



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
Hope

Value of the Month
Diversity

LET US PRAY

God of heaven and earth,
you have set Jesus Christ as
King of the Universe, help us
to always give you praise and
glory as you watch over us
and guide us.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



43-54



HOW THE
CONVENTION
WORKS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in Reception the children have started their nativity practice. They have been writing about their pizza making and learning the composition of 4 and 5.

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning to name and recognise 3D shapes. We have had lots of fun with shape raps, shape hunts, guess the shape games and building towers to see which ones stacked and balanced.

This week in year 2 we have been learning our parts in the EYFS & KS1 Nativity. We have been learning our lines and singing many songs about the arrival of baby Jesus. We have learnt how to say our lines clearly and loudly and are beginning to act out our roles in the Nativity. We have also been learning to subtract numbers crossing ten, how to use and apply our number bonds to help calculate the answers to larger number problems and also make links between numbers. In our history we have been learning about the Great Fire of London and where it started.

I am impressed with the enthusiasm shown by Year 3 in our science topic. They are enjoying learning about bones and muscles and are able to name some bones and muscles in our body and explain how we are able to move.

In Year 4 the children have been enjoying their DT learning. The children will be designing and making torches so they have been exploring electricity and electrical circuits.

Year 5 have had a great start to our new RE topic 'Hope'. We have been busy exploring the liturgical season of Advent and the religious actions and symbols linked to this time of waiting. We have designed leaflets describing and making links to the scripture based on Isaiah and his message of how we should wait in hope.

This week Year 6 have got back into learning as they recover from their Mock SATs week. They had a lovely treat on Monday morning walking to the Spalding Baptist Church to participate in the Christmas Unwrapped workshop. The morning started with a quiz about Christmas traditions and the children then decorated a Christmas biscuit. After that they learnt all about The Annunciation through live acting from the volunteers at the church. This was followed by a video about the experiences of the shepherds and why they were invited to visit the baby Jesus. The morning concluded with another quiz and a song- with some pupils leading a rap!

As we all know new experiences and adventure are a natural part of life, this week I have written to our Year 5 families to explain that Mrs Fairbanks will be leaving us at the end of term to start a new teaching adventure. Mrs Fairbanks has been absolutely incredible and I feel like only yesterday we were the Year 6 team when I was in the class and she was my amazing teaching assistant. She has worked so hard here at St. Norbert's and it has been a privilege to support her at the start of her teaching journey. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best of luck in her new position. We are currently recruiting a new teacher to join our school and when we have completed the process I will update you with any new staffing announcement. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Withers x

Norbert Bear

This term Norbert Bear will be going home with a child in reception on a Friday to spend the weekend! Please follow the instructions on Norbert's tag and tweet any photos with Norbert with your child having fun! Norbert must be returned to school on a Monday for a busy week at school!

Norbert Bear will be going home with Jensen



ANTI - BULLYING PARENT TRAINING

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Primary Parents 6th December 6pm-7:30pm



In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023 Lincolnshire Children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online, effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat with you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! [Sign up is required.](#)

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church's year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

As the year draws to an end, we turn our thoughts to the time when Christ will return as king.

During the past weeks we have been exhorted to be prepared, to be alert and use our gifts well. Today we get the bottom line. We are to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. What counts is how we have served those in need, how we have recognised Christ in each other. How do you respond to those in need? Can you recall an experience of having someone respond to a need of our own? Did it change your attitude to helping others? The church has always worked in areas of social justice and help for the poor, the needy and the sick. How does your faith community engage in these areas of service? Are there ways that you and your family might become more involved? Does your faith express itself in practical ways? During the week seek out someone in need and reach out to them with a loving action.

This Year we focus on Encounter

Think creatively outside the box

Worship and prayer are key to encountering God. God is creative and made us all uniquely, which means we can all worship and talk to God in different ways – it's not one size fits all! So, when we worship and share prayer times, let's think creatively and explore different activities. If you love worshipping by singing, dancing and playing musical instruments, encounter in this way! If you prefer to use your hands to draw, build or write, encounter in this way! If you would rather find a quiet space to lie down on a cushion and soak God up or look at pictures of nature, then enjoy this method also!

Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone is loved. The Kingdom of God is not a place that we will find on a map, but it is a way of life that we can work towards building in our own lives and in the world around us.

Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the kingdom of heaven.

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

jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk
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Home or out alone guide

A guide to help parents and carers decide whether their child is ready to either stay at home or go out alone. This guide provides practical tips and advice to help parents and carers decide what is best for their child when it comes to staying home alone or going out alone. It covers some of the risks parents should consider before making a decision, such as how their child feels about the idea and who they should contact in an emergency. There is also a checklist for parents and children to work through together to help them prepare for different types of scenarios. This includes questions about what to do if there is an accident at home or they are approached by a stranger outside.

Things to know before you decide:

There's no legal age limit for a child to stay home or go out alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.* Every child is different, so it's up to you to decide whether they're ready. But there are a few key things to know, that should help you make your decision.

Download the [guide here](#)

*Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health': gov.uk/law-on-leaving-your-child-home-alone



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- EYFS** - Kiara for her super creative ideas and determination during own learning to make a mask and supporting others to make a mask too!
- Year 1** - Seb S for applying his knowledge wonderfully in History when learning about the problems for the plotters.
- Year 2** - Milita for her amazing learning of her lines and beginning to add drama and acting into her delivery! Well Done
- Year 3** - Sofia for all her hard work and commitment to her Homework, plus great presentation.
- Year 4**- Natan for his lovely likes and dislikes learning.
- Year 5** - Isabella, for her outstanding attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum.
- Year 6** - Paul for showing excellent understanding in Maths work on comparing fractions.

