



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 10th May 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Friendship

Value of the Month

Patience

LET US PRAY

God most holy, we ask you to
hear our prayers as we wait for
Jesus to return in glory. We
come to you with our needs
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who has ascended to your
right hand.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in Foundation the children have been learning to count beyond 10. They have recognised a pattern to support their counting. The children have learnt a refrain from our book Pigs Might Fly and have been writing the story too! They have made a birthday card for the church to celebrate its birthday at Pentecost.

Year 1 have been loving messy maths this week, practising measuring the capacity of different containers with cubes, sand and water. They made excellent predictions of which would have the greatest capacity and even figured out some very tricky problems. Amazing!

In Year 2 this week we have been learning to create Juan Miro style drawings and create our very own 'relief' sculptures using different shapes. We have also been finding fractions of numbers and non-unit fractions, learning to calculate arithmetic problems posed and apply the correct strategies. We have also enjoyed learning about the 'Our Father' labyrinth bible experience on the field.

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed creating their clay mosaic tile and are looking forward to creating their coloured patterns with acrylic paint.

As part of Year 4's states of matter science topic children have been investigating melting and freezing points of different materials. Children have had great fun reading thermometers and melting chocolate.

This week we have been learning about Pentecost and how the holy spirit transformed the apostles. We spent time considering other ways the holy spirit has transformed people and how we can allow transformation in ourselves.

This week Year 6 have learnt all about fieldwork in Geography. They have explored the ecosystems in the school grounds, collecting evidence by taking photographs and annotating them. They also considered the variables that could impact their findings such as weather, season, time of day, etc. Next week they will be comparing the ecosystems and drawing conclusions.

Mrs Withers' Weekly Challenge Area: This week near the hall children can explore counting by filling up car parks with the correct number of vehicles.

The sun's UV rays are now strong please take care, even if it feels cool you can burn easily. National Sun Awareness Week is May 6th -12th. Sunscreen safety click [HERE](#)

May all our thoughts and prayers be with our Year 6's as they prepare for SATS Week starting Monday, exams can be daunting but we are looking forward to them trying their best and demonstrating how hard work, dedication and resilience can be rewarding. Good Luck Year 6 from the entire St. Norbert's Family!

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 Adrianas.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The mission of the church is to evangelise. Our Gospel reading tells us that before Jesus left the disciples to be with God, his Father in heaven, he gave them a job to do. Go to every part of the world and tell everyone the Good News. This command is accompanied by the promise that Jesus will be with them always.

How do we feel when someone we love very much has to leave and go away? How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus went to be with his father again? They were filled with great sadness because they knew they would not see Jesus again. Perhaps they felt lonely and afraid. □ Jesus knew how they would be feeling so he made them a special promise that he would be with them always. Can you remember some of the different ways that Jesus had promised to be with his disciples in the Easter stories that we have shared? Through the power of the Holy Spirit, through the sharing of the bread and wine at the Eucharistic meal and the wonderful things the disciples would be able to do in Jesus name. These are some of the ways that Jesus still shares himself with us today.



A Year of Prayer and Preparation: Pentecost Novena

Between 10-18 May Cafod will be sending out the Pentecost Novena as daily emails. Each day subscribers will be sent an email containing an intention to pray for, a bible passage to focus on, a short reflection, some inspiring prayers and links to ways you can help.

Click [HERE](#) to subscribe for free.

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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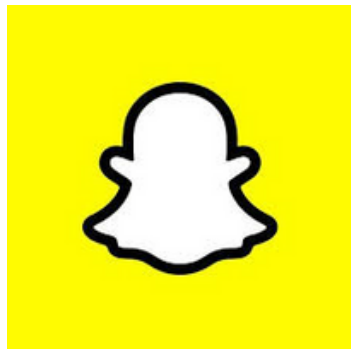
[E-SAFETY FROM ALAN MACKENZIE](#)

Snapchat MyAI - A Guide for Parents

As we all know Snapchat is one of the main social apps used by children from approx. Y3 upwards. Snapchat introduced MyAI as a new feature which can't be removed within Snapchat and this is why, over the last few months, I've been speaking to lots of children who are experimenting with this chatbot. Wayne Denner, a fellow online safety consultant, has put together a really handy article explaining all about MyAI, the features, issues and some tips for parents.

You can find the article [HERE](#) (it was written and shared a few months ago but has since been updated).

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



Communication

Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share. Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.

Participation CST

PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Aya For her participation in phonics, working really hard with her blending and segmenting skills.

Year 1 - Oliver for his excellent non-chronological rhino report.

Year 2 - Dilanas for his amazing Maths Reasoning assessment results - really proud!

Year 3 - Natalia for her perseverance in maths when she found it difficult.

Year 4 - Othula for her lovely art work.

Year 5 - Maisy Fantastic work writing sentences containing relative clauses.

Year 6 - Franciszek for working hard to understand how to find the area of a triangle.



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.



