



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 15th November 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

Value of the Month
Diversity

LET US PRAY

Loving God, thank you for the gift of faith we received at our baptism. May we always recognise our faith as a gift and learn to share it with others.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

In Foundation this week they have been learning about people who help us taking finger prints and making our police officer headbands. They have also been learning about positional language in their Maths learning.

Year 1 had so much fun during their outdoor learning session with Mrs Simons. They explored signs of Autumn and used these to inspire their work. They children made leaf rubbings, natural fireworks with bright autumn leaf colours and used different objects to practise their number bonds to 10.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about Acid in our Science Workshop where we created an experiment to find out which liquid was the most or least acidic! It was great Fun! We have also enjoyed learning how to add ten more or ten less in our maths lessons, bridging ten and testing our skills against the clock during our Daily ten. Finally, we have had a Fire Officer visit our classroom to talk about fire safety and linked this to our History topic, The great Fire of London. We are looking forward to the children planning their fire escape routes with their families over the weekend.

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Judaism , finding out about the Menorah and the articles of clothing that people of Jewish faith wear in worship. They have created some amazing art work of a synagogues and they know that all synagogues have a star of David on.

Year 4 have been learning about how to use fronted adverbials and adjectives in expanded noun phrases for their letters based on the legend of Beowulf.

In year 5 this week we have been learning about war poetry. We considered the imagery used and have begun to plan our own poetry in the style of some of the great poets.

This week Year 6 Have been delving into the world of Poetry. On Tuesday they joined in with the very first Michael Rosen Day by participating in a live online workshop with Michael Rosen and MC Grammar. This has bended perfectly with their English learning, exploring the poem The Night Mail; learning about ways to add description to their work using figurative language such as simile, metaphor and personification.

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) this week. 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

A huge thank you to all families for your harvest donations which we are sharing with Project St. Thomas today following our Harvest Service. We received a message of Thanks from Sue Bellamy on behalf of Project St. Thomas thanking you all for your generosity and kindness.

New! For Advent Term 2 we are introducing our new Virtue of the Term Stickers that will be awarded to staff and pupils we see living out Compassion this term. To see what we are looking for look at the poster in the school notice board!

UNIFORM-Just a reminder we are now in our winter uniforms, which should include all children wearing a **shirt and tie**. You can now also order the new St.Norbert's hoodie from our uniform provider.

I have really enjoyed this week particularly reading to children of all ages on Mondays and Fridays as part of my reading club- they have all been so enthusiastic and loved exploring new texts. Wishing you 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!

This Week Norbert will be going home with Miles.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel records practically the final message that Jesus shared with his disciples before his passion, so it is not surprising that he concentrates on helping them to understand something of the end times.

This language is termed 'apocalyptic', and was a literary style common at the time. We need to remember to not try to understand it in the literal sense, but focus on the message that was being conveyed: to live in anticipation of the end of our own life or times. Jesus tells his disciples to spread the Good News and live in anticipation of the time when God's plan comes to fruition. What does this mean to us? What might the world look like if God was again 'Lord of all Creation'?



Encounter - Youth

Youth

Watch this short [video](#) about Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership to help it grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full.

- What was special about Carlo?
- How does Carlo compare to the stereotype of a teenage boy?
- What can we learn from him?

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
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Online Safety

Report - "I've Seen Horrible Things."
 On the 29th October the Children's Commissioner released their latest report titled, "I've seen horrible things": children's experiences of the online world. This is a follow-up report from The Big Ambition report which received 3,000 responses from children and adults. 59 pages it's quite a big report so here's a very brief summary:
 1% of respondents say they feel safe online. However, some children as young as five and children with special education needs and disabilities disproportionately report they feel unsafe.
 Girls were less likely to agree that they felt safe online relative to boys (67% vs 75%).
 There is a correlation that children who state they feel safe online is linked with children feeling good about other areas of their lives. This is interesting as it allows us to question that offline vulnerabilities may lead to a higher likelihood of online harm?
 Children do not feel in control of their online lives, e.g. phone addiction and algorithmic content influence.
 The prevalence of online CSA is a big concern for many, as evolving technology and risks such as AI.

There's a lot more to the report, with much taken up by statements from children and young people themselves, which allows us to get into the all important 'why?' question. For example, my own experience shows that very few young people have a good grasp of how algorithms are used to feed content to someone's timeline or For You page, how this can lead to echo chambers and, most importantly of all, that they can do about it. So whilst the report concentrates on the fact that the government needs to implement the Online Safety Act quicker, it can also be really useful for us on the front line as it gives us the very questions and concerns that children and young people are raising for themselves. You can find the full report (which has a good executive summary) [HERE](#)

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Mira for her excellent phonics learning remembering her phonemes and blending.

Year 1: Oliver for his positive attitude to all his learning.

Year 2: Shazil for his excellent prayer for the firefighters during our Fire Safety talk.

Year 3: Cera for her effort in maths this week.

Year 4: Samanta for her beautiful artwork in RE.

Year 5: Aiden for his super inference skills in guided reading.

Year 6: Ariel for a fabulous letter to Mrs Withers regarding Takeover Day.

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. New for this term 'Heart that Sees' stickers!

