



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, you love us with everlasting love. We want to love others selflessly too because of your love for us. Help us to live lives that show others your love. Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

In Foundation this week we have been able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful sunshine giving us a change to improve our gross motor skills.

This week, Year 1 have been putting together some fantastic rhino facts, sorting the information into categories and writing an introduction. The tricky part is using different openers so it doesn't sound too repetitive. We had lots of laughs when reading Miss Whyles' terrible version out loud. Rhino... rhino....rhino.... was apparently not very effective!

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about thirds and quarters in our Maths fraction topic. We have been learning how to find a fraction of an amount and use and apply our understanding to solve problems. We have also been extending our ideas in English to write and compose our own concrete (Shape) poems about trees, hearts and lolly-pops! In Art we are learning to create our very own Juan Miro sculptures using different shaped pieces of card. Finally, we also enjoyed learning and practising our Class Worship on Wednesday - we challenged ourselves to try and memorise our lines in one day!

This week in Year 3 the children had great fun with our science filtration investigation outside. They were very intrigued about how this works.

Year 4 have been exploring the properties of mod roc as apart of their art learning. Children will be making natural sculptures later on in the term using this material.

This week Year 5 have been researching human and physical features of Eastern European countries. They were very successful in identifying and discussing similarities and differences between these countries and the United Kingdom.

This week in Year 6 the children have been developing their throwing skills in PE. They have been learning to use an overarm technique to bowl a ball in Kwik Cricket with increasing control and accuracy. They also practiced overarm throwing skills for distance and power as part of fielding skills and returning the ball back to the wicket keeper as quickly as possible.

Mrs Withers Weekly Challenge Area: This week near the hall children can explore developing their fine motor skills to create different amounts and to create 2D Shapes...

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.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

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 Greta!



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus knew he would soon die and rise to new life – this was a sign of his love for everyone. He also knew his disciples would not understand the things that would happen, so he told them how much he loved them and asked them to share this love with others.

But the love that Jesus talks about in this week's Gospel is about obedience, willing co-operation, and sacrifice which produces joy. We could quite easily misinterpret what Jesus says here. He is not saying that his love will depend on whether we obey or not. That would be a love that is conditional. Obedience in the mind of Jesus is that surrender of will that can only flow from the absolute security of knowing ourselves loved and cherished by a God who wants the best for us and for those around us. Such surrender brings joy and freedom and a delight in 'obeying' commands and living the loving way.



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.

Example

An example is a model of behaviour. It is something that we can look to in order to learn how to live our lives. The lives of the saints, and other holy men and women, remind us that we are all called to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We too, should also be an example to others by trying to live a life of love, service, and forgiveness.

This week, Think of a something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example others.

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](#)

New Report - Teen Girls' Experiences of Harm Online

Internet Matters have released their latest Digital Wellbeing Index report showing that teen girls experience significantly more negative outcomes online than other children.

The report goes onto quite a lot of good detail, but some key takeaways are:

-The online world is vital for social connection and social media encourages creativity.

-Harassment of girls has become normalised for some parents and girls.

-This harassment includes hateful comments, bullying and inappropriate messages/images from men.

-Although social media can be positive and encourage creativity, it is also a source of sadness and social pressure, including being worried about their body shape or size.

You can download the full report [HERE](#) and there are some useful resources for students and parents [HERE](#).

Roblox - How to Report

Most users of Roblox will probably know how to report content or other players on Roblox, but it's possible some (including their parents) won't. There is a 1-minute video on

YouTube showing users how to report on Roblox [HERE](#).

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



NSPCC
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111

PUPIL OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Thomas for his determination, engagement and excitement with his learning.

Year 1 - Zakhar for his amazing enthusiasm with learning.

Year 2 - All of Year 2 for their amazing effort and ability to read, dramatise and memorise lines when getting ready for our class worship! Super stars!

Year 3 - Eleanor for her effort and work in English.

