



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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VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Friendship

Value of the Month

Respect

LET US PRAY

Lord, we are all members of your family. Help us to live in peace with each other and to treat each other with love as Jesus taught us, Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

What a busy but fun few days we have had in EYFS, even with the extremely warm weather making us hot and tired! The children have explored their new classroom both inside and out, learnt new routines, talked about rules and made new friends.

Year 1 have been using 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' as our class text. To link to our new science learning about the senses, the children explored different elements from the story settings. There was lots of fun wading in freezing water, sprinkling the soft snow and sinking hands into squelchy mud!

Year 2 have settled into their new classroom beautifully and are demonstrating their understanding of working together. They have enjoyed listening to stories, recalling their holiday activities and learning how to use apparatus in Maths to support their understanding. We have also been learning about the Creation story and finding out about our wonderful world.

Year 3 have settled in well. They have enjoyed invasion games playing dragons in PE. They have said they are looking forward to our Topics.

Year 4 have been busy settling in to the new school year and have been learning about where in the world rainforests are located.

I am thrilled to share the exciting happenings in Year 5 this week. Everyone has settled into their new routines seamlessly. One highlight from the week was taking our math lessons outdoors to make the most of the glorious weather. Learning under the open sky added a refreshing twist to our mathematical explorations. In addition to our outdoor adventures, we've begun our journey into the world of explanation texts. We are already starting to spot the key features of these texts; the next step will be getting them ready to craft their very own explanations in the coming weeks. I want to congratulate all of Year 5 for their fantastic start to the year. Keep up the great work, and here's to many more exciting learning adventures ahead!

Year 6 have got off to an excellent start this week. They have taken on their leadership roles with enthusiasm and have all signed up to help at lunchtimes throughout the term, lead class based worship, set up the hall for worship as well as roles and responsibilities in class. They are shaping up to be an outstanding Year 6 cohort.

Message from Mrs Bowser (Chair of Governors)

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to welcome you to this new academic year. We hope that you all enjoyed some summer sunshine and that you are ready for a great year of learning ahead.

Over the past few years we have seen some changes to our schools organisation, the most recent being that we are now part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

As a board of local school governors our role is as important as we are the link between our stakeholders and our Trust. We meet once every half-term and discuss a range of topics, with the aim of preserving and developing the Catholic character of the school; ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; and holding the executive team leaders to account for the educational performance of the pupils.

For me personally, one of the most rewarding parts of the role is visiting school for our monitoring overviews. Within these meetings, we are able to discuss specific topics with subject leaders or teachers and meet with children to explore their learning. It's wonderful to see how enthusiastically our children engage in their school life.

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.

Welcome back everyone to a new term and a new school year, it should be Autumn but we have come back to full on Summer weather so please do remember sun safety, hats, sun screen and sunglasses are all encouraged in school and don't forget your drinks bottles. Remember to stay safe in the sun this weekend, sunburn and heatstroke can be very serious and have a huge impact on your health and wellbeing.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe in the sun!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Have you ever been given a list of instructions to follow when someone goes away for a while? Jesus is preparing his friends for the time that he will be gone, and is telling them what they must do if there are disagreements between themselves. Jesus says that they need to give each other a chance to make amends in private, and support each other when they have complaints against someone. Is it easy to sort things out without making a big fuss when people have been unfair to you?

The challenge of the Gospel is a personal one, and the restoration of relationships is paramount to our call as Christians. It may well be useful to reflect on the ways in which you resolve conflicts in the different areas of your life – family, workplace, faith community. How are things managed differently in these areas? Have you ever turned a 'blind eye' to wrong-doing? How do you react when people criticise you? Reconciliation is at the very heart of Christian living, and it is a responsibility to all who are part of the Church to be called to restore relationships with each other when these are broken. Make an effort to attend a Rite of Reconciliation this week.

This term we focus on Missionary Discipleship

Loving our Neighbour is Loving Jesus

Explore: Jesus' example of active love and what "neighbour" means.

