



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 28th March 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Faith

Value of the Month
Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

EYFS have had a busy week thinking about Easter. This week they have reflected on how they have grown more like Jesus by helping, caring and sharing. They have shared the story Were going on an Egg Hunt and been on their own Egg hunt ticking off what they find. EYFS wish you a Happy Easter!

Year 1 have fully enjoyed their swimming success over the Lent term. They learned how to be safe, confident and more co-ordinated in water- building strength in their movements and finding the joy of swimming. They finished the term with a bit of fun in the pool, splashing and playing with their friends.

Year 2 this week have been evaluating their Design Technology Kenyan Food and suggesting improvements if they were to prepare this meal again. In English and History this week we have been extending our writing and recording key facts about Grace Darling and her life. We have also dramatised the sea rescue and been saved by the earliest RNLI life boat! In Maths we were using and applying our understanding of measurements whilst also looking at strategies to add two digit numbers accurately.

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Romans and have been amazed by some of the facts that they have learned. They have created some amazing art work in the RE Topic.

Year 4 have been learning about the Viking raids at Lindisfarne, they have written personal accounts of the raid as if they were present at the time.

Year 5 say a fond farewell to Mr Gallagher. He has done an amazing job in supporting them over the past two terms and wish him well in his next chapter. We do hope to see him back periodically as and when needed - Thank you for all your hard work.

Year 6 was busy designing and creating Stations of the Cross, but this year they are extraordinary. Children used knowledge across many subjects; RE, DT, Computing. In each Station there is a piece of programmed technology used; including messages, lights and sounds. Children had excellent ideas and were working hard to create their masterpieces.

CLOCKS

Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend midnight 31 March!

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

After Easter children will be able to start wearing Summer uniform if you wish, this includes Summer dresses and shorts.

Wake Up Shake Up Club :Year 6

Please remember the Y6 Wake Up Shake Up Club commences on Tuesday 16th April 8:15-8:45am daily. I look forward to seeing you there. Your hard work and dedication is fantastic!

As we move into Good Friday and Eastertide over this coming weekend I send you and your families all the prayers and blessings of this special time. Keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 16th April.

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 enjoying a well deserved Easter Holiday!



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

On Sunday we celebrate Easter. Our Lenten journey and pilgrimage are over. Our fasting is complete; now we can feast and celebrate. We have travelled with Jesus from the harshness of the desert to the new life coming from the empty tomb. Having walked with Jesus as we carried our cross, we now share in and experience the joy and power of his resurrection.

We may be tempted to give in and give up the world as it is today. However, because we now share in the powerful resurrection of Jesus, we are to live our daily lives full of Easter hope. As Pope Francis says to us, as Christians, we must never look like people who have just come back from a funeral! This Easter Sunday and for the rest of the Easter Season, may we be people who are filled with the Light Joy, Life, and Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus.



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.

Alleluia

Alleluia is a joyful word that means 'Praise the Lord'. At the Easter Vigil, we use this word for the first time since the beginning of lent to show that we can now celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the victory of life over death.

Spend time rejoicing this week and make a real effort to celebrate the Easter season with family and friends.

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

Supporting Children with SEND

Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more. You can access all the guides [HERE](#)

AI - Virtual Girlfriends and Boyfriends

The US Cyberbullying Research Centre have put out a really interesting article related to AI chatbots as girl/boyfriends. These chatbots are apps, freely available for download where you can interact with messages, voice messages and in some cases, image exchanges. Given the curiosity of young people in particular there is a likelihood that some young people are interacting with these chatbots so it's important to be aware of what they are and the risks they pose. You can see the full article [HERE](#)

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie <https://www.esafetyadviser.com/>



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- EYFS** - Trying hard in phonics this week, staying focused and joining in! Keep it up!
- Year 1** - Isla for putting so much effort in with her learning and having a great attitude!
- Year 2** - Dilanas for his exceptional Maths work adding and finding place value amounts quickly.
- Year 3** - All of Year 3 for their amazing singing in the Easter performance.
- Year 4** - Thiofi for his work on food chains in science.
- Year 5** - Joan for listening attentively and being focused on her learning.
- Year 6** - Perry and Eva, for their amazing skills with programming a micro:bit.