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.

Elsa Y4 for the care she shows her class mates.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 5 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	81.89%
Year 1	99.26%
Year 2	98.89%
Year 3	97.78%
Year 4	98.15%
Year 5	99.63%
Year 6	95.4%



WELLBEING

Wellbeing activities - Bath Mind

Activities around good nutrition, exercise and relaxation are all important for mental and physical wellbeing. You will find lots of great ideas and activities here to support your mental and physical well-being, just click on a section below to find out more!

[Link](#)

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Blobfish - Olaf Falafel

Blobfish loves telling jokes but has no one to tell them to. One day he decides to go on an adventure to find a friend but soon realises that it's not as easy as he thought, everyone already has one. But who is this, could it be a friend? With gentle humour and beautiful illustrations, this book introduces young children to the idea of friendship and belonging. It also touches on the danger posed to wildlife by plastic pollution in our oceans.



Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good- Louie Stowell

Odin has banished Loki to Earth where he has to live as an eleven year old boy until he learns to behave. Accompanied by Heimdall and Hyrrokkin as his fake parents along with Thor as his annoying older brother, Loki soon realises it won't be as easy to regain his old life as he thinks. Presented as Loki's own diary complete with illustrations, this hilarious take on Norse mythology will appeal to even the most reluctant reader.



Dread Wood-Jennifer Killick

Forced to attend detention, Angelo, Hallie, Gustav and Naira think that things can't get any worse. However, when their teacher is dragged underground, things start to get really scary, and their only hope of survival is to work as a team. A perfect balance of humour, suspense and creepiness, 'Dread Wood' is gripping from the first page. Although not a natural friendship grouping, the four children find themselves bound together by circumstances. Friendship and 'fitting in' are at the heart of this story.



FRIENDS' FUNDRAISER

Our XL Squishee, Norbert, could be yours for just £1! Pick a numbered square, pay your £1 and he could be yours in time for Christmas. Squares will be for sale at the end of school on different days in the run up to Christmas, or can be purchased at the school office.



DIARY DATES

Swimming Advent 2 every **Tuesday Y3**

Wednesday 29th Nov

Year 6 Class Worship -2:50pm

Tuesday 5th Dec

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Afternoon 2:15pm

Wednesday 6th Dec

EYFS KS1 Nativity Evening 5pm

Thursday 7th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Reconciliation Service in School 1:30pm

Movie Night (Whole School) 3:15pm – 5:30pm

Monday 11th Dec

Whole School Panto Visit Beauty and the Beast

Thursday 14th Dec

KS2 Carol Concert at church – 6pm

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Non-Fiction November Competition

The theme this year is 'Wonderful Water' and our competition has been inspired by 'Sea Change: Save the Ocean', edited by Tobias Hickey.

To enter, children are invited to create their own postcard. There are three age group categories: 5-7 (30-40 words) 8-10 (40-60 words) 11-12 (60-100 words) Each will be judged on their originality, creativity and presentation, according to age. More information is available [here](#) along with the [competition rules](#)



Writing

Think about:

- The colours
- The textures
- The sounds

Check:

- Does each sentence make sense?
- Full stops and capital letters
- Have I included some interesting adjectives?



Maths Challenges



Doubling 5

This challenge is about doubling multiples of 5.

Pick a multiple of 5. Double it.

What is your answer? How many 10s is this?

Can you spot any patterns?

Can you explain the patterns?

Do NOT use a calculator!	Nice and easy	Bit more to it	Challenging
↓	200	28	Fifteen
↓	Half of it	3/7 of it	x 8
↓	+ 10	x 5	17 1/2 % of this
↓	Subtract 6	x 10	5/7 of this
↓	Times by itself	5 % of it	x 20
↓	Add 7	Time by itself	Plus 25 %
↓	+ 11	75 % of it	Double it
↓	Times by itself	- 90	20 % of this
↓	Half of it	+ 5	+ 10
↓	Half of it	+ 9	2/13 of this
↓	Answer =	Answer =	Answer =

YEAR 5 READING FOR PLEASURE

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on some incredibly compassionate girls in Year 5 who have exemplified the spirit of generosity. By embracing the joy of reading, they have taken a heartwarming initiative to enhance their learning environment. In a heartening display of selflessness, these thoughtful pupils have pooled together their own pocket money and birthday funds to buy new books for the Year 5 reading corner. Their collective effort has not only filled the shelves with captivating books, but has also enabled them to share their enthusiasm for literature within the class. Let's celebrate the magic of literature and the wonderful spirit of giving that these remarkable Year 5 girls have brought to our school!



HOCKEY

Last Friday, St Norbert's hockey team played their second tournament of the year at Surfleet. All members of the team arrived in great spirits keen to put their training into practice.

Starting strong they won the first game 2-0. Second game also went well and a win of 1-0. The team kept working hard during the third game, unfortunately they lost the game 0-2. Rallied by their coach, the team came back for their final game and earned a well deserved draw 0-0.

They should be proud of their teamwork and encouragement towards each other.

Well done to the team: Melanie, Guste, Finley, Ethan, Noah, Affan and Oliver.



HOMEWORK: CHILDREN'S SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner has asked schools to share with you her national campaign The Big Ambition. Children or parents can complete the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

Message from the Children's Commissioner

It is really important that the pupils at St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Lincolnshire are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England