



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
Honesty

LET US PRAY

Lord, you are all goodness and mercy. We are trying to turn our lives back to you. Help us to make space in our lives for your love. Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Three great nativity performances complete. The children in Reception are getting ready for Christmas as they continue to learn about the season of advent. In math's they are learning about the composition of the number 4 and 5 and the smaller parts they are made up of. The children have been practicing their musical performance playing their instruments in time to the rhythm of their song.

This week, Year 1 used another historical source- the King's degree- to find out what one of the plotters looked like. Based on the King's description of Thomas Percy, they were able to make some fabulous wanted posters. They particularly found some of the old fashioned language amusing! Great work.

This week in Year 2 we have been focused on the Nativity performances to parents whilst also developing our lines and acting to improve our delivery. We have also been investigating different ways to lift a bucket of water in our Design Technology learning using card strengthening techniques.

Year 3 children have created their own investigations to see and experience how the muscles work in our bodies and why we need them. They have also made some great Shadufs, to demonstrate how the Ancient Egyptians watered their crops.

Year 4 have had a fabulous week making torches in DT. They were able to use junk modelling resources to make their torch cases and apply their understanding of electricity circuits and switches to make fully working torches.

Year 5 we have finished our Computing topic! We have learnt so many new skills from importing screenshots to using features such as Ken Burn's effects to crop and edit our videos. We added music and have almost finished recording our voice overs! We can't wait to showcase our final videos on X (Twitter)!

This week, Year 6 have been enjoying a new learning focus in English this week- Persuasive writing. We started the learning process by exploring the features of a persuasive letter and then had fun trying to use the persuasive techniques of flattery, presumption and veiled threat to persuade Miss Bools to allow ten minutes extra playtime. Watch put parents we have been practising our persuasive skills!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are very lucky that we still have a PTFA Group raising funds for wonderful experiences and resources for the children of this school, many schools sadly do not have an active PTFA. Last night there was a Movie Night, following this lovely event I have received numerous complaints about the unacceptable parking and conduct, of what I am sure is a minority of parents.

The roads were completely blocked due to selfish parking on yellow zigzags and across our neighbours drives. This is completely unacceptable conduct. Any future reports of parents behaving in this way will be met with a site ban meaning you will no longer be allowed on site to collect children and will have to organise alternative arrangements. Whilst I appreciate it was raining, as you all know I regularly spend 25 minutes on gate duty in all weather including rain, for which I ensure I have a coat and umbrella. Please be mindful of our local community.

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 Aya

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



The readings of these first weeks of Advent stress over and over that our lives are in the hands of a merciful God, and echo the cry to prepare a way and a place for the Lord within our cluttered lives. In today's Gospel the coming of the Messiah is proclaimed by John. Why do you think Advent is a good time to think about our lives, what we are doing right and what we can improve on?

Discuss the idea of Advent as a journey towards a goal. To journey alone or with others is a question that can be considered. You might talk with the children about John the Baptist, how his whole life was dedicated to one thing, "preparing the way of the Lord", now we are asked to prepare also. To make a space in our lives for God and the things of God by prayer and thinking about God and the great work of Jesus. Discuss the idea that they might draw up a plan—make a list of the things in their lives that they plan to change in order to prepare a bigger place for God in their lives.

This Year we focus on Encounter

Follow the star! Create your own Star of Bethlehem and move it daily so the children can look out for its new location everyday! Do we always look out for the signs from God of the path He wants us to take in our own lives?

Peace

In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. We know that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and we believe that he will bring peace to all people.

Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this 2nd Week of Advent week.

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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Talk to strangers!

Online Safety: Omegle

This week a parent guide has been shared with you via email concerning Omegle.

Omegle is a website offering a free video chat service which will connect you to a random stranger who you can interact with through text chat and webcam. There is no Omegle app currently available to download. No account or username is required to use the service and users are anonymous unless they choose to tell other users about themselves. Users should be 18+ or over 13 years with parental permission. The main page of the site has a direct link to an adult site which streams adult sexual content. There are no parental controls or privacy tools available at all through Omegle other than the ability to stop a chat and move to another user.

There are both moderated and un-moderated video chat features. The un-moderated chat carrying an 18+ age requirement and a warning that there is a high likelihood of viewing sexual content and coming into contact with potentially predatory individuals.

You can restrict access to this site by using parental controls on devices or home broadband. Visit Internet Matters to learn more.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

EYFS - All of Reception for putting on a fabulous nativity, joining in with actions and singing.

Year 1 - Irin for an amazing bridge construction in DT.

Year 2 - Year 2 Class for their exceptional teamwork in learning their lines and actions to share the Nativity story.

Year 3 - Jayden for his effort with his reading and writing.

Year 4 - Cera for her lovely learning about the rain forest in English.

Year 5 - Hugo for working really hard on his handwriting and presentation - well done.

Year 6 - Andriya for working hard on understanding add and subtracting 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.

Nicole Year 6 for using her initiative during movie night to fetch a dustpan and brush and clear up spillages.

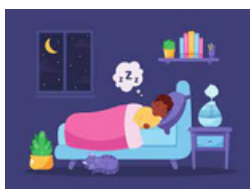
ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 5 for this week's highest scoring attendance!**

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 - 89.35%
Year 1 - 96.3%
Year 2 - 96.3%
Year 3 - 95.93%
Year 4 - 97.04%
Year 5 - 97.78%
Year 6 - 94.64%

WELLBEING**Wellbeing activities - Good Things**

Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day.

