



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 15th March 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Faith

Value of the Month
Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Loving and constant God, you see our needs and our weakness, bless us and those for whom we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

EYFS have been reading and writing facts about penguins. They have been subtitising with 9 and 10 remember facts they have learnt. In their topic Around the World they have been learning about what to pack in their suitcase for a holiday to a hot destination and cold destination.

This week, Year 1 have been learning about Emperor Penguins and their young. They have written super recounts about the hatching of the egg and included some fantastic details in their writing.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about Kenyan Recipes and deciding on which foods would make a beautiful Kenyan Banquet! We have had a few more Lighthouses appear this week which, coupled with the RNLI Presentation today has helped us understand a little bit more about how we can support and stay safe when near water. We have also been learning about the life of Grace Darling, being History detectives to see how she lived over a 100 years ago.

Y3 enjoyed the scientific challenge set by Mrs H. They worked together as a team to solve the mystery and make the box move from one end of the table to the other without touching it. They used the force !!!

Year 4 have been busy learning how to add and subtract fractions. They have also been considering how Lent it is an opportunity for Christians to practice both self-giving & giving -up, to identify with the complete self-giving of Jesus which we remember at Easter.

This week Year 5 have been using their DT skills to accurately measure and join materials for a boat. They have also been learning about what the Maya wore and the significance of their clothing.

Year 6 have had a busy week this week. Some children have spent the afternoons this week working on their cycling skills by participating in the Bikeability programme. It was fantastic to see so many achieving and receiving their badges and certificates in worship this week. On Thursday the children also got the opportunity to participate in an Art Workshop where they created lanterns for the upcoming Ascoughfe Illuminate event. Remember to go along and see what they have achieved.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

Please can you ensure your child is the correct uniform, we should have ties this time of the year and trainers must not be worn unless a PE Day, smart school shoes be worn. I have also noticed a few colourful and patterned earrings creeping in- you are allowed one simple gem or stud pair of earrings. If unsure please speak with myself or your child's class teacher so we can remind you of the policy and expectations.

Please remember Y6 you are welcome to Daily Wake Up Shake up club 8:15-8:45 with myself-We have 9 more sessions left this term and every little helps!

Have a fantastic weekend and we will be ready for another week of learning on Monday! We will also be continuing to fit in as many steps as we can for our Lenten CAFOD Walk, any donations can go in pots on class prayer tables and our Silver coin palms will be gifted to church. Thank you for supporting our charitable outreach working together for the **Common Good CST**

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!



This week Norbert Bear will be going home with Darius

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Today we hear Jesus tell a story about wheat and how it can live in a different way after it has died or broken down.

Jesus by his message and life that speaks to the hearts of all people has become the archetype for that conversion of heart. And the message is the message of today's Gospel- unless you die to yourself you will not have life in you and so the call of Lent for a change of heart, a turning back to God is echoed once more. It is Christ's journey to death and resurrection that draws us to him, we are, in a way, the fruits of that journey and within us is implanted its seed.

A Year of Prayer and Preparation: March

'What is Encounter? What does it mean?' This video, featuring some of our Lay Chaplains, Lead Lay Chaplains and colleagues from NDCYS, explores the theme and its importance.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

Journey

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Spend some time in prayer thinking about your Lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.

Participation CST

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](#)

Article - A Social Media Ban for Children Would Solve Nothing

It's one of those discussions where there can be a huge range of subjective opinions and thoughts: will banning social media for children (perhaps under 16) actually achieve anything? Is it even possible? What does the real scientific evidence (rather than media clickbait) tell us?

Prof. Andrew Przybylski is, as far as I'm concerned, one of the leaders in relation to his studies. In this article in Science Focus magazine he gives a very balanced and informative opinion on whether social media should be banned.

You can see the article, a 3 minute read, [HERE](#).

For Parents - Second-Hand Devices

Parents will often hand down out of contract devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but there needs to be consideration before handing older devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters.

[HERE](#)



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Aron for being keen to complete this weeks challenges, showing real determination, even when it was a bit tricky!

Year 1 - Amanda for being so brave in swimming and having a really positive week.

Year 2 - Sofia for her extended writing and effort in English - Excellent work, well done.

Year 3 - George for his commitment and effort in his work this week. For his determination with his maths and independent writing.

Year 4- Alysia for her fabulous progress in reading.