Year 4 - Katie for her fabulous English learning about the Plague.

Year 5 - Max for working really hard in maths lessons this week.

Year 6 - Devika for fantastic effort in Guided 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.

Magor Y3, Evie Y3, Zuzanna Y3, Hanna Y2, Isabella Y5

Friendship award Katie Y4

Common Good CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 4 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.5%

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 - 99%
Year 2 - 93.8%
Year 3 - 98.6%
Year 4 - 99.5%
Year 5 - 98.6%
Year 6 - 93.3%

WELLBEING

Meaningful May **Human Dignity CST**

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| 5
Let someone know how much they mean to you and why | 6
Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful | 7
Make a list of what matters most to you and why |
| 8
Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today | 9
What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today | 10
Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times |
| | | 11
Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder |

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

Little Snail's Book of Bugs- Yuval Zommer

Join Little Snail as he meets all the bugs, insects and other tiny creatures in the garden. A stylish, yet child-friendly guide to the tiny creatures that are so vital to our planet.



Outside In: Nature Poems- Daniel Thompson

This wonderful collection of 50 poems celebrates different aspects of the natural world, from animals and plants to seasons and weather. Perfect for anyone with a love of the outdoors, each verse is accompanied by charming, colourful artwork.



Nature's Fascinating Friendships - Mike Hills

Kerry Hyndman and Mike Hills explore symbiotic relationships in nature, from scary tarantulas who are homies with poisonous frogs, to fig wasps that pollinate figs and nobly die in the act.



AWARENESS EVENTS

National Walking Month

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/national-walking-month>

Local and Community History Month

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Space Day

May 3rd

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/article/s/zjvxbdm?scrlybrkr=b427878c#zh33khv>

Hedgehog Awareness Week

May 5th-11th

National Sun Awareness Week

May 6th-12th

DIARY DATES

School Closed to children

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

Friday 24th May

End of Term 5

CURRICULUM FACTS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Geography

Oceans, Rivers and lakes facts

1. The largest ocean on Earth is the Pacific Ocean. This covers 63 million km.
2. Almost all of Earth's freshwater is held in Antarctica.
3. The River Nile flows through 11 African countries.
4. The longest river in Europe is River Volga. This river is 3,685km long.
5. Vulcan point is an island that is within a lake, on an island!
6. Saudi Arabia has no rivers.

Source: book 300 Geography Facts for kids by Kentish Press

May Writing Challenges

1. May 1st is officially World Laughter Day! Can you write about a memory that makes you laugh? What is this memory? Why is it so funny? Who was with you when this happened?
2. A limerick is a funny poem that is five lines long that rhymes at the end. Try writing your own limerick featuring something that you find funny.
3. Do you have any activities you and your family and/or friends like doing in May? If so, what are they? Do they take place indoors or outdoors? What do these activities entail and how do they make you feel?
4. On May 3rd, we celebrate teachers! Can you write a letter to your favourite teacher, explaining why they're your favourite and what you love most about their lessons?

Maths Challenges

Shape Times Shape

The coloured shapes stand for eleven of the numbers from 0 to 12.

Each shape is a different number.

Can you work out what they are?

nrich.maths.org

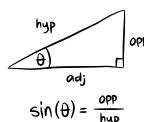
Eureka!

Creativity is very difficult to measure objectively. Nevertheless, psychologists have devised a range of problems that rely on flashes of inspiration, or test your ability to think flexibly - two important facets of the creative mind

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1. Moving only one of the sticks can you make the sum work out correctly?
 $111 = 111 + 111$
2. In 2 minutes, how many uses can you think up for a bucket?
3. How would you fix a lit candle to a wall-mounted cork board in such a way that the candle wax won't drip onto a table below, using just these materials?
4. What word can be added to the following three to make a word or phrase?
high, book, sour
high, book, sour
5. Move three coins to make the triangle point downwards

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

