



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
Faith

Value of the Month
Co-operation

LET US PRAY

O God, we thank you for making us your children. Help us to serve others, especially those who are close to us.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in maths reception have been looking at doubles and odd and even numbers. They have started a new book called Handa's Surprise and have been matching the animals to the fruit they have stolen from the basket. The children have reflected on the season of lent and how they have been helping, caring and sharing!

In Year 1, the children have worked so hard to make their DT waterproof coat designs a reality. The children hand to make templates, use them to cut round fabric, waterproof the material and then join it together to make their coats. It was a challenge at times but the children were all delighted with their results!

In Year 2 this week we have been reading and learning about Grace Darling. We have become history detectives and found out information about the past from photographs and images recorded about the events on the North Coast of Northumberland. In Maths we have been learning about Mass. We have been weighing and estimating different weights to find heavier or lighter objects. It has been a very busy week writing down all our learning and practising our best handwriting skills!

Year 3 had great fun tasting and investigating the flavours of Roman life. They have shown some fantastic DT skills by chopping, slicing and making their Roman own Stew. Well done Year 3 - it was delicious!

Year 4 have been developing their understanding of peeling, chopping, dicing and slicing whilst making a delicious Viking stew with limited ingredients.

This week Year 6 have visited Spalding Baptist Church for Easter Cracked. They had a great time deepening their understanding of the events of Easter and the message of Easter, through drama, quizzes and storytelling. It is always a pleasure to visit the Baptist Church and share our faith with another part of our Christian family.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

After Easter children will be able to start wearing Summer uniform if you wish.

Please remember Y6 you are welcome to Daily Wake Up Shake up club 8:15-8:45 with myself-We have 4 more sessions left this term and every little helps! Our Club will also be on next Wednesday until 4:30pm!

Lenten Almsgiving-FINAL PUSH! See Last Page of Newsletter!

Please remember:

- To bring any final CAFOD donations for Lenten Big Walk
- Food Donations for the Hub In Hub Out Project
- Silver Coin Palms

Thank you for supporting our charitable outreac 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 Miguel



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The Jews were waiting for a king to lead them against the Romans and make them free again. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as this king, but he came as a king of peace and not to bring war.

At this time of Passover many Jews gathered in Jerusalem to remember how God had saved them from slavery. But by his actions he shows everyone that he is no earthly king or soldier – he comes as the King of peace, love and forgiveness. This is why he chose to enter the city riding on a donkey, commonly used for carrying loads, rather than a battle horse. It is important at this time to focus on the agony and desolation of the passion, but we also remember the fact of the resurrection, as described by the evangelists and witnesses who viewed it from the perspective of the risen Christ ascending into glory.



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.

Passion

The passion of Jesus Christ is the story of his suffering and death - a story of love, sacrifice, and redemption. Jesus' courage and perseverance give us hope, strength and inspiration to carry on during difficult times. It reminds us that he truly understands us when we struggle and encounter hard times.

Think of a difficult situation you are facing at the moment and ask Jesus to be with you and to give you courage.

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](#)

For Parents - What is Y99 chat?

After many years of concern, earlier this year the anonymous chat website Omegle was forced off the internet. But just because Omegle has gone, there are many more sites and apps to take its place. One of these sites is Y99 and whilst I'm not hearing too much about this it's one to keep your eyes and ears open for. Internet Matters has written a good article about Y99. You can find the article [HERE](#).

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Divina for really developing her fluency when reading.

Year 1 - Rosie for her positive attitude and willingness to help others

Year 2 - Oscar for his amazing handwriting this week - keep going, you can do it!

Year 3 - Sofia for the effort and content of her big write writing activity.

Year 4 - All of Year 4 for their fabulous class worship.

Year 5 - Sofia for her quiet determination and effort in all her learning.

Year 6 - Eva for excellent understanding of vocabulary and awesome inference skills in Reading.



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.

This week many children have nominated each other for kindness and helping in the classroom. It is lovely to see Catholic Social Teaching and our school virtues in action.

Common Good CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.3%

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	91.85%
Year 1	97.04%
Year 2	98.15%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.52%
Year 5	95.93%
Year 6	92.59%

WELLBEING

Mindful March
Human Dignity CST

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are
28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

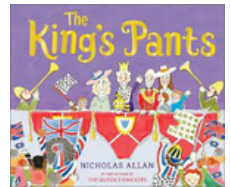
[Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together](#)

[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.



COOKING CLUB

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all my baking club members from this term and last. It has been an absolute delight baking with you all. I hope you agree we had lots of fun and laughs along the way and made some delicious treats, which I hope you and your families have enjoyed. You are an absolute credit to our school and your families. You are all my 'Star Bakers' well done and thank you it has been a pleasure.

Wishing all our school families a wonderful Easter!



DIARY DATES

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

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Geography

Six Sensational Geography facts

1. Australia is wider than the moon.
2. The Pacific Ocean makes up one third of the entire Earth.
3. China is the country with the most bordering countries.
4. Lightning travels at 270,000 mph!
5. Finland is know as the ' Land of a thousand lakes' it is home to 180,000 lakes.
6. The hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth was 134 degrees (56.7C)

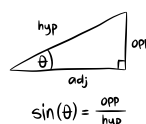
March Writing Challenges

1. Choose an animal and write a poem describing what makes that animal so amazing.
2. Imagine that you have turned into the size of a bee. What would you do? Describe how different everything would look.
3. To celebrate World Poetry Day on March 21st, can you write an acrostic poem for the month of MARCH?
4. What is one thing you want to achieve this March?

Maths Challenges

Did you know?

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





HOCKEY

SPORTING NEWS



On Friday 15th March two St. Norbert's Hockey Teams took part in the Spalding Hockey Tournament at Surfleet. Our A Team played in their Intermediate League, whilst our newly formed Year 5 B Team played in the beginners league. The matches throughout the evening were evenly matched with both teams challenged to defend and share attempts on goal. The support and dedication of the players and their families was greatly appreciated - we look forward to warmer weather and sunnier evenings at the next tournament!



NETBALL

On Tuesday 19th March our Netball Team competed against Monkshouse Primary School. It was a very closely matched game with each team scoring point by point. Our defence and passing improved during the game to keep us in with a winning chance. Both teams entered the final quarter on matched points - 7-7... until a last minute penalty gave Monkshouse the lead just as the final whistle blew. A great game and a well deserved win for Monkshouse - a great effort by St. Norbert's highlighting our team resilience.



Lenten Almsgiving!

It's our final week of our Big Lent Walk, the children have been accruing there miles every morning which has wonderful to see. We also have lots of full change pots in classrooms which will may a big difference to the lives of many in our global community. If you have any further donations to make, these can be collected in each classes pot - Thank you!

We are also collecting for our parish community through our 'silver coin palm collection' if you have any further completed palms please bring these in to school by then end of next week so we can share these with the Father Jim, he is very grateful for all your donations so far.