Miss Wilson and Mr Clow for gardening support this week. Our garden renovation work is coming along beautifully and we really appreciate the support from our families.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 5 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.81%

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 - 94.24%
Year 1 - 92.75%
Year 2 - 96.99%
Year 3 - 97.65%
Year 4 - 98.47%
Year 5 - 99.61%
Year 6 - 97.78%

New Ways November
 Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

<p>17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself</p>	<p>18 Connect with someone from a different generation</p>	<p>19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site</p>	<p>20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before</p>
<p>21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them</p>	<p>22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them</p>	<p>23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love</p>	<p>24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently</p>

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads Non-fiction November

READING CORNER

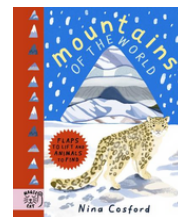
Amazing Animals with Astonishing Jobs by Simon Phillip

Is your doctor a donkey? Is your postman a platypus? Probably not, that would be . . . amazing! But bee-lieve it or not, many animals do have jobs. Get ready for a whirlwind tour around the globe where you'll meet some of those amazing animals and learn all about the incredible jobs they do – from bomb-sniffing bees and detector dolphins to caddy llamas and the bodega cats of New York City.



Mountains of the World: Flaps to Lift and Animals to Find by Nina Cosford

Embark on an immersive journey up seven stunning peaks, with concertina-style die-cut pages that mirror the distinct shapes of the world's most magnificent peaks. Then, lift the flaps on each page to reveal the diverse wildlife that calls these mountains home, from the majestic condors soaring high above to the snow leopards roaming the slopes below.



From the imposing peaks of Everest and the rugged beauty of the Himalayas to the serene charm of the Swiss Alps, this book offers a captivating window onto the hidden wonders and diverse landscapes that define our world.

Into the Volcano: The Science, Magic and Meaning of Volcanoes by Catherine Ard

Explore the awe-inspiring world of volcanoes, delving into their captivating formation, fiery eruptions, and the remarkable impact they have on our planet. From shaping landscapes and influencing climates to their role in shaping human history, this beautifully illustrated guide unveils the astonishing wonders of these geological marvels.



MATHS STAR BADGE AWARDS

Congratulations to some of our Year 4 and 6 children who have achieved their gold star maths badges.

We look forward to awarding more star badges of different levels across the school this term.

Year 4 - Chance and Zachary

Year 6 - Hugo and Don



DIARY DATES

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd November
Road Safety Week

Wednesday 20th November
Year 4 Class Celebration of the Word - Parents Welcome 2:50pm

Friday 22nd November
Year 6 Takeover Day

Wednesday 27th November
Year 2 Celebration of the Word - Parents Welcome 2:50pm

Thursday 28th November
Whole School Advent Retreat Day

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

5 wild and wonderful facts

1. A polyglot is a person who speaks many languages. Zia's Fazah from Liberia claims to speak 59 different languages!
2. The Atacama Desert in South America is the driest place in the world. Some parts of it have never experienced rain in their recorded history.
3. The village of Mawsynram in Northern India is the wettest in the world. 11.9 metres of rain falls here every year. This is 17 times the amount of rain that London gets.
4. The Southern Ocean is the names for the waters surrounding Antarctica. It contains the southern parts of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans and goes all the way round the Earth.
5. The city Montessori school in Lucknow India, is the biggest school in the world. It has 1,000 classrooms and 56,000 pupils.

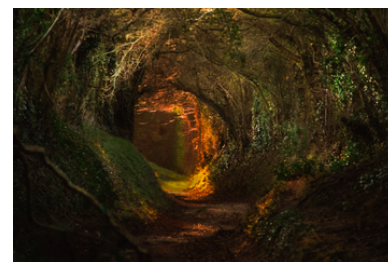
source of information A Fact for Every Day of the Year book : various pages

Writing Challenge

Where do you think the tunnel leads?

How long do you think it has been there?

Would you step through the tunnel? Explain your answer



Maths Challenges

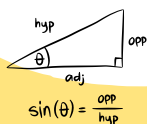
The Museum Trip (1)

Number of children in each class:	
Year 4	28
Year 5	26

Museum entry costs:	
Adults	£3.50
Children	£2.00

Look at the entry costs for the museum. Now can you work out the total cost for all the adults? How much will it cost all the children to go? How much will it cost in total for everybody to go?

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](#)



Friday 22nd November 2024: National Takeover Day

What is Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day?

The day gives children and young people the chance to work with adults for the day and be involved in decision-making. Children benefit from the opportunity to experience the world of work and make their voices heard, while adults and organisations gain a fresh perspective on what they do. It is hoped this will help break down barriers between generations and encourage children's active involvement in their communities.

What is happening here at St. Norbert's?

Our theme this year is, "Careers." Every class has been assigned an area of business to "Takeover" and explore from Farming to Hospitality. Next week the children will be exploring various careers and completing a range of tasks and of course once again Year 6 will be shadowing staff working in the education sector- roles will be announced next week.

FOOTBALL

It is wonderful news to be able to share with all parents that the Boys Year 5 & 6 Football Team have achieved the top spot on the Super League table! The boys have played 3 matches against Gosberton Academy, Moulton John Harrox and Spalding Primary. They won 2 out of their three matches, conceded less goals and scored more goals resulting in their place at the top of the league! Well done Boys and a big Thank you to parents for all your support throughout the tournament. We also share our thanks with Mr Withers, the football coach.

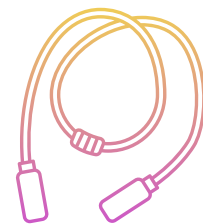


Y5/6 Boys Football B

Name	Played	W	D	L	+	-	Points
Spalding St Norberts	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
Gosberton Academy	3	2	0	1	11	8	6
Moulton Harrox	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Spalding Primary	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

SPORTS CHALLENGE

Skipping Challenge



As a school we are completing a skipping challenge this term and recording the scores throughout the term. If as a family, you would like to help and support your child this weekend with their skipping it would be wonderful to see the children's skills develop as they begin their challenge again on Monday morning. Thank you.