Cera, Katie, Caroline, Alysia, Summer Year 4
 Well done for being supportive and helpful friends

Common Good CST



ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 97.6%

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 - 97.96%
 Year 1 - 98.1%
 Year 2 - 95.24%
 Year 3 - 98.57%
 Year 4 - 94.76%
 Year 5 - 95.24%
 Year 6 - 93.81%

Meaningful May Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

12
 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13
 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14
 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15
 Do something to contribute to your local community

16
 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17
 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18
 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

The Magic Callaloo - Trish Cooke

In a wonderful allegorical story highlighting a crucial part of Black history, superstar children's author Trish Cooke tells a tale inspired by the real stories of enslaved Africans who made patterns in their cornrowed hair, using them as maps to escape their enslavers.



Mathematicians are Counting the Stars! - Saskia Gwinn

In this beautiful and fascinating cartoon-style picture book, Saskia Gwinn and Ana Alberio explain all the different ways that mathematicians are finding out brilliant things about the world and using maths to help our future.



Future Hopes - Eli Brown L R Lam M G Leonard Rebecca Lim Oisin McGann Tolá Okogwu Neal and Brendan Shusterman Louie Stowell Bijal Vachharajani

A diverse and exciting collection of short stories with an environmental theme from a group of exceptional authors. Some are funny, others scary, some deal with difficult emotions while others are more slapstick, but all are compulsively readable.



AWARENESS EVENTS

National Walking Month

Click [HERE](#) to find out more

Local and Community History Month

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Hedgehog Awareness Week May 5th-11th

National Sun Awareness Week May 6th-12th

DIARY DATES

Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May
KS2 SATs Week

Friday 17th May
EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 Trip to
Snettisham Farm Park

Friday 24th May
End of Term 5

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Geography

Geographical facts about our Earth

1. There is enough gold within the Earth's inner layer to cover its entire surface.
2. The Amazon rainforest produces over 20% of the Earth's oxygen.
3. The tallest waterfall above sea level is Angel Falls in Venezuela.
4. The word geography comes from Greek, and is broken down to mean geo (Earth) and graphy (description).
5. Rainforests receive at least 259centimeteres of rainfall every year and often much more.
6. In the Artic regions there is one day a year where it is dark for 24 hours. Likewise there is one day every year where it is light for 24 hours.
7. Over 25% of the world's forests are located in Siberia.

Source: book 300 Geography Facts for kids by Kentish Press

May Writing Challenges

1. Why should we look after our planet? What can happen if we don't take care of our environment and how does that affect us?
2. May 10th is Mother Ocean Day! Did you know that humans have only explored about 15% of the Earth's oceans? Draw a picture and write a description of the biggest creature you think inhabits our oceans!
3. Write an acrostic poem using the word Ocean!
4. Hello time traveller! It's May 1st of the year 3000 - what's changed about our world? What can you see, hear, smell, and touch?
5. Write a poem about a cygnet that grew up to be a beautiful swan.

Maths Challenges

Three Block Towers

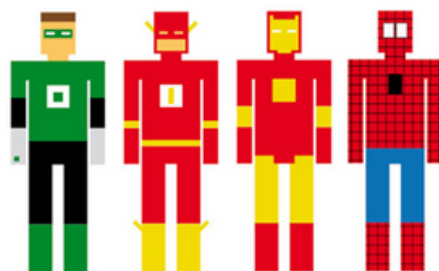


How many different towers can you make using one red, one blue and one yellow block?

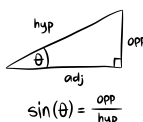
How many can you make if you have a green block as well?

nrich.maths.org

How many right angles can you find?



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](#)



Sports News!

Hockey

On Friday 3rd May our Hockey Teams - A Team and our B Team played in the Surfleet Hockey Tournament competing against a number of local schools.

Our A Team drew 0-0 against St. Thomas, defending and clearing the ball at every opportunity. They went into their 2nd match against St. John's with great gusto to achieve and came away with a 2-0 win! Their final match was against Spalding Parish and although very challenging - they held their defence to limit the goals but lost eventually at 3-0.

Our B Team in the beginners league won their first match against John Harrox, playing a different team strategy. We were able to push the ball up the pitch regularly and this resulted in a goal! Our final score was 1-0! We played through three further matches but were only able to muster a 1-1 draw in the final match.

Both teams showed great resilience and responsibility towards their team and ensured they were sporting throughout. A wonderful way to end the Hockey Tournament for 2023-24. Well done.

Football

On Tuesday evening our girls football team along with Mr Withers played away at Moulton John Harrox.

The team played extremely well, stayed organised and kept their shape to stop the opposition from scoring. Meanwhile in attack, they pressed hard to get the ball back and when they did they were really creative to conjure up numerous goal scoring chances.

Star Player is awarded to Guste!

Headteacher Award goes to Maya who not only worked hard on the pitch but also to get to the game biking the entire journey from St. Norbert's to Moulton with her Dad! What an effort!



Lord's Prayer LABYRINTH

Saint Norbert's enjoyed the sunshine on Thursday, as they made their way around our very own Lord's Prayer labyrinth. As part of a Diocesan project, we were invited to look more closely at the prayer which Jesus himself taught us; the Our Father. At different points of the labyrinth, children explored certain phrases from the prayer in more detail and thought carefully about how each part was relevant in their own life today. They took part in different sensory experiences throughout the labyrinth too. It was wonderful to see older pupils supporting younger ones as they journeyed through the labyrinth together with joy and excitement on their faces!

