



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
Friendship

Value of the Month
Patience

LET US PRAY

Lord, the care you have for us
we try to have for others. Help
us to be people who care for
others, especially those who
feel lost and alone.

Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Foundation are enjoying their new topic Farms. They have been learning about positional language while sharing the story Rosie's Walk. In Maths they have been looking at complex patterns ABB AAB ABC etc. They have recalled a human life cycle and have been learning about the life cycle of a hen and frog.

Year 1 have been enjoying their special focus on Creation in their RE learning- they learned the story of how God made the world, played a very fun true or false game, drew the pictures of each day of creation and had special reflection time with beautiful art work, finishing with a shared prayer time.

In Year 2 this week we have been looking at Fractions in Maths and using and applying our understanding halving and doubling. We have been learning about concrete poems in English and how these create different shapes when using very few words. We have also shared a class worship led by four children talking about how important it is to look after each other and the world we live in.

Year 3 enjoyed the introduction to the Poetry lesson and enjoyed watching Mrs Hutchinson's acting skills to demonstrate the meaning of grumpy, vibrant and haven.

Year 4 have had an exciting start back to Pentecost 1, they have been exploring sculptures and how they can make a difference to places.

Year 5 have been very welcoming to myself this week, and have been very successful in classifying and estimating the sizes of angles in our maths lessons.

This week year 6 have settled swiftly back into routine. This week they have started a new theme in Maths- Algebra! Although some were apprehensive about this topic everyone has worked hard and realised that if they put their mind to it that they are able to achieve anything. They are now working on creating algebraic expressions and substitution with increased confidence.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

Children are able to start wearing Summer uniform if you wish, this includes Summer dresses and shorts etc.

Wake Up Shake Up Club :Year 6

Please remember the Y6 Wake Up Shake Up is still open every morning right up until SATS Week and the the Y6 SATS breakfast will start. Y6 families will get a letter with all the SATS Week Information shortly.

Keep your eyes peeled, each week I am setting up challenges and exploratory activities just outside the hall, this week the theme is measurement, see if you can solve the challenges. Have a fantastic Weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

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!

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GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



A shepherd's lonely job was to find food for his sheep and to protect them from wild animals. Today we hear how Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd.

When we see how Jesus actually behaves as a leader, we see his tenderness and courage, he sorts out the lost and the least and the last. When he wanted to tell the people of a tender God he spoke of a shepherd who when he loses one of his sheep leaves the others and goes off in search of the lost one searching for it until he finds it and returning with it to the fold. We know that a search is not automatic after a loss. Many losses are not even registered. Where there is no love, there is no loss. Some people are regarded as "no great loss" others are told to "get lost" But all of us hope that when we are lost someone somewhere, like the good shepherd, will be looking for us. All of us know people who have wandered away from the church, people who have no sense of belonging, who are lost. The children too know of fellow pupils at their school, children they play with who suffer a sense of not belonging anywhere. How will they know they are welcome back if no one tells them? We can reach out to those in our community to help them know and love God as we do.

A Year of Prayer and Preparation: Eastertide

Vocation

Where do you need the liberation of Christ's touch in your life?
 What do you need the risen Christ to renew in you this Eastertide?
 How does the glory of the risen Christ transform your life?

A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives. Spend some time talking to people about what you felt called to do with you life this week.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video and spend some time in retreat considering the questions above.

Participation CST

SAFEGUARDING

PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Darius for his excellent focus and participation during learning, especially in phonics!

Year 1 - Josephine for her consistently excellent effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 2 - Eliza H for her determination and resilience in improving her handwriting.

Year 3 - Samanta for her contribution in Worship on Tuesday.

Year 4 - Amanda for her lovely poster about global poverty.

Year 5 - Julia for her super reasoning in maths when estimating the size of angles.

Year 6 - Anna for hard work in Maths and English this week.

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](#)

YouTube and Artificial Intelligence

It won't be a surprise to anyone that AI generated content is now finding its way onto all the platforms that are popular with children, and that includes YouTube. Much of this content is benign, but as always bad actors will use it for their own gain. On a positive note YouTube has just updated their policy whereby any person uploading content onto YouTube and that content features synthetic media (e.g. generative AI), the user must disclose this when uploading. However, what has surprised me is that YouTube has excluded children's animations from the disclosure process. YouTube is the most popular online platform by a large margin for children and we all know that content creators can exploit this for their own financial gain, clickbait, scams and much more. Creating new content for children is now easier than it ever was, you can create a script, animation, song and video in less than an hour using AI so children are going to be getting swamped with all this new content. I really hope Google/YouTube change this policy as it's going to make things really difficult for children and their parents.

