



# 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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Thursday 8th February 2024

## VIRTUES AND VALUES

### Virtue of the term

Patience

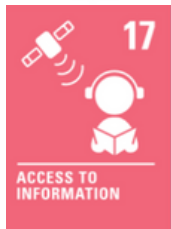
### Value of the Month

Trust

## LET US PRAY

God our creator, you are all knowing. We do not understand how some people are sick and others are not, some have troubles and some do not, help us to reach out to those who are outside our group of friends, and to bring in those who are not wanted.  
Amen.

## ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in Reception have been looking at odd and even numbers and doubles. In English the children have been on a tour of London with Paddington. They have created their own church with pews in class and have enjoyed acting out the welcome part of Mass, joining together with our parish family.

Year 1 have been conducting a science experiment, working scientifically by investigating... animal poos!!!! The Children looked closely at the samples and based on the animal diets, they decided if the animal was carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. The science lesson was excellent learning involving all children who were excited and enthusiastic.

In Year 2 this week we have been looking at Kenya and how we can present our writing to an audience. We have learnt about the Massai Marra Tribe and enjoyed taking part in a jumping competition. In Maths we have been doubling and halving numbers using different strategies like partitioning.

Mrs Hutchinson was impressed with the dance display that Year 3 showed her on Wednesday. They showed excellent coordination, rhythm and style in their performance. Well done. They also enjoyed Safer Internet Day and created some amazing avatars.

Year 4 have been working hard to put together an Egyptian gymnastic showcase at the end of their PE unit.

This week in Year 6 the children have been learning about how AI technology and how we use it today. They also learnt about the dangers and ways to identify how AI might be used to create fake news and deepfake photographs.

**YEAR 6 NOTICE:** Just a reminder to Year 6 families to email or call the school if you wish to confirm your child's place at next terms Maths Club on Wednesdays until 4:30pm with myself and Mr.Morton and daily Wake Up Shake Up Maths club 8:15-8:45.

A HUGE thank you to our PTA -this half term, they have purchased child-friendly clocks for the hall and all classrooms, new kits bags for a new sports kit, medals for a sporting star at external sports events? Some lucky children will be receiving medals in celebration worship today.

Have an amazing half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

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!

As it is half term, Norbert Bear will also be enjoying a well deserved holiday too, but looks forward to spending time with some more children in Reception next term.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

In this week's gospel Jesus reaches out and touches the unclean leper and thus cures him of his affliction. Picture the scene in your mind – the diseased and ostracised leper coming to Jesus and falling on his knees with the words "If you want to, you can make me clean." As sinners, as we journey once more through Lent, we find here encouragement to throw ourselves on the mercy of a compassionate God

By associating with outcasts and people like lepers what message was Jesus giving his disciples and the Jewish people? Who belongs to the kingdom of heaven, who are the chosen people of God? The answer has to be – everyone belongs.

The way Jesus treated people with kindness and compassion was as important as his miracles. Consider your own experiences of being unwanted or left out and who made you feel better. This is the way that Jesus wants us to live, showing kindness and compassion. When and how can we do this?



**A Year of Prayer and Preparation: This month we focus on Mental wellbeing...**

'I make all things new' (Revelation 21:5)

Have I checked in with my family, friends, fellow parishioners, my parish priest? Who needs me to be with them in their time of need?

Do I know that God is with me now, that he loves me and that there are people in my parish who want me to know this too?

**Healing**

We are all made in the image and likeness of God and when we feel broken, physically, mentally or emotionally, we turn to God for his mercy and healing. Every opportunity to forgive or to support others in their health is a chance to encounter Christ and we are all called to be active members of the Church who bring healing and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ to those that we meet.

Say a prayer of thanks this week for the people who look after and care for you when you are in need.

**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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E-SAFETY FROM ALAN MACKENZIE

**Survey - Children's Digital Wellbeing**

On 25th Jan Internet Matters released their annual, Children's Digital Wellbeing survey. The report is always insightful and useful, giving a wider understanding of the bigger concerns of parents.

Some key points from the survey are:

Children:

- Children feel less affected by online harms than they did in last year in relation to content that is upsetting or scary, 24% vs 35% in 2022, but this is still a quarter.
- 60% of children say that being online makes them feel like they're part of a group, and 75% view technology and the internet as important to their independence.

Parents:

- More parents are moderating their children's online activity with 21% of parents managing their children's usage a lot.
- More parents are talking to their children about what they are doing online and more children are talking to their parents after encountering various potential harms.

You can see the full report [HERE](#).



