



# 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 12th January 2024

## VIRTUES AND VALUES

**Virtue of the term**  
Patience

**Value of the Month**  
Self-discipline

LET US PRAY

Lord, Help us to be open to you in our lives and to seek you out for we know that you love us. Amen.  
Amen.

## ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in EYFS have performed their story of Sleeping Beauty through song for parents to watch on Tapestry. They have described Sleeping Beauty, and read and written captions for the story. In Maths, they have been introduced to zero and are continuing to subitise numbers to 5. They have enjoyed learning about materials, describing them and talking about what materials can be found in castles related to their topic.

In Year 1, the children have started exploring Van Gogh's use of lines within their art. They identified and recreated so many different marks to demonstrate the post-impressionist style, while making very close observations of artworks. Amazing!

In Year 2, we have had a great week learning about Non-Chronological reports in English - sharing a huge thank you with mums and dads for supporting your child with their 'Africa' fact sheet - great work! We have also been learning to travel in different ways across the gymnastics mats and how we can safely put them away afterwards. In Maths we have been investigating different coins to make the same amount.

Year 3 have enjoyed investigating Rocks and finding out how to classify them. They have undertaken several investigations to discover which rocks are most dense and have identified rocks made from layers and those that contain crystals.

Year 4 have been learning about settlements in geography. They have been considering what makes an ideal settlement including looking at sources food, water, materials and means of transport. They were amazed that Lincoln is only approximately 100 year younger than London.

This week Year 5 have been learning about the key features of the polar regions and compare them to the UK. They have interpreted data from pie charts to show the average number of hours of daylight, twilight and darkness in given months and described what London and Antarctica would be like at 1pm throughout the year.

This week, Year 6 embarked on a new unit of learning in Computing learning about and how to program micro:bits. The children worked with Mr Morton and a past pupil, Mr Callow, to compete algorithms to control the micro:bit.

Another busy week and a cold spell of weather, on which note can we ask hats, gloves and scarves are named we already have quite a collection in lost property. This week it is Peace Sunday and the theme is Pope Francis' theme for the World Day of Peace-'Artificial Intelligence and Peace.' We join Pope Francis in hoping that artificial intelligence should be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home.

Mrs Withers x

### Norbert Bear

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 Greta

## GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



"Here I am Lord, your servant is listening." With these words we echo the words of the boy Samuel each day of our lives. We are assured of the same answer as the Apostles when we ask "Where do you live Lord?" the reply is always the same "Come and see."

In the Gospel the invitation "come and see" is made to us too—we follow, listen and remain with Jesus because we believe he is what we need. The call to be a follower of Jesus is just the beginning though. Growing within the body of Christ, the community, is a lifelong process. Year by year our understanding of what and who we are is fed by listening to the scriptures, participating in the liturgy and prayer to our creator as a true Christian, with and through Christ. In the First Testament it was God who called people to share life, in the New Testament it is Jesus who calls to new life.

**A Year of Prayer and Preparation: This year we focus on Encounter...**

**We love because we are loved**

Explore: what it means to love and be loved.

Understand: how God shows us love and teaches us to love one another through acts of service.

Reflect: upon how our experience of love affects the way we live our lives and love one another.

**Discipleship**

Discipleship is about following Jesus and living your life according to his teachings. It is a lifelong journey of learning and growing in faith. As disciples, we are called to grow in our relationship with God, to live out our faith in the world, and to serve others.

Think of someone in need in your community who you can help and support this 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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**SMART Rules for Adults to Share with Children**

When you are dealing with children there are no hard and fast rules. A child's ability to understand safety rules and to put them into practice depends on a number of things including how old the child is, how the child has been educated or even how confident the child is. To help a child learn any set of rules it is important to go through them and explain why you want the child to remember them. There is no 'one-size-fits' all but here are a few suggestions.

**Secrets** These can be good fun, but if they make us sad or confused it's best to check them out with Mum or Dad or someone else you trust.

**Mates** Take someone with you when you are going somewhere and stay together.

**Always** tell your parents, carer or someone else you trust where you are going, who you are with and when you will be back.

**Respect** your body and remember it is private. No one has the right to touch you on your private areas (those covered by your swim suit).

**Tell** your parents, carer or someone else you trust if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or frightened.



**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**



**EYFS** - Miguel for growing in confidence when joining in learning, putting his hand up and answering questions!

**Year 1** - Lavinia for her exceptional effort and dedication to learning

**Year 2** - Layla for her amazing writing in English and working hard to present her ideas carefully.

**Year 3** - George for his hard work and focused attention in English and Maths this week.

**Year 4** - Arnon for his amazing maths learning linked to multiplication and division.

**Year 5** - Maya C for active listening and focus in all her learning.

**Year 6** - Guste for excellent work in English generating ideas for describing a character.

**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.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Well done Year 1 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	92.02%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.04%
Year 3	95.93%
Year 4	98.15%
Year 5	95.93%
Year 6	97.32%

**WELLBEING**

**Wellbeing activities for January**

Write it down:

Keeping a journal can be a great way to explore and organise our thoughts. It can help us plan our day, express gratitude and understand our worries and feelings. Winter is also a good time to think about future goals and prepare for the new year, so why not get a notebook or find a journal app and get writing?

