



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.



Phone: 01775 722889 Website: www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk Address: Tollgate, Spalding, PE11 1NJ Twitter: https://twitter.com/St_Norberts

Friday 8th November 2024

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

Value of the Month
Diversity

LET US PRAY

God of love,
We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war. Instead of hatred, let there be love. Shelter your children and protect us. Guide us and keep us from harm, so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in Foundation have enjoyed learning about other faiths, focusing on festivals of light! They have been learning what parts make up the whole, when looking at numbers 2 and 3. They enjoyed a day of forest activities, including making homes for our pets. They have booked appointments at the vets and helped to look after poorly pets.

This week Year 1 have been writing their first drafts of firework poems using exciting words for sounds, sights and actions. They have even developed some similes to accompany these. To celebrate all things fireworks, the children also enjoyed creating pastel firework pictures!

In Year 2 this week we have been learning to find nouns and adjectives in text about 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. We have used words like 'Kaleidoscopic' and 'gnarly' to describe the forest and leaves. In maths we have been adding and subtracting across 10 and also challenging ourselves to tackle balanced equations. We have also made card candles and rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali, whilst enjoying learning about Rama and Sita.

The children in Year 3 have really enjoyed creating their Rangoli patterns and enjoyed learning about Diwali. They could identify the link with the family connection to their own faith.

Year 4 have been busy this week learning about the Anglo Saxons place names in England. Did you know Oxford means a ford for oxen to cross through.

In Year 5 on Monday we took a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. We had a brilliant day learning all about space and got to see real rockets, a piece of the moon and real space suits. We learnt so much and are really looking forward to finding out more about space as the term goes on.

On Monday Year 6 started a week learning to play a song on Boomwhackers, the musical instrument. They really enjoyed the experience. On Friday morning they have joined the Royal Ballet and Opera online lesson and enjoyed learning more about opera singing.

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 Esther.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

This Sunday's readings show us that God cannot be outdone in generosity and the call for us is to match this generosity. All is surrendered, nothing is held back. The total giving of the widow prefaces the total self-giving of Jesus on the cross in Mark's Gospel.

God calls us to be generous in sharing what we have, it is the importance in us of the interior religion that God finds acceptable.

The Psalm this Sunday is very important because it sums up the spirit of the readings:

"It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed."



Encounter - Remembrance

Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.

Remembrance

In our faith, remembrance is more than just remembering the past; it's about keeping our connection to God and to our loved ones alive. We remember the saints and martyrs who came before us, their examples guiding us on our own journey. We remember the sacrifices of Jesus and we remember those who have passed away, their love and influence continuing to shape us. Remembrance is a way to honour our past, cherish our present, and hope for our future.

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](#)

NSPCC Report - Online Risks to Children

The NSPCC have released their latest evidence review based on online harms to children spanning the period 2017 - 2023 with a large focus on online sexual risks and the role of technology. There's a lot of detail in the 83-page report going into the nature and scale of online risks, the platforms used, children most likely to be exposed to risk and children's responses to encountering risks. You can find the full review [HERE](#) and there is an executive summary which may be useful for staff briefing [HERE](#)

For Parents - What are Social Media Scams?

With online scams on the rise worldwide, particularly at this time of year, it's important we are all aware of what scams are, the common types of scams and helpful tips. Internet Matters have a great information page for parents with lots of useful information, but I think there is a lot of really useful information to use in the classroom too. You can find all the information [HERE](#).

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Dolcie for her amazing phonics work, matching all phonemes to graphemes and blending to read CVC words!
Year 1: All of Year 1 for their fabulous celebration of the word.
Year 2: Sebastian for his enthusiasm and contributions towards our learning, particularly in Maths and Design Technology!
Year 3: Natalie for her amazing contribution in the English lessons this week.
Year 4: Zuzanna for her beautiful RE learning.
Year 5: Leonard for coming up with amazing examples of personification to be used in his war poetry.
Year 6: demonstrating strong skills in English ,creating well-structured sentences. Actively participated in lessons, contributing valuable insights and engaging thoughtfully in 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. New for this term 'Heart that Sees' stickers!