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

One Christmas in Our Building - Johanna Lindemann

When Emma’s turkey goes missing, her neighbours join forces to ensure she has an extra special Christmas day. A heart-warming picture book, full of Christmas spirit.



The Nutcracker and the Mouse King’s Christmas Shenanigans- Alex T. Smith

When the Mouse King steals all the sweets across the land, the Nutcracker embarks on a riotous journey to Marshmallow Mountain to save Christmas. This hilarious tale with vibrant, energetic illustrations is sure to become a festive favourite.



The Silver Road-Sinéad O’Hart

Dealing with contemporary concerns such as climate change, yet steeped in ancient Irish myth, history and folklore, this thrilling fantasy crackles and fizzes like the magic within its pages.



FRIENDS’ FUNDRAISER

SQUARES STILL AVAILABLE

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.

These will also be sold at the Carol Concert



DIARY DATES

Swimming Advent 2 every **Tuesday Y3**
Final week **12th Dec**

Monday 11th Dec

Whole School Panto Visit Beauty and the Beast

Thursday 14th Dec

KS2 Carol Concert at church – 6pm

Wednesday 20th Dec

End of Term

Tuesday 2nd January

Start of Term 3

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Geography Club News

Facts about Pollution

This week in Geography club we looked at plastic pollution in our Oceans and seas. We talked about the effects on our environment and sea life. The children then designed super posters, the children had such a good understanding of plastic pollution and spoke about things they already do like recycling well done Geographers!

Here are some facts for you on plastic pollution in our Oceans and seas it is thought around 8 million tonnes of plastic is in our oceans and seas each year, given a humpback whale can weigh around one ton that is a lot of plastic! This plastic puts 700 sea life species under threat, and it also threatens sea birds. Plastic is harmful to marine life when ingested and plastics like bags and nets that are floating in our oceans are trapping our beautiful sea birds and marine life.

Christmas Writing Challenges

I rushed to the Christmas tree, I couldn’t believe my eyes...

Use this start to write a story.



My favourite Christmas memory...

Write a recount of your favourite Christmas memory.

Maths Challenges

Dan bought a packet of crisps and an ice cream.

The cost of both of them together is in one of the boxes (see right)

£1.85	75p	£1.74	£2.25	£1	£1.56
£2.10	80p	£1.80	£3.06	£1.44	£1.50
£1.60	£1.25	£1.20	90p	£1.45	£1.27

Use these clues to find out how much he paid:

1. You need more than three coins to make this amount.
2. There would be change when using the most valuable coin to buy them.
3. The crisps cost more than 50p.
4. You could pay without using any copper coins.
5. The ice cream costs exactly twice as much as the crisps.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

This Advent, Caritas Westminster have created a ‘reverse’ Advent calendar which will give suggestions for items to collect each day to donate to a local foodbank or food poverty project in time for Christmas. Over the past four years many schools have got involved with the calendar, collecting hundreds of boxes of food for local foodbanks and helping to ensure families did not have to go hungry at Christmas. You can download your calendar [here](#). We are collecting here at school if you want to send something we will add to our collection box.



EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

This week saw EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children sharing the greatest story ever told - The Nativity! This year we presented the story 'Born in a Barn' which retold the Nativity from the view point of all the animals. The children were amazing in their costumes and shared their lines with great enthusiasm. Their singing and actions throughout the songs kept us all captivated as the story unfolded and the news of the baby Jesus being born was shared. A huge thank you to all our parents and children for their learning of lines, songs and costumes.



RAIL TRACK SAFETY

At school your child is learning about how to stay safe near trains and tracks through PHSCE.

You can help reinforce what they learn in the classroom by practising waiting safely on a station platform or cross at a pedestrian level crossing with them every time you catch a train or cross railway lines.

Often children know how to behave safely on platforms or around pedestrian level crossing; however this does not always translate in their actions, especially when there are other distractions.

Young children need continuous reinforcement to help them stay safe around trains and tracks. It's as important as teaching your child to swim – no matter where they live or how often they see trains and tracks, they need to practise regularly so they can stay safe when they need to.

Each time you visit a platform and train tracks with your child, please reinforce the safety actions. You could ask them to tell you and show you what they know already, and fill in any gaps using the information below.



STOP behind the line.
LOOK both ways for trains.
LISTEN for trains coming.
THINK, "Is it safe to cross?"
Why is it important to do this every time they cross? It will help keep them safe!

Message from Lincolnshire Police



Thinking of buying an e-scooter?

Lincolnshire Police is reminding parents and guardians that e-scooters are not legal to use on public pavements or roads.

Inspector Jason Baxter said, "Our approach to this will be to engage and educate. When that fails, we will enforce. We know that e-scooters are probably on Christmas lists this year, and may be tempting in the January sales, we just want people to think twice before buying a product that's so limited in where you can legally use it."

Whilst our aim is to engage and educate, penalties for using an e-scooter illegally can include seizure of the e-scooter.

- In Lincolnshire, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the land owner. [Read more about our advice on using e-scooters.](#)
- If you are considering buying an e-scooter, please also read this [advice from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue after safety concerns over e-scooters](#) regarding charging and battery storage.
- As part of a trial, rental e-scooters are allowed on public roads and cycle lanes in approved areas in some cities (not currently Lincoln) provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations. [Find out more about e-scooter trials.](#)