Year 5 - Cadence for being a role model for others in her behaviour and attitude to learning

Year 6 - Koyejo for showing excellent understanding in Maths using ratio and scale drawings.

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.

Joya Y2, Bhavya Y6, Magor Y3
Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Withers and Mrs Withers

Common Good CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.77%

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	94.07%
Year 1	98.52%
Year 2	98.52%
Year 3	94.07%
Year 4	98.15%
Year 5	98.89%
Year 6	95.19%

WELLBEING

**Mindful March
Human Dignity CST**

<p>17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant</p>	<p>18 Have a "no plans" day and notice how that feels</p>	<p>19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today</p>	<p>20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today dayofhappiness.net</p>
<p>21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else</p>	<p>22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult</p>	<p>23 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change them</p>	

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

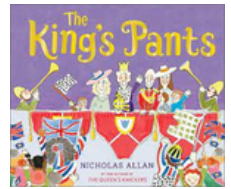
[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

The King's Pants - Nicholas Allan

Celebrate King Charles III's coronation with this hilarious story jam-packed with royal pants from the author of the award-winning, bestselling, funny family favourite The Queen's Knickers! The King cannot rule without his Royal Pants. He has a pair for every occasion: coronation pants (he can't be crowned without them), organic pants (edible in royal emergencies) and even inflatable space-pants (because one never knows when they might come in handy). But in a boxer-shorts blunder at the Royal Mail, the King's undies have been posted to his subjects nationwide! With his Y-fronts gone wandering, how will the King possibly cope?



Dog Man Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea - Dav Pilkey

Piggy is back, and his newest plot is his most diabolical yet. Dog Man and the rest of your favourite characters must join together in this heroic and hilarious, ALL NEW adventure. WHAT new villains are on the horizon? WHERE are they all coming from? And WHO will step forward to save the city when scoundrels sabotage our Supa Buddies?



Impossible Creatures - Katherine Rundell

Christopher is stunned when he discovers a passage to the Archipelago: a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures of myth still live and breed and thrive in their thousands. There he meets Mal: a girl from the islands, who is in possession of a flying coat and a baby griffin, and who is being pursued by a killer. Together they embark on an urgent quest to discover why the creatures are suddenly perishing, voyaging across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets, in a bid to save both the islands and the world beyond them from a rising evil – before it's too late.



**RNLI VISIT
FOLLOW THE QR CODE
FOR WATER SAFETY**



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!



March Writing Challenges

1. Spring equals new beginnings. What is something new you’d like to try this Spring?
2. What’s an activity that you can do in Spring that you can’t do in other seasons? Why can you only do this in Spring?
3. What is your favourite thing about Spring? Why?
4. What baby animals are born in Spring? Can you list them?

Maths Challenges

Did you know?



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20th March

Year 4 class worship 2.50pm
Parents welcome

Tuesday 26th March - 2:00pm

Years 3/4/5 Easter Performance
Parents Welcome

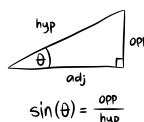
Thursday 28th March

Last day of term

Tuesday 16th April

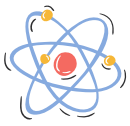
First day Term 5

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





British Science Week!



This week we have been celebrating British Science Week. The theme this year was 'Time!' It's the 30th anniversary and we have been celebrating this milestone by thinking about time since the British Science Week began, and looking to the future! We have also been exploring a range of scientific experiments, including Year 4's 'Egg experiment' to see what can happen to your teeth over time, if we do not take care of them and Reception have been looking at the changes in the seasons - spotting signs of spring.

Celebrating Science Week at Home

- Consider how your own jobs might link to STEM subjects and chat with your children about this.
- Encourage exploring outdoors, in the community or in local cultural spots. This could be anything from going on a nature walk around local parks to spotting STEM in real life, street lighting engineers or infrastructure like bridges and construction work.
- Check out the free resources available through the British Science Association's CREST Awards [HERE](#). Many of the Star and SuperStar activities can be used with children aged 5-11.



SPORTING NEWS

The girls played St. Bartholomew's Primary School on Wednesday evening after school. The captain, Melanie, motivated her team to intercept the ball at every opportunity. The defence enabled the ball to be either kicked up the pitch or kicked off protecting the goal. When the ball did get through our defence Scarlett, our goalie launched herself onto the ball preventing the other team from scoring. The final whistle score was 4-1 to St. Norbert's. A great match with plenty of attack and defence being put in place. Well done girls!

