



St. Norbert's

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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 13th September 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Love of Learning

Value of the Month
Honesty

LET US PRAY

Lord, you give us gifts and graces that we might serve you. We want to be followers of Jesus. Help us to learn to serve others too.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

What a Week, we are so proud of how the Foundation children are coming into school and learning new rules and routines. They have enjoyed lots of listening and phonics games, learnt a song about the Three Billy Goat's Gruff with actions and enjoyed a music session with Mrs Carr!

In RE, Year 1 children learned to look closely at the world around them and found themselves in awe and wonder of all the things they found. We spotted single strings of spiderwebs, tint seeds of dandelions and so much more! There was careful recording and excited talk about the amazing things in creation.

In Year 2 this week we have been retelling the story of the Building Boy in our own words, learning to extend our sentences with adjectives and use key vocabulary. In our Maths learning we have been partitioning tens and ones, finding missing numbers and calculating addition and subtraction problems. The class have been praised for their kindness and consideration towards each other through our PSHCE lessons and also in and around the school. Well done Year 2.

Year 3 had a great time working in teams in the nature area creating a range of homes using twigs and leaves. We then discussed the variety of homes that we can live in.

Year 4 have had a great week learning new skills in PE. They have been practising their look, run avoid strategies to help learn how to play contact sports such as tag rugby. They have also been developing their pass, position and patience skills to help develop their understanding of hockey.

This week in Year 5, we have been learning about forces. We have discussed different types of forces and are preparing to write our own explanation text about them.

This week Year 6 have started settling into their new roles and responsibilities. They have made a great start in their Maths learning developing their knowledge and understanding of numbers up to ten million in numerals and words. They have been using place value and Gattegno charts to identify and spot patterns when exploring powers of ten, discussing how digits move when multiplied or divided by a power of ten.

You may have noticed the new road markings and signs outside school along Tollgate. Please follow the parking regulations as set out. If you do not residents and school are able to report parking issues to the council which will result in a fine. Parents that also identify parking infringements can report them [HERE](#) using the link. Let's ensure we are parking with consideration and abiding by the law.

Good Attendance at school is vital for your child's development. From next Friday each week I will be monitoring attendance and issuing letters to pupils where attendance is less than 90% (Persistent Absence). It is important you understand the consequences of poor attendance especially the new procedures around fines for if you take your child out of school for holidays. Please ensure you have read and understood the policy and procedures [HERE](#)

Hopefully the sun will keep shining and you will have a fantastic weekend.
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!



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

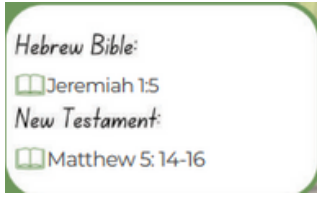
This week, we hear Jesus asking his followers a difficult question: "Who do you think I am?" Listen carefully, and see which disciple gave the right answer.

There is a message here for us all, not to let the stumbling blocks of our everyday lives get in the way of our journey to God. We do say "yes" with Peter and the others: "You are the Christ" and hosanna and hooray! but when the going gets tough and we are called upon to be suffering servants in our turn aren't we like Peter then too, don't we begin then to draw the line and say, that is not what I meant, this is not it at all, this is not for me at all, this is where I jump off, I draw the line here. Not if we are followers of the true Messiah, Jesus Christ who died for us on a cross, Jesus who said "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let them take their cross and follow me." There is nothing in Jesus message about if it suits you or when you are ready or if it's not too hard for you or only on Sundays or feast days. Now is the time, always is the time. Look at the cross of Jesus what does it teach us? If we are looking for a triumphant Christianity we must look closely at the way Jesus triumphed, look at the woman at the well story, the story of Martha's family, the story of Peter's life, in these stories and all the smaller stories surrounding the life of Jesus we discover Jesus' way "I am meek and humble of heart" To accept the cross means to live as Jesus did. Jesus promised that those who do this will live forever.



Encounter

Mission: Take a selfie doing something that you love and that says something about who you are.



Identity

Identity is the sense of who we are as individuals. It is shaped by our experiences, our beliefs, and our relationships. In the Catholic faith, our identity is rooted in our relationship with God. We are created in the image and likeness of God, and we are called to be his children and to respect the dignity of all people.

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
jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk
sarah.hibbert@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

Online Safety

Cybersurvey

There are now two versions: one for primary schools and one for secondary. The Cybersurvey is an annual survey/report is one of the richest databases of young people's views on digital life, created by Youthworks since 2008 it explores what it's like growing up in a digital world with over 53,000 young people in England.

It is extremely useful for staff training, understanding trends and much more, exploring topics such as youth produced images, gambling, meeting up, bullying, harmful content, his risk situations and more.

The primary version, Fun, Friends, Fears and Fallacies can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - Sharing Back to School Videos

A member of staff from a school emailed me to suggest some guidance for parents about sharing back to school photos on social media. I was going to create a short video but my friend and online safety colleague from Northern Ireland, Wayne Denner, had already created one and it's good: short and sweet.

You can access the video on YouTube [HERE](#) and there's a blog post [HERE](#). If you go to Wayne's website he's got quite a few good videos that may be worth viewing. You can get to his website [HERE](#).

