we use them. They have also recycled our story 'A Squash and Squeeze' and have new characters and a new setting, you might like to ask your child who is now in the story and where it is set!

Year 1 have been amazing at identifying human and physical features this week in Geography. They have been looking at interesting locations in our local area and nationally, using special actions to support their memory.

Year 2 have been taken part in a scavenger atlas hunt to support their developing skills in Geography this week. They have been identifying symbols on a map of the UK, identifying why they are used and used the index to find places in the UK.

This week in Year 3 we have been playing different rhythms on the recorder, they had a great swimming lessons learning new skills and learning how to say how we feel in in French. The children have done really well with their French using the vocabulary they have been learning not just in French lessons. Well done Year 3!

Year 4 have had a very special and exciting beginning to this week, preparing and performing their class worship about families and how we are all part of not only God's family but also part if the community, school and of course our own family.

This week, our Year 5 students have taken on the role of passionate environmentalists as they ventured into the world of renewable energy. With their analytical skills in full swing, they embarked on an exciting journey to compare and contrast potential areas for the installation of wind turbines.

Guided by their commitment to a greener future, our Year 5 environmentalists carefully examined factors such as geographical features and accessibility to determine the most suitable locations. This hands-on project not only encouraged critical thinking but also fostered a deep understanding of the importance of sustainable energy sources. Our young environmentalists have not only learned about the benefits of wind power but have also demonstrated their dedication to preserving our planet. We then moved on to making our own wind turbines to test whether our chosen locations would be suitable.

Most of Year 6 have been at The Briars Residential Retreat this week. However the intrepid six that stayed in school have had a fun filled few days too. Wednesday they did some gardening and weeding of the school herb garden followed by den building and soup and bread making. Thursday and Friday were filled with a variety of art based activities, creating a new display in the school on Protected Characteristics.

Message from Mrs Bowser (Chair of Governors)

Currently, we are looking to recruit new governors to our team. We have one Parent Governor position available, you are not required to be a Catholic to fulfil this role. We also have Foundation Governor positions available, for which you are required to be a practicing Catholic.

Are you curious to find out more about how you can support St Norbert's school and your child's learning journey? Then please contact me on the following email address:

janet.havemann@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

I'm happy to answer any questions or meet with you to discuss governance in more detail.

Our Harvest collection is underway please give what you can, it is such a good cause helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Items can be handed in on the gate or main reception. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Have a lovely weeked!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Every day of our lives we have to make choices. Sometimes we make the wrong choice and do something we shouldn't. Remember that whenever we have had a change of heart. Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to put things right.

Jesus' parables are always designed to challenge us to examine our own responses to God. The chief priests to whom this parable was directed were failing to recognise the reality of the situation. Have there been times when you too have been in this position? Times when you have said you were going to do something and not done it?

How did you feel in breaking your promise? Have you had experiences of being pressured into agreeing to something when you would rather have said 'no'? Or failing to do something when you knew that you should act?

As you consider your response to the demands that being a follower of Jesus calls you to in your day to day experiences, can you identify what were the 'no' moments of the last few days? What were the 'yes' moments?

How could you consider changing your negative responses in the coming week?



This term we focus on Encounter

The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.

Write an affirmation note for someone in your class/school telling them something good about them/something you like about them/something you think they are good at.

Listen

Listening is an important part of dialogue. It means paying attention to what others are saying and trying to understand their point of view. Listening is not just about hearing words; it is about hearing the heart. We are called to be good listeners and we should make sure to listen to those who are different from us. Above all we should listen to what God is calling us to do in our lives.

Spend some time in prayer and listen to what God might be calling you to do for those around you.

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** - Melissa for her excellent retelling of the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze.'
- Year 1** - Sebastian Scase for being ready for all the new challenges in Year 1
- Year 2** - Sinead for always trying her best and listening to instructions
- Year 3** - Fabian for impressing me, Mrs Barrett and his swim teacher in swimming he was fantastic well, I'm proud of you!
- Year 4** - Jack for his amazing maths this week
- Year 5** - Levana for using the working walls to round numbers to 1,000,000 independently! Well done!
- Year 6** - Cassandra for not being afraid to get 'stuck in' to new challenges this week.

THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD



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

Elliot Year 4 for displaying the virtue of Friendship this week

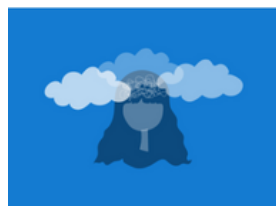
ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 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	94.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	95.3%

WELLBEING



Anxiety and Worry

Anna Freud's free [7 ways to support children and young people who are worried](#) guide has been written by Centre clinicians and identifies seven ways you can use CBT to help children and young people who may be experiencing anxiety.

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

We Are All Astronauts!- Kate Pankhurst

Luna and her granny learn how to be astronauts together. Packed with space facts, and brilliantly illustrated, this is inspiring STEM content for any child.



Tales of World War II: Amazing True Stories from the War that Shook the World - Dr Hattie Hearn

Dr Hattie Hearn’s fascinating book of true stories from World War II, which begins with the reasons the war began and takes the reader through the main events and on towards peace, focuses on the human stories behind such a bewildering global event.



Tapper Watson and the Quest for the Nemo Machine - Claire Fayers

An action-packed, otherworldly adventure story featuring lobster assassins, an interworld organised crime gang, a talking plant who is very fond of eggs and a river that swallows memories.



LITTLE WAY WEEK

This week has been ‘Little Way Week’ so we have kept Saint Thérèse of Lisieux in our thoughts and prayers. Saint Thérèse is an excellent role model for us all. Saint Thérèse once said, “Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.” These words influence the Catholic Life of our school daily. This term we have been busy welcoming new pupils into our St Norbert’s family, settling into new year groups, refreshing different aspects of our school environment and preparing for our upcoming Harvest Festival. As we head into October, we will be launching our Rosary Club and adding intercessions to our Marian focus table.



DIARY DATES

Swimming this term every **Tuesday Y3**

Harvest service in school **1:30pm-Friday 20th October**

Class Wednesday Worship 2:50pm

- Year 6 - 4th October
- Year 3 - 11th October
- Year 2 - 18th October

End of term 1 - **Friday 20th October**

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Writing Challenge -Story Starter

Snip, snip, snip the scissors began to tear the countryside apart. Towns, fields, rivers and oceans. forests, valleys, mountains and lakes. The world began to unravel piece by piece, strand by strand.

This was to be the new beginning. What would this new world look like?

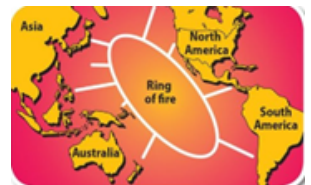
Geography

Tsunami Facts!

A tsunami (soo-NAH-mee) is one of the world’s most powerful and destructive natural forces.

What causes a Tsunami?

Meaning “great harbour wave” in Japanese, tsunamis are sometimes called “tidal waves” but their strength has nothing to do with the tides. About four out of five tsunamis happen within the Ring Of Fire, (see illustration below) a zone in the Pacific Ocean where earthquakes and volcanic eruptions frequently take place.



Maths Challenge

Eight origami papers fell on the floor. Work out the order in which they landed.



FOOTBALL

On Tuesday a team of 7 travelled to Market Deeping for our second league game of the season. The team worked really hard against a strong team and although coming away on the wrong end of the scoreline they scored 2 fantastic team goals and both of our goalkeepers made some terrific saves to deny the opposition. Good effort everyone!