You can see a full write-up about this in Wired magazine [HERE](#).

For Parents - Disney+ Parental Controls Guide

Many households have children w tuning into their favourite shows on Disney+. Internet Matters have a really good guide for parents about the settings that are available to keep content at a level suitable to the age of their children.

The full guide can be found [HERE](#).

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



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 2 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.74%

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 - 92.6%
Year 1 - 91.9%
Year 2 - 100%
Year 3 - 95.2%
Year 4 - 94.8%
Year 5 - 94.3%
Year 6 - 94.3%

WELLBEING

**Active April
Human Dignity CST**

21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day	22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour	24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting
25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself	26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes	27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil	28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat
29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in	30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today		

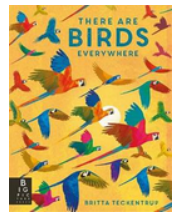
Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



There are Birds Everywhere - Britta Teckentrup

Birds are amazing. There are more than 10,000 species of bird around the world, and a form of flying dinosaur existed around 150 million years ago.

Birds can live in deserts, mountains, forests and on or near water. Most can fly, some can swim – and all are impressive in their own way. This book is packed with bite-sized information on all aspects of birds, and it's a visual feast.

The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist - Anders Sparring

The Pinchers are a family of thieves who are very excited to visit a local diamond exhibition. This hilarious crime caper is full of eccentric characters and accompanied by colourful, quirky illustrations.

Movies Showing Nowhere - Yorick Goldewijk

When Cate visits Mrs Kano's cinema, she is transported into a world beyond her wildest dreams. This wonderfully imaginative time-travel adventure beautifully explores the nature of grief, guilt and loneliness.

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

SATS REVISION YEAR 6



You can use the link below to access quick 10 minute tests:

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests>

DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th April

Year 3 Class Mass - Parents welcome 9am

Wednesday 1st May

Year 2 Class Worship – Parents Welcome 2:50pm

School Closed to children

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

Feast of the Ascension Mass at

Church leaving 9am - Please let us know if you can support

Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATs Week

Friday 17th May

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 Trip to Snettisham Farm Park

Geography

Weather and climate facts

1. The hottest temperature ever recorded was 57.7 Celsius in Death Valley, California, USA
2. The coldest temperature ever recorded was minus 89.2 in Antarctica! That is very chilly I find it cold at minus 1!
3. Deserts do not need to be hot climates. There are some deserts in Antarctica and these are very cold.
4. A hurricane and typhoon are the same phenomenon, they are called different names depending on their location.
5. The wettest place on Earth is a village in India called Mawsynram which has an average of 1,839 centimetres of rain each year.
6. Fire whirls can be created during wildfires. These are a small tornado like phenomena that are made of fire.

April Writing Challenges

1. It's Banana day(21st)! Write down a recipe that includes bananas as the key ingredient.
2. Write a poem inspired by Planet Earth.
3. Use the word, 'Flabbergasted' in at least five different sentences.
4. For Save The Frogs day (24th), write down at least five things you love about frogs.

Maths Challenges

One Of Thirty-Six

Can you find the chosen number from this square using the clues below?

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36

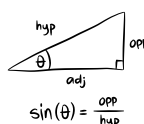
1. The number is odd.
2. It is a multiple of three.
3. It is smaller than 7x4.
4. Its tens digit is even.
5. It is the greater of the two possibilities.

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

Great Grandma's will

1. Great Grandma Carla died at the grand age of 100. She had three sons and they are all still alive. Tom is 75, Dick is 73 and Harry is 71.
2. Harry married Hilta and they had a daughter Carol, now aged 36.
3. Tom married Mary and they had a daughter Ann, now aged 45.
4. Dick married Doris and they had a daughter Beverly, now aged 42.
5. After taxes had been paid Great Grandma Carla left £328,500. She divided her money between her three sons in the ratio of their ages.
6. Ann married Bill and they had a son Ben, now aged 15.
7. Beverly married Ben and they had a daughter Susan, now aged 12.
8. Carol married Tim and they had three Jilly and Billy, now aged 10.
9. Carol decided to keep 30% for herself and to divide the rest so that her husband had 30% and each of the boys had 20% of the remaining money.
10. Dick and Harry each divided up the money that they received so that each of the husbands kept 30%, each wife had 30% and each of their children had 40%.
11. Ann and Beverly each divided up the money that came to them so that their husbands had 30%, they kept two-fifths and their children had one-fifth.
12. Draw a diagram of the family tree and work out how much money they each received.

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

