



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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VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

Value of the Month
Honesty

LET US PRAY

God, help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year. May joy and peace touch their lives at Christmas.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

What an amazing week of shows! The Foundation children have loved it! They sang their hearts out and performed actions to tell the very special story of Christmas. They shared all their amazing music talents performing 5 little duck to the school in our music showcase and enjoyed joining in with this years Pantomime of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

Year 1 have been enthralled with their history learning about Guy Fawkes. Their knowledge and recall has been amazing and they were very interested in the Kings's proclamation asking for the arrest of Thomas Percy, another plotter. They created fabulous wanted posters based on the description from a historical source.

This week in Year 2 we have been performing our Nativity story to the school, Mums and Dads and families. We have shared two performances and enjoyed dressing up in our costumes to retell the story. We have also been learning how to use and apply different folding, scoring and jointing techniques when making our Fire extinguisher structures to put out The Great Fire of London! We are have also been learning to throw and catch in our PE lesson this week using different objects and equipment - we are becoming more accurate in our throwing to ourselves and also to a partner when focusing on a target.

Year 3 children have enjoyed a range of art work and discussion in RE this term. They have enjoyed the variety of pictures and different styles of pictures. They have created their own art work in their books.

Year 4 have had a great time this week learning about St Cuthbert who was one of the monks that converted the Anglo Saxons to Christianity.

In Year 5 this week we have been sewing. We have been making aprons in our DT sessions for our topic of 'Make do and mend.' This week we have been sewing hems and will be adding on straps in our next session. We have worked hard and they are looking good so far!

This week Year 6 have chefs as part of this terms Design Technology learning. In groups, they have carefully planned a three course meal comprising of: a pepper based starter, a salmon main course and a pineapple dessert. This week the starters and the mains were cooked, judged and scored. The champion team will be announced next week when the dessert team have completed their dishes. The children have had great fun researching and planning their menus as well as cooking and tasting their own dishes. Who will be the winning team that wow the judges? Watch this space!

Safeguarding: Please remember as we approached a prolonged break that if you have Safeguarding Concerns, Worries or need to reach out for advice as Designated Safeguarding Lead you can email me outside of working hours and term time. I check my email correspondence daily you can reach me on jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk. (See Safeguarding Section below for further details)

This is your last chance to pay a £1 to be entered into the Wreath and Wine Raffles. You can buy squares on the gate or send £1 in a named envelope to school and a square will be assigned to you. Good Luck the final draw will be on the last of term. On the last day of term children may come to school in comfy, warm and festive non-uniform at no cost. They will be having a busy day including a Festive Fun Run or gentle jog and Carols by candlelight in the afternoon. We will also be saying a special goodbye and thankyou to Mr Matchett who is retiring. Have a wonderful 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 Dolcie.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The crowds wanted to be ready to welcome the Messiah. John told them what to do. His words are just as important for us today, so that we too will be ready for Jesus to come.

Today's candle in the Advent wreath is pink – a symbol of joy as we look forward to Christmas. We might think of ways that we can bring some joy to someone else who might be sick or lonely at this time.

The Gospel speaks of filling in valleys, smoothing hills, straightening the paths of the Lord. What are some of the things – relationships, past experiences, social pressures, present difficulties – that block the path of God in your own life? Do you need to make some changes? How might you go about smoothing out some of the things in your life that make it difficult for you to change? What voice is leading you to a change of heart?



Encounter - Peace

We are told in the bible that God wants us to be happy, that we should rejoice, to be filled with joy! Let's hear a bit more about why in [this video: Francis Chan – God Wants You To Be Joyful](#)

Joy

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and it means 'Rejoice'. Joy is more than just happiness; it's a deep and lasting feeling that comes from knowing God and living in His love. It helps us to see the good in everything, even when things are tough. Joy is found in prayer, in serving others, and in our journey through Advent. It's a choice to trust in God's plan for our lives and to find hope in his promises.

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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For Parents - Loot Boxes

For many children and young people playing games is predominantly about socialising with their friends. Because of this there can be significant peer pressure to look and be better than everyone else, to get further in the game than other and more. In-game purchases such as loot boxes capitalise on this peer pressure, essentially enticing users to get ahead more quickly by spending money.

Loot boxes have been a concern for a long time. A few years ago in the UK it was thought that loot boxes would come under the updated Gambling Act but this never happened due to a lack of research, however it is thought by many (including myself) that loot boxes can be a gateway or lead-in to gambling.