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 1 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 88.6%

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 - 96.10%
- Year 1 - 97.62%
- Year 2 - 94.76%
- Year 3 - 89.52%
- Year 4 - 88.10%
- Year 5 - 86.6%
- Year 6 - 94.96%

WELLBEING

Active April
Human Dignity CST

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| 1
Commit to being more active this month, starting today | 2
Spend as much time as possible outdoors today | 3
Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do | 4
Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water |
| 5
Turn a regular activity into a playful game today | 6
Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels | 7
Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening | 8
Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh |
| 9
Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise | 10
Have a day with less screen time and more movement | 11
Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge | 12
Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside |

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

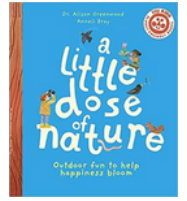
Songs of the Birds - Isabel Otter

Budding birders will love delving into each habitat and finding out fascinating facts about the birds that live there. Learn how to identify the call of a song thrush and the markings of a Moorhen. Find out which bird nests in holes in the ground and which makes its home in holes in the trees. Familiar locations such as marshes, woodlands, towns and gardens become treasure troves of brilliant birds.



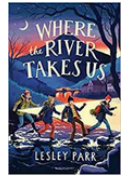
A Little Dose of Nature - Dr. Alison Greenwood

The balance between facts and activities is perfect for young children, and the activities range from being still and mindful when looking at the stars to getting stuck into making mud pies. There's something for everyone and their differing ages and energy levels.



Where the River Takes Us - Lesley Parr

Set in Wales during the miners' strike, this is a fantastic exploration of friendship, grief and brotherly bonds. The dynamic between the four friends is brilliantly portrayed – with lots of humour in the dialogue – and contemporary children will find lots to relate to in their situation. There are many points of discussion to be found, as well as a cracking story to enjoy.



SPALDING LIBRARY

Easter Holiday Fun

Join in with one of the many fun and free activities at your local library this Easter, click [here](#) for full details of What's On

- Saturday 30 Mar 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Victoria St, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 1EA • Special Events • Children Adults Families



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16th April
First day Term 5

Tuesday 16th April
Swimming starts for Year 2

Term 5 Clubs will start from
Tuesday 16th April

Thursday 25th April
Year 3 Class Mass - Parents welcome 9am

School Closed to children

Thursday 2nd May - Online learning
Monday 6th May - Bank holiday

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Geography

Next term will be a Geography term and I am very excited that you will all be having a go at some field but what is fieldwork? here is a little information to get you ready for you fieldwork journey, I hope you enjoy.

What do you need to think about?

Fieldwork is when you go outside the classroom and find things out for yourself.

When carrying out fieldwork, you will need to think like a geographer. What is the field work? Where and how will you carry it out? And why will you be doing it?

April Writing Challenges

1. April 1st is April Fools' Day! Can you write a letter to a friend to convince them you saw a flying giraffe on your latest trip?
2. Write about a time that you could not stop laughing. What made you laugh so much?
3. Story Starter: One day while I was walking home from school some thunderclouds started to roll in. But instead of water, it started raining...
4. Write a list of the top 10 things you want to accomplish during the month of April.

Maths Challenges

3 Block Towers

How many different towers can you make using one red, one blue and one yellow block?

How many can you make if you have a green block as well?

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

Dab and Bottle Flip Maths.

Measure each angle and place in the boxes. Which angles are there? Write the correct number in the box.

Right angle
Acute angle
Obtuse angle

What is the perimeter of triangle 'A'?
What is the perimeter of triangle 'B'?

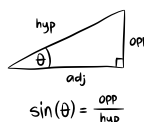
Which angles are there? Write the correct number in the box.

Right angle
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Obtuse angle

How many degrees will the bottle rotate from To landing on the table?
The best way to have a successful flip is to fill the bottle a third full of water - can you draw a line at about a third full on this bottle?

Delivery Release

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





Easter Production!

The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 had the pleasure in performing this year's Easter Production 'Roll Back The Stone'. Over the past 2 weeks these children have balanced their rehearsals with day to day learning. The end of term play is an excellent way of reinforcing the message of the Easter story which is so important to the Catholic faith. Myself, Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Gallagher have been immensely proud of how the children have taken time to learn their lines and practice the songs not only during rehearsals but at break time, lunchtime and in their own time at home. The Easter production is one of the highlights of the school year and a date that the Year 5's in particular look forward to. It is simply their time to shine and as always this year's cohort did the school proud. It does not matter how big or small a part the children play in the production the simple fact is that the children all work together as a St Norbert's school community to show their resilience, confidence and commitment to show their faith and love of God.