Information from: Alan McKenzie
<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- Foundation:** Finlay for settling so well into school life!
Year 1: Leah for being so Year 1 ready and trying her best in all she does.
Year 2: Lavinia for her exceptional start to Year 2, her confidence and ability to use and apply her learning skills in new situations.
Year 3: Caroline for her effort in her work.
Year 4: Kaeden for settling in so well to Year 4.
Year 5: Antoni for working really hard in all of his learning this week.
Year 6: Maddie for fully engaging in all lessons with enthusiasm, contributing positively to class discussions.



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.

Thank you to all the pupils who have raised money and contributed to our Friends fund through the Norbert's to Norwich sponsored race.

Common Good CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 + 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 99.6%

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	92.8%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	99.6%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	99.6%

WELLBEING

Self-Care September
 Human Dignity CST

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly
17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories
21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



A Wild Walk to School- Rebecca Cobb

It's time to get ready for school. Mum wants to hurry to get there on time but what she doesn't realise is that there are giants to tip-toe around and hot molten lava to avoid. A witty tale of imagination during the school run.

Science is Lit: Crazy Chemistry and Epic Experiments - Big Manny

A super-fun and highly educational book which makes science accessible, cool and shows children that they don't need fancy equipment to have a lot of fun with experiments.

Roman Boy- Tony Bradman

This gripping historical novel, set in 125 CE, is full of treachery and war, and provides a fascinating insight into the life of a teenage boy in Ancient Rome.

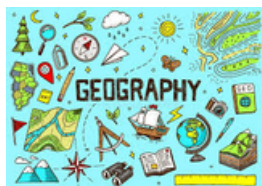
GEOGRAPHY FACTS

What is Geography?

Geography is the science of the Earth's surface, its atmosphere and its features.

Here on our Geography pages we will show you what you really should know about our beautiful planet!

Geography informs us about our planet and the world we live in. We learn about different places, the continents and countries as well as the oceans, rivers, deserts or mountains on our planet.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 18th September

Year 4 Class Worship 2:50pm - Parents Welcome

Wednesday 25th September

Year 5 Class Worship 2:50pm - Parents Welcome

Monday 23rd - 25th September

Year 6 Residential Trip to The Briars

Wednesday 9th October

Year 6 Class Worship 2:50pm - Parents Welcome

Wednesday 16th October

Year 3 Class Worship 2:50pm - Parents Welcome

Friday 18th October

Harvest Service 1:30pm - Parents Welcome

Friday 18th October

Last Day of Term 1

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

Breakfast Club: Our Breakfast Club is run by an external provider, Discovery Sports. Our clubs are designed to give your child a healthy and active start to the school day. Time: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Price: £5 per day or £20 per week
 Details: Treat your child to a nutritious breakfast prepared by our 'Level 2 Food Hygiene'-qualified staff. Our Breakfast Club is an opportunity for children to enjoy a wholesome meal and prepare for a day of learning.

Active Start: Time: 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Price: £3.75 per day or £18.75 per week
 Details: Active Start focuses on promoting physical activity and healthy habits. Please note that this option does not include breakfast. Our aim is to get children moving and foster a love for a healthy lifestyle.

After School Club and Wraparound Care
 Our after school/wraparound care program runs from 3:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., providing children with a safe and engaging space to participate in both staff-led and child-led activities. Our sessions are designed to be varied, catering to the diverse needs and interests of the children. Additionally, the after school care service will offer warm food options such as toasties and bagels, along with other healthy snacks, starting from 4:30 p.m. We offer three booking options:

After School Club: This option is for children who do not wish to attend any of the other after-school clubs offered. Children can be collected from the playground at 4:30 p.m.

Wraparound Care: If your child attends an after-school club, they can join the wraparound care service from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., after which they can be collected from the playground.

Full Wraparound Care: This option is available from 3:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and includes all of our activities and food offerings. Children will be collected from the playground.

To book your sessions:
 Visit: discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings We're excited to provide your child with a safe and supportive environment. If you have questions or need help, contact us at dan@discoverysportscoaching.co.uk Thank you for choosing St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy and Discovery Sports Coaching.

Writing Competition - The Solstice Prize 2024 - Closes 31st October 2024

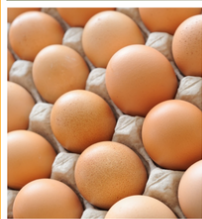
A nature-themed creative writing prize for 7- to 25-year-olds

The Solstice Writing Prize is a national, annual writing competition for young writers, which invites young people to take a closer look at the natural world, explore their relationship with it, or examine the challenges it faces, and write short stories, poems, and thought-provoking blogs in response.

First-place winners in each age category will receive £100 and have their work published in the 2024 Solstice Anthology.

Maths Challenges

Dozens



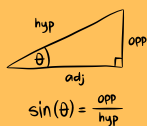
What is the largest possible five-digit number divisible by 12 that you can make from the digits 1, 3, 4, 5 and one more digit?

nrich.maths.org



Could you be the highest earner for your class this week!

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](#)