Concerningly, a BBC investigation has found that, out of the top 45 biggest games on the Google Play store, most are not disclosing that the games contain loot boxes properly. Many parents rely on the information that is available on the various game/app stores as well as ads to decide what is/is not appropriate for their children and this lack of important information is inexcusable.

The BBC article can be found [HERE](#)

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- Foundation:** Joshua for being ready, focused and engaged in phonics learning this week!
Year 1: Dominic for fabulous behaviour, effort and attitude.
Year 2: Albert for his amazing understanding of joining different shaped materials together in our Design Technology lesson.
Year 3: Blanka for her determination and effort in her maths work.
Year 4: Max for his fabulous Design and Technology learning.
Year 5: Alysia for showing enthusiasm and joining in with the Panto.
Year 6: Cadence for a continued hard work and dedication to learning -always giving her best effort in learning.

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!

The Mini Vinnies brave the elements daily on gate duty and are a great help supporting younger children to come into school, carrying bags and returning dropped items. We appreciate your help and support! You were also amazing at our Elfridges event last Friday working so hard-Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 92.75%

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 - 84.52 %
- Year 1 - 89.63%
- Year 2 - 91.48%
- Year 3 - 96.67%
- Year 4 - 95.56%
- Year 5 - 92.69%
- Year 6 - 98.15%

Do Good December
 Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

<p>15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day</p>	<p>16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to</p>	<p>17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you</p>	<p>18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving</p>
<p>19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated</p>	<p>20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need</p>	<p>21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you</p>	

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

The Muttracker - Anna Kemp

Will Biff the ballerina dog be the Sugar Plum Fairy – or have to settle for a less starry part? A joyous tale of friendship and positivity.



There's no Such Thing as a Silly Question - Mike Rampton

An engaging, illustrated non-fiction book which answers 213 unusual questions about a range of subjects with accessible, humorous and informative explanations. No question is too silly!



On the Wall - Anne Fine

A story about a year 7 class centring on a boy who is always content and calm which totally perplexes his teachers. Full of groundbreaking philosophical ideas.



MATHS STAR BADGES

We have had some more children in KS2 receive their Silver and Platinum Maths Star Badge Award this week and have some of our KS1 children who have received their white and red stars for their number bonds.

Well done to all of those children and keep up the good work.

Year 1 - Darius and Emilie

Year 2 - Mylo, Jack, Amey, Emily, Sebastian, Aadith, Emina, Diego

Year 3 - Dilanas, Tiwaope, Erin

Year 4 - Igor

Year 5 - Mario

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17th December
KS2 Carol Concert 6pm at Church

Thursday 19th December
Festive Non Uniform Day-FREE!
End of Term 2

Monday 6th January
Start of Term 3

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Geography.

Met Office Helping Us in Our Ever Changing Climate

Scientists have noticed more and more extreme weather events happening in the last few decades. As climate change warms our planet, it's affecting the global climate system and making weather weirder, wilder and more unpredictable.

The Met Office Role

Issue weather warnings for upcoming extreme weather like heavy rainfall, heatwaves and ice, giving people a chance to prepare. They also try to predict how severe these events might be. Then, when the extreme weather happens, they collect loads of information about the temperature, rainfall and windspeed. This is all passed on to other scientists and engineers, who use it to decide how to build structures like buildings, bridges and roads, that can withstand extreme conditions in the future.

Source: [UK's top tree!](#)

Writing Challenge

Go for a walk. Write 5 things you noticed that are different from summer.

Day 13



Write a letter to your friend.

Day 14



Describe the weather today. How does it make you feel?

Day 15



Maths Challenges

- $6 \times 7 =$
- $4403 - 923 =$
- $8004 + 296 =$
- $6300 \div 10 =$
- $C + L =$
- Round 18 to the nearest ten.
- $804 \div 4 =$
- $25 \times 7 =$
- $740 \div 6 =$
- $\underline{\quad} + 1320 = 5877$

Dicey Operations in Line

Find a partner and a die (preferably 0 - 9 but if you don't have one you can use a 1 - 6 die).

Each of you draw an addition layout like this:

+ + =

Take turns to throw the die and decide which of your cells to fill in.

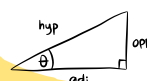
Throw the die nine times each until all the cells are full.

Whoever has the sum closest to 1000 wins.



nrich.maths.org

Children can access maths activities at home that we use in school. Follow these links to find out more.



$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)