Understand: how following Jesus' example means taking responsibility for the wellbeing of others.

Reflect: upon what it really means to love a neighbour and how your actions affect them.

Power

In the New Testament three Greek words are used to describe miracles the first is:

POWER (dunamis), which means "mighty deed. Jesus' miracles are powerful acts that reveal his omnipotence and divine authority. Later this power, which dwelt within and came forth from Jesus, will be identified as the Holy Spirit who after Jesus' resurrection is poured out on all believers.

SAFEGUARDING

PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - To all reception children for settling in so well!

Year 1 - Nirupama for being so excited to learn and trying her best with everything.

Year 2 - Natalie for her consideration towards the classroom and how we all work together to help each other. Well done.

Year 3 - Fabian his commitment and achievement in Maths

Year 4 - Dragos for showing he is ready for Year 4 in all his learning.

Year 5 - Oliwia for her super engagement and enthusiasm in her English learning this week.

Year 6 - Perry for excellent contributions to RE and English this week. Totally Year 6 ready.

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.

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.

Sophia in Year 2 for helping and guiding our new Reception children onto the playground in the mornings.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 1 and Year 3 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 - 93.88%
- Year 1 - 98.67%
- Year 2 - 97.33%
- Year 3 - 98.67%
- Year 4 - 94.67%
- Year 5 - 97.93%
- Year 6 - 96.55%

Take Notice

WELLBEING

Being aware of the present moment and your own feelings and thoughts, can help you to positively change how you're feeling about life. This is also known as mindfulness and it can really help you to be calm and more able to deal with what life might throw at you.

Here are a few quick and easy ideas to help take notice of the world, and the people, around you.

- Get creative and take some photos of the world around you. Focus on capturing what's in front of you
- Have a 'clear the clutter' day
- Take a different route on your journey to or from work
- Visit a new place for lunch
- Ask someone how they are feeling and really listen to what they say

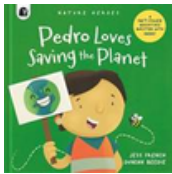
Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



Pedro Loves Saving the Planet - Jess French

Pedro and his friends are at the eco cabin, discovering lots of eco-friendly activities. Fact-filled and friendly, this is a useful book for sharing with young school children.

Our Earth is a Poem: poetry about nature - Various

A stunning collection of poems, beautifully illustrated, that explores and celebrate nature in its various magnificent forms. Perfect for reading aloud, and for curling up with.

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

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.

CLUBS

After school clubs will be starting from next week. Please use Parent Pay to book your child/ren's slots.



DIARY DATES

Swimming this term every **Tuesday Y3**

Mass in school all welcome **9am-Friday 15th September**

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

Class Wednesday Worship
 Year 5 - 20th September
 Year 4 - 27th September
 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

This week our writing challenge will be to write another narrative or story. The idea for your story is 'Message in a Bottle'.

Your story could be about a person who write a message in a bottle or a person who finds one.

- Where was the bottle found?
- Where did it come from?
- What does the message say?
- What happens to the person who reads the message?



Think about the following:

- Who are your characters?
- Where is your story set?
- What is the problem or complication and how will it be solved?
- How will your story end?

Maths Challenge

Maths Problem Challenge Cards
Problem 1
 Aaron starts watching a film at 2:20.
 The film is 85 minutes long.
 What time does the film end?

Maths Problem Challenge Cards
Problem 2
 The side of a square measures 12cm.
 How long is the perimeter?

Science Facts



Mystery Rock Found In Sahara Desert Could Be World's First "Boomerang Meteorite"



India's Chandrayaan-3 Spacecraft Successfully Lands On The Moon



Four "Astronauts" Embark On A Mock Mission To Mars

Click [here](#) to find out more

SELF-CARE SEPTEMBER

Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed.

Aim to be good enough rather than perfect.

When you find things hard remember it's okay not to be okay.