**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**



**EYFS** - Georgi for his accelerated progress in phonics, working really hard on blending and segmenting.

**Year 1** - Makar for being so brave in swimming AND for becoming more independent in his learning.

**Year 2** - Hanna for her positive attitude and effort in Maths this week.

**Year 3** - Augustas for his effort in his work this term.

**Year 4** - Katie for her beautiful patterns in the sea clay tile.

**Year 5** - Alice for a super positive attitude to all her learning.

**Year 6** - David for fantastic effort and skill in PE.

**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.

Heart award to Eva for her support with Quilling club.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Well done Year 2 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	84.39%
Year 1	85.24%
Year 2	98.57%
Year 3	84.29%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	96.19%
Year 6	95.71%

**WELLBEING**



Happiness and wellbeing

There are lots of reading and writing activities you can do with your child to help with their happiness and wellbeing.

We've brought together our best tips and activities. You can download colouring sheets, or help your child start their own worry journal. click [HERE](#) for more information

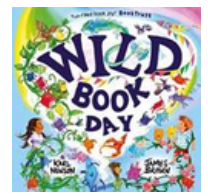
**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



**Wild Book Day-Karl Newson**

It's Wild Book Day, when all the pictures escape from the books. What fun they have! This is a book to make children leap about with excitement, but also to encourage a love of reading. Fun-filled book joy!

**Time Travellers: Adventure Calling- Sufiya Ahmed**

A fascinating time-travel adventure exploring the politics and history of suffragettes.

**Aliya to the Infinite City - Laila Rifaat**

Featuring flying carpets, sphynxes, invisibility cream, knowledge turbans and a genie who has been trapped in a cookie tin for 152 years, this exciting fantasy adventure story also includes snippets of the rich history of Egypt.

**'WITHERS BAR' WORLD BOOK DAY FUNDRAISER**

Don't forget to get your pre-orders for a Withers Bar in to school for £1. Please remember to send your child's money in a sealed envelope with their full name and class to ensure we know who has ordered.



**DIARY DATES**

**Friday 9th February**  
School CLOSED

**Monday 19th February**  
Term 4 starts

**Wednesday 6th March**  
Year 1 class worship 2.50pm  
Parents welcome

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book Dress up Day

**Wednesday 20th March**  
Year 4 class worship 2.50pm  
Parents welcome

**Tuesday 26th March**  
Years 3/4/5 Easter Performance  
Parents Welcome

**CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES**

**Geography**

- 1) Glaciers are huge masses of ice that "flow" like very slow rivers. They form over hundreds of years where fallen snow compresses and turns into ice.
- 2) Glaciers form the largest reservoir of fresh water on the planet. In fact, they store 75% of the world's fresh water!
- 3) Today, glaciers cover around 10% of the Earth's total land area. During the last ice age they covered 32%.
- 4) Glaciers are usually divided into two groups – Alpine glaciers, which form on mountainsides and move downward through valleys, and Continental ice sheets, which spread out and cover larger areas.
- 5) The world's largest glacier is Lambert Glacier, located in Antarctica, measuring approximately 100km wide, 400km long and 2.5km deep!
- 6) Because glacial ice is so dense and compact, it often appears a bright blue colour!

**February Writing Challenges**

1. A favourite game. Where did you learn the game? Why do you play it?
2. Something you have that other people don't have. How can you share your gift with others?
3. Why are you thankful? How can you show your gratitude?
4. A favourite memory. Why does this memory stick out?

**Maths Challenges**

**nrich** enriching mathematics

**Consecutive Sums**

Some numbers are sums of consecutive numbers.

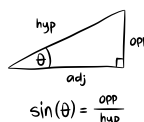
Can you make all the numbers this way?

Which numbers can be written in more than one way?

Thousands more problems can be found on the NRICH maths website:  
<http://rich.maths.org>

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Don't forget children can access maths activities at home that we use in school. Follow these links to find out more.



Mathematics Shed  
Times Tables Rock Stars  
Top Marks





### Netball

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Netball team this week, who played their second fixture against St. John's Primary. It was a closely run game throughout and both teams had four goals each at half time. Some excellent defending from Madeline, Noah and Guste and some nimble dodges and passing by Alice and Maya meant that only one goal was conceded in the second half. Well done to Ethan, Melanie and Leo for their excellent shooting which led to a 7-5 victory for St. Norbert's!

### Hockey

On Friday 2nd February our Hockey Team represented the school in a medley of matches at the Spalding hockey Tournament. They played against Tower Road B, Gosberton Academy, St. Thomas's and St. Johns. The games were evenly matched and our team defended their goal diligently throughout. The tournament consisted of four matches played in total with 2 losses, 1 draw and 1 win. The team are growing in strength and confidence which is great to see! We look forward to the next tournament in the Spring!



### YEAR 1 SCIENCE

Well done Year 1 for your excellent scientific enquiry this week identifying herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



PTA Reminder we are looking for donations of Green coloured/themed raffle prizes please and from next term raffle tickets will be for sale on the gate from the first day back.