Mrs Bradley, Mr Taylor and Mrs Hibbert for their fantastic support and contributions at our Opening Evening for new EYFS pupils!

Reggie for writing out a beautiful card thanking Mrs Withers for her Friday Celebrations to the whole school! What a thoughtful gesture!

To all our families for your amazing support of our PTA Non-Uniform day today-You are INCREDIBLE!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 97.33%

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 - 98.77%
Year 1 - 98.87%
Year 2 - 95.19%
Year 3 - 98.47%
Year 4 - 95.4%
Year 5 - 95.79%
Year 6 - 98.89%

New Ways November Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

<p>10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea</p>	<p>11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way</p>	<p>12 Find out something new about someone you care about</p>	<p>13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax</p>
<p>14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about</p>	<p>15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."</p>	<p>16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective</p>	<p>17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself</p>

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

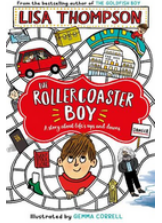
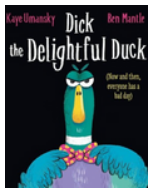
[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads
Sparks - book award winners

READING CORNER



Dick the Delightful Duck by Kaye Umansky

Even the most delightful ducks can have a bad day. What's the matter with Dick the Duck? He's usually so kind and friendly! But today Dick got out on the wrong side of bed. He feels humpy and grumpy, cranky and cross. Can anyone help cheer him up?

Wildsmith by Liz Flanagan

When war comes to her city, Rowan and her mum must flee to the Dark Forest to live with the grandfather Rowan never knew she had - and his white wolf Arto. Although she misses her father, Rowan makes new friends, including a trio of powerful witches. When she rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity: could Rowan really be a wildsmith just like her grandfather? And when new danger threatens, Rowan will need all her courage and more.

The Rollercoaster Boy by Lisa Thompson

Both a rip-roaring locked room mystery set in a run-down hotel where a famous guest vanished into thin air and a sensitive exploration of living with a parent with bipolar, The Rollercoaster Boy is another superbly realised children's novel from the author of The Goldfish Boy.

SPORTS AND WELLBEING LEADERS

This week we saw four Sports and Wellbeing Leaders supporting after school clubs and sharing their skills and learning with the children. We also held a meeting where Maya C (Sports Leader Chair) shared her timetable and rota for all the leaders to action. Over the coming weeks the Sports and Wellbeing Leaders will be challenging the children to complete their 60 Second challenges starting with Skipping. Maybe you can practise at home?



FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Our World is wobbling!

In September 2023, earthquake sensors all around the world detected vibrations that lasted for a huge 9 days! Yet there had not been an earthquake. An international team of scientists has managed to work out that a 1.2 km high mountain peak in Greenland collapsed after the glacier underneath melted away due to climate change. The landslide fell into a remote fjord*, causing a massive, initially 200m high, wave that sloshed water so violently against the side of the fjord that it sent energy vibrating across the planet!

This was the first time global vibrations have ever been detected. What fantastic scientist to solve this mystery and how amazing is nature and our world! Thankfully, no one was hurt by either event!

Word of the week * fjord- A fjord is a long, narrow inlet of the sea between high cliffs.

Source of information National Geographic Kids magazine page 5.

Writing Challenge

"Hidden behind the maze of branches stood a minuscule, enchanted castle. It was so easy to miss among the towering trees. Only the truly lucky noticed the tiny turrets..."



Can you continue the story?

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th November
10:45am Remembrance service

Monday 11th -17th November
Anti-bullying Week

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd November
Road Safety Week

Maths Challenges

Take Three from Five

Choose any five positive whole numbers.

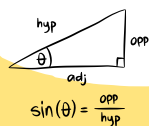
Will any set of five always include three numbers that will add up to a multiple of 3?

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](#)

