



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 20th September 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Love of Learning

Value of the Month
Honesty

LET US PRAY

Lord, you have made us to help one another. Help us to serve those we live with - our families and our classmates at school.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

In Foundation the children have remembered so many routines and are keen to show independence, putting coats and bags away, selecting tools for learning and choosing their own learning spot on the carpet. They are really developing those listening skills this week and have enjoyed sharing a story about being a super hero, spotting things that are the same, different and used craft materials to create pictures of themselves. They have also joined in with our weekly songs and tapped instruments this week in music to a beat. Outdoor learning was great fun too!

Year 1 had a very exciting outdoor learning day, linking to their senses in science, counting and number bonds in maths, natural portraits for art and basic safety skills. They children had a fabulous time, enjoying the fresh air and new experiences.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the Human life cycle and comparing this with a Frog Life Cycle. We have also been learning about using adjectives to make more interesting sentences in English. In our maths this week we have been writing numbers in words and using our counting on and counting back skills. We have really enjoyed our Monet landscape and trying to use pastels to blend and create atmosphere.

Year 3 have undertaken an investigation to see if a bean will grow in cotton wool in a bag attached to the window.

Year 4 have had a great time this week learning about electrical circuits. They have been exploring how to make a working circuits, draw circuits using the appropriate symbols and make predictions as to whether a diagram of a circuit will work or not.

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring forces and have made our own parachutes to investigate the effects of air resistance.

This week in Year 6 we have been exploring the way different types of mountains are formed and the features that they have. Everyone had listened carefully as they were able to identify the different types of mountains based on pictures of different mountain ranges. Did you know that the earths crust floats on a sea of magma and is always moving, even though we cannot feel it!

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. 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](#)

Next week I will be joining Miss Bools and Y6 on their residential trip to the Briars in Derbyshire. I will be checking my emails as and when I can, Mrs Hibbert will deputise in my absence and be your first point of contact at school.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and we keep those Y6 pupils sitting the 11+ this weekend in our thoughts and prayers.

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 will be going home with Violet.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

In this week's Gospel the disciples were arguing and fighting about who was the best and the most important. They were jealous of one another. It is OK to feel jealous - we all do that from time to time - but Jesus is warning us about how we behave or act when we are jealous.

While this Gospel predicts the passion and death of Jesus, there are a number of other themes involved - one of which is the message that special hospitality should be offered to those from whom we can benefit the least. The trust that Jesus places in God he compares to the trust of a little child. Jesus uses the opportunity of the discussion over who is the greatest to teach the disciples what the ideal of "first place" must be in the Church community which they will become once he is no longer with them. Our faith should make a difference in the way we treat others. Jesus draws on the simplicity and humility of the child as a model for us. If you consider one or two of the 'great' people you know, how could they be described as servants?



Encounter

Mission: Find time to talk to someone you don't know very well this week so that you can understand them better.



Understanding

Understanding is the ability to comprehend and interpret information. It is essential for building relationships, for empathising with others and for making good decisions. In the Catholic faith, we are called to be understanding of others and to be compassionate towards them, even when we disagree with them.

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

For Parents - Gaming Tips for Parents of Neurodivergent Children.

Internet Matters have released another really useful guide, this time it's all about online gaming safety tips for parents and carers of neurodivergent children. It's a simple 5-page guide covering the research, example games, some of the challenges which parents face and the all-important benefits.

It's a great little guide which you can download [HERE](#).

For Parents - The ABC Online safety Checklist.

Internet Matters have done it again, this time with a really simple guide for parents using Activate, Balance and Check.

The ABC's are broken down by age to make this as simple as possible for parents: all ages, under 5's, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+. Definitely worth sharing with your parents and I'll definitely be using it in my parent training sessions.

You can download the guide [HERE](#).

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Joseph for engaging well in all aspects of learning.

Year 1: Thomas for making an amazing start to year 1 and being so ready for all his learning.

Year 2: Neitas for his amazing pastel Monet landscape in Art this week.

Year 3: Erin for her positive attitude to learning and contributions to class discussions.

Year 4: Ebuba for settling in to school so well.

Year 5: Othula for listening well in art lessons and producing fab examples of street art

Year 6: Poppy for showing determination and resilience in her Maths learning this week.



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.