Get outside for some sunlight and exercise:

Try to get outside for at least 20 minutes of exercise each day. Walk in a green space if you can, such as a park or by the river. This can help you feel refreshed and more energised, especially if you're working from home or spending more time indoors. If it's difficult for you to get out, open a window and let some fresh air in if you can.

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

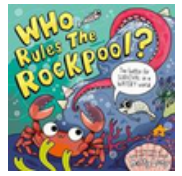
[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

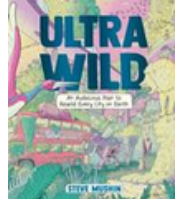
**Who Rules the Rockpool? - Matty Long**

Crab boasts that he is the ruler of the rockpool, as he's so brave and strong, but Prawn insists that there's more to survival than just being tough. An entertaining picture book with colourful, cartoon-like illustrations and plenty of witty one-liners.



**ULTRAWILD: An Audacious Plan to Rewild Every City on Earth- Steve Mushin**

Steve Mushin is an industrial designer and inventor. This means that he spends his time inventing machines that transform cities into ecosystems: he's made high-tech city farms, solar thermal ovens and even a 17-metre-long soil-making mechanical millipede.



**Lunar - Chris Bradford**

With a great mix of science fiction and science fact, this nail-biting race-against-time is presented in an accessible format with black and white illustrations.



**WINTER READING CHALLENGE**

**Ends 19th February**

There is still time to register and complete the challenge to receive a certificate too. Please bring your certificate in to school, so we can recognise your achievement here at school.

[Register here](#)



**DIARY DATES**

**From Tuesday 9th Jan** Start of Swimming Year 1

**Tuesday 23rd – 30th Jan**  
School Book Fair in school open 3:15pm each day

**Tuesday 23rd Jan** Parents Evening 3:30pm- 6:30pm

**Wednesday 24th Jan** Parents Evening 3:30pm- 5:30pm

**Wednesday 24th Jan** Year 3 Class Worship - Parents Welcome 2:50pm

**Tues 30th – Tues 6th Feb** National Storytelling Week

**Wednesday 31st Jan**  
EYFS Class Worship - Parents Welcome 2:50pm

**CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES**

**PSHCE Focus- Recycle Your Christmas Cards!**

January is the month to recycle your Christmas cards responsibly, or gather them together to reuse in crafts for next Christmas! It's easy to recycle Christmas cards with your ordinary household recycling service. In addition, each year certain shops and department stores will run recycling schemes, so check out what's available in your area.

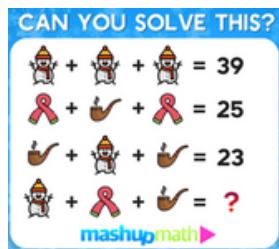
Recycling your Christmas cards with your household waste, at recycling points, or in shops results in less waste going to landfill sites and reduces the demand for virgin materials around the world. The great thing about recycling your Christmas cards is that it doesn't have to be a task. They can easily be put in your household recycling and picked up by your local council. Alternatively, you can creatively reuse your Christmas cards and make them work a little harder before they are eventually recycled. Read on for some ideas and projects to make the most of the Christmas cards you receive.

Recycling really helps to protect our environment. When we recycle, we reduce water and air pollution. This is because there isn't any need to extract, refine, or process raw materials when we recycle. By recycling, we also save energy which in turn reduces greenhouse gases, and helps us combat climate change.

**January Writing Challenges**

1. How would you describe a snowflake to someone who's never seen one before? Be as descriptive as you can!
2. To start off the new year with an incredible adventure, your parents are taking you to the North Pole. Remember - it's freezing! Can you write a list of everything you need to pack in your suitcase for visiting a snowy environment?
3. January 15th is "World Snow Day"! Write an action-filled story about an epic snowball fight.

**Maths Challenges**



**Continents of the World**

There are 7 continents of the World in order of size (Land area not population) largest to smallest they are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia/ Oceania.

Here is a fact about each continent:

- Asia is the largest continent in size. It has the biggest land area and the world's biggest population. This means most people on our Earth live on the Asian continent.
- Africa is the continent with the most countries. There are 54 countries on the African continent.
- North America is a continent which is located entirely on the northern and western hemisphere. There are 23 countries in total on the North American continent.
- South America is a continent of many natural superlatives: the longest mountain range - the Andes, the highest waterfalls - the Angel Falls and the driest place on earth - the Atacama Desert in Chile.
- Antarctica is the smallest continent by population numbers. This means the huge continent is only sparsely populated.
- Europe is considered to be the wealthiest and richest continent, however, there are poor regions of the continent too!
- Australia/Oceania is the smallest continent of the planet. Strictly speaking Oceania is a geographic region that includes Australasia, Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia.