



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 1st November 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

Value of the Month
Diversity

LET US PRAY

Loving God, you call us your children and command us to love one another. With your help we will try to love each other and serve you.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Foundation's new topic this term is People who Help Us. They have enjoyed finding out about people who help us and how, through the class Literacy book Heroes who help us from around the world. They have learnt about Guy Fawkes and have enjoyed taking on the role of firefighters. They have celebrated Diwali by making and sending Diwali cards. They have been learning to substitute in Maths and have started their group reading sessions!

Year 1 had a fabulous time in PE, learning how to jump and create shapes. They worked beautifully in pairs, making pike, star and v-balance shapes to name but a few. There was even some linking to build a short sequence. Very impressive.

In Year 2 this week we have been ordering dates for the Great Fire of London. We have been recalling key facts about where the fire started and how the fire began. In our English, we have been improving our instructions for directing somebody at Tattershall farm Park and we are looking forward to writing these up. Our PE this week has been Gymnastics where we are learning about different ways of travelling and listening carefully to instruction.

Year 3 have learnt about Diwali this week and have enjoyed creating their own unique Rangoli patterns.

Year 4 have been busy this week learning about Hengest and Horsa the ruthless invaders from Denmark as part of our History learning. They have also been practising their star badge maths challenges, of which they have seen greater success.

In Year 5 we have been learning about space this week. We looked at different arguments for and against the Earth being spherical and concluded that there is significantly more evidence for a spherical Earth. We are really looking forward to visiting the National Space Centre next week to learn more about space.

This week Year 6 had their Outdoor Learning Day with Mrs Simons. They had a great time exploring the nature area and looking for signs of Autumn and creating rhyming couplets in preparation for their new poetry learning in English. Linking to History the children used sticks and twigs to try to recreate the Parthenon and looked at the ways they could help make their structures strong. Maths learning outside involved a scavenger hunt that required teamwork to solve the mathematical problems and using the correct vocabulary when explaining.

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!

This weekend is a good time to plan ahead for Non-Uniform Day on Friday 8th November instead of a monetary contribution it is a prize donation being requested by the PTA in preparation for their 'Elfridges' Christmas Event. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Just a reminder we are now in our winter uniforms, which should include all children wearing a shirt and tie.

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 Angelina.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The first commandment that Jesus quotes is the great Jewish prayer known as the Shema (Deut 6: 4-5). This prayer is still recited each morning and evening by practicing Jews. This is an opportunity to ask ourselves how/if we still begin and end each day in prayer. Reciting this verse would be an ideal way to renew the practice of morning and evening prayer.

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your whole mind, with your whole soul and with all your strength. What does this sentence tell us about ourselves and our God. What does this phrase tell us about the relationship we have with God, what does it tell us about God's relationship with us? It tells us who we are, where we came from, where we are going and how we are going to get there. All the law and every idea anyone ever had are summed up in this one relationship. Our duty is to live it out. The psalm sums up our response to the Good News of God's love for us and our recognition that we must love God and our neighbour before all else, it is a song of love and praise to God, a personal God, a God who is close at hand.

It is love that describes our response to the Lord and to each other because somehow they are mixed together in the curious chemistry that we are.



Encounter

Saint Paul is someone who, like all of the saints, is holy and close to God. It is easy to assume, especially as Paul wrote letters which are not part of the bible, that Paul was always holy, and never got anything wrong. But this isn't the case. Paul used to be called Saul, and lived a life which was not very holy at all.

Find out a bit more about Saul, and his conversion to Paul [here](#).

What was Paul's life like before his conversion? Would you have described him as holy?

Accompaniment

Accompaniment is the act of walking with someone on their journey. It is how we, as followers of Christ, show support and love for others. We are called to accompany others on their journey of faith, both in good times and in bad, just as the Holy Spirit watches over each of us in our own lives.

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 - Parental Supervision - How Far is Too Far?

Many parents will opt to use apps to track and monitor the location and online activities of their children. These apps can be really beneficial (e.g. physical safety) but as with anything there are drawbacks (e.g. invasion of privacy). Using the voices of young people Voicebox have put together an excellent article which parents can use to give a more informed opinion of these apps and to use as discussion points with their children.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

For Parents - Cyber Security

From financial scams, identity theft, using public WiFi and much more, cyber security is fundamental to all of our lives. Internet Matters have put together a number of articles and resources for parents and their children which go into these topics including:

- Creating secure accounts.
- Phishing and ransomware.
- Digital piracy,
- and much more.

You can find all the resources [HERE](#).

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Myles for always being ready for learning and always trying his best!

Year 1: Darius for his excellent attitude and effort.

Year 2: Aadith for his thoughtful contributions to our class discussions.

Year 3: Eliza for her effort in her work.

Year 4: Elliot for his excellent English learning.

Year 5: Summer for trying exceptionally hard in maths lessons.

Year 6: Hugo for explaining reasoning in a Maths problem clearly so that others can understand- good use of mathematical vocabulary.



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!

Thank you to all the families, members of the Parish and community that continue to gift the school items from the St. Norbert's School Amazon wish list. We received two more beautiful books this week in the post and a donation given at school of an amazing text 'Every Word Tells a Story'. Thank you your kindness is so appreciated x

Thank you also to those that walked to Church with us today we really appreciate your support.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.01%

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 - 91.84%
- Year 1 - 97.56%
- Year 2 - 97.14%
- Year 3 - 99.51%
- Year 4 - 97.54%
- Year 5 - 91.13%
- Year 6 - 97.14%

**New Ways November
Human Dignity CST**

WELLBEING

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel
6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

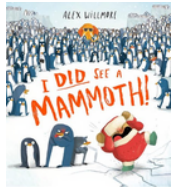
[Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together](#)

[Our Time](#)

I Did See a Mammoth by Alex Willmore

Welcome to the Antarctic, where an intrepid bunch of explorers is making an in-depth study of penguins. Penguins. Penguins. Penguins. So many penguins . . .

But one young explorer has discovered something different. Something totally wild, spectacularly cool and quite a lot . . . EXTINCT.



Grimwood: Let the Fur Fly! by Nadia Shireen

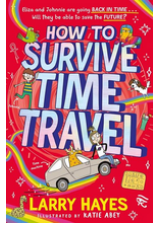
Laugh your head off in this second adventure in the bestselling, highly acclaimed Grimwood series.

Your favourite fox cub siblings Ted and Nancy are back with an all-new wildly funny story that will have children (and their grown-ups) begging for more.



How to Survive Time Travel by Larry Hayes and Katie Abey

Fresh from saving their parents from the jaws of frenzied billionaire Mr Noah, ten-year-old Eliza and her genius little brother, Johnnie, are called upon once again. Their parents have disappeared into thin air and it's up to the kids to save the day, travelling back in time to 5000 BC Egypt!



MATHS STAR BADGE AWARDS

Congratulations to some of our Year 5 and 6 children who have already been successful in achieving their gold star maths badges. We look forward to awarding more star badges across this term.



Year 5 awards: Levon, Thiohfi, Dragos, Elsa, Sydney, Jack and Hunor

Year 6 awards: Cadence, Maya, Isabella, Maya, Chloe, Oscar, Maisy, Scarlett, Toby, Joan, Bhagavad, Julia, Oliwia, Ariel, Sofiia, Madeleine, Leo, Matthew, Alice and Alex



DIARY DATES

Monday 4th November

Y5 Trip to National Space Centre

Wednesday 6th November

Y1 Worship at 2:50pm

Friday 8th November

PTA Non-Uniform Day

Monday 11th November

10:45am Remembrance service

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Four fun Geography facts to share with your friends and family!

1. Hailstorms form when rain is swept upwards by the air currents in a thunderstorm into freezing cold areas of the atmosphere. In extreme conditions hailstones can be bigger than golf balls and cause lots of damage. The largest hailstone recorded was 22cm across this is the size of a large honeydew melon!
2. Niagra Falls are moving upstream! The falls formed 10,000 years ago and have eroded their way 11 kilometres upstream since then.
3. Mountain Everest is not the tallest mountain on Earth. Mauna Kea a volcano on the big island of Hawaii, has its base deep under the Pacific Ocean. It rises more than 10,210 metres from base to peak, although the peak is 4,207 metres above sea.
4. The Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River in China is the world's largest hydroelectric project. The dam is 2,335 metres long and 185 metres tall. It holds back such an immense weight of water that it slows the Earth's rotation, shortening the length of a day by 0.06 microseconds.

Word of this piece erode this means the gradual process of wearing away of a surface by wind or water.

Source of information: National Geographic Kids A Fact for Everyday of The Year book various pages.

Writing Competition BBC 500 Words - Entries by Friday, 8th November 2024

Click [HERE](#) for more information and support.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

They would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Maths Challenges

Odd one out

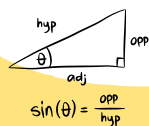
MATHSHUBS ONLINE

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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](#)