Leo Year 6 for always being on hand to support children on their walk to school.

Our new Mini Vinnies for their wonderful work in supporting children in the morning coming through the gate.

Common Good CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 4 & 5 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	92.59%
Year 1	96.97%
Year 2	95.19%
Year 3	97.04%
Year 4	99.23%
Year 5	99.26%
Year 6	95.4%

WELLBEING

Self-Care September
 Human Dignity CST

<p>19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement</p>	<p>20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories</p>	<p>21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside</p>
<p>22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still</p>	<p>23 Let go of other people's expectations of you</p>	<p>24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love</p>

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Bun on the Run- Smriti Halls

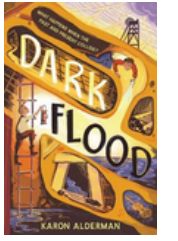
Bernard the bun leaves the baker's shop to explore the world. But can he escape the hungry animals who want to have him for their tea? A brilliant, interactive story.

Me and My Brian - Helen Rutter

When Josh's brain, whom he has named Brian, becomes too loud and overbearing, he goes to stay with Grandma in her tiny shack in the middle of nowhere. A touching tale which sensitively explores complex family dynamics and mental health issues.

Dark Flood- Karon Alderman

Set in north-east England, this is a gripping, powerful tale of heritage, love, loss, tragedy, kindness and cruelty. An absolute page-turner.



SPALDING LIBRARY

Spalding Arts and Crafts Society Exhibition

Spalding Arts and crafts Society are holding their Autumn exhibition here in the library. Come along to see the beautiful paintings that are on display.

Saturday 21 Sep 09:00 AM - 13:00 PM
 Mon 23rd - Fri 27th 09:00 AM - 17:00 PM

Lego Builders ages 4-10

A creative and educational building session for children, sparking imagination through construction play.
 Saturday 21 Sep 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

DIARY DATES

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

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

170 years of the weather forecaster Met Office

It's often said that talking about the weather is a British national obsession. So, it's no wonder that since the 19th century, the UK has had its own organisation dedicated to predicting whether we need to grab a brolly or stick on sunglasses.

However, the Met Office does much more than that – from forecasting conditions for seafaring ships to helping us track the health of our planet.

10 nations (including Great Britain) met in Brussels, Belgium for the first ever International Meteorological Conference in 1853. Their aim was to agree a system for observing and logging weather conditions at sea. Just a year later in 1854, the UK parliament founded the organisation that would later be called the Met Office based on this.

A sizzling 40.3°C was recorded by the Met Office at Coningsby, Lincolnshire on 19 July 2022 – the hottest UK temperature ever recorded. Yikes! Thankfully, as climate change means these extreme weather events become more frequent, the Met Office will be there to help us prepare.

Source of information: National Geographic Kids

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

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

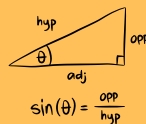
- The number is odd.
- It is a multiple of three.
- It is smaller than 7x4.
- Its tens digit is even.
- It is the greater of the two possibilities.

Thousands more problems can be found on the NRICH Maths website:
<http://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](#)



GOLD SPORTS AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we, St. Norbert's Catholic Primary Academy, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Year 3 & 4 Boys Football Tournament
- Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament
- Lower Key Stage 2 Cross Country Event
- Upper Key Stage 2 cross Country Event
- Netball Super League matches
- Boys Football Super League Matches
- Girls Football Super league Matches
- School Olympic Weekly Tournaments
- Pathway to Paris Sporting events
- Kin-Ball Club
- Boccia Club
- Multi-sports Club
- Kurling Club
- Table tennis
- Break Time Fitness and Sport challenges
- Sports & Well-Being leaders weekly activities
- KS1 mini-Matches

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Ruper Gibson (Agilitas/ School Games) for his support; Staff Training and Advice
Discovery Sport: Supporting, leading and sharing a range of activities for all ages
Elite Sports Academy for the inter school tournaments, matches and leagues.

St. Norbert's Staff Team for their commitment and dedication to making a difference both during and outside the school day for our children.

We look forward to applying once again in 2025!

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

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Our Friends of the School have signed up to the Asda Cash Pot for Schools initiative. If you do shop with Asda, please add St. Norbert's to your rewards.

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.