



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, fill us with your Spirit so that we may be brave enough to choose the right way no matter what others say and think.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Wow, another very busy week! Foundation have been writing about the pizza's they made and in Math's have been looking at the parts that make up the whole 4 and 5. They have worked so hard on their singing and actions for the nativity and playing their musical instruments for the music showcase next week. They can't wait to perform!

Year 1 have been busy bees this week learning all about hibernation and learning how to conduct an investigation. They tested how warm a bear (water bottle) stayed both with and without layers. They had to make predictions and draw some conclusions. They learned that animals that hibernate need to keep some body heat in order for them to survive the cold winters.

In Year 2 this week the children have been rehearsing their lines, singing their Nativity songs and practicing their acting skills on stage! We have also been learning about the Annunciation and retelling the Nativity story through pictures and text. We have also been applying our Maths addition and subtraction skills to larger numbers and testing our recall of times-tables facts.

Year 3 have enjoyed evaluating their Shadufs and the changes that they had to make in order for their models to work. The children have also enjoyed reciting to their peers, the poems they wrote linked to our Guided Reading book "The Riddle of the Sphinx".

Year 4 had very exciting day on Wednesday in their outdoor learning, they looked for multiplication calculations in the trees and made Anglo Saxon houses out of natural materials.

In Year 5 this week we have been learning about the important roles that women played in WWII. We were really interested to find out about the wide range of duties carried out and how they were an integral part of the war effort.

This week Year 6 completed their dance with Miss Wilmott in their PE session. All term they have worked on learning and developing choreography to the song Lights by Ellie Goulding. This week they completed their own small group choreographed piece, working together as a team using cannon and unison moves as well as completing the dance. Year 6 always love their dance session with Miss Wilmott and performed their full dance with great timing and musicality- it gave Miss Wilmott goosebumps! Year 6 would also like to wish Miss Wilmott huge congratulations when she gets married in 10 days-they hope her special day is filled with love and joy.

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. The Hoodies are for PE Days and Outdoor learning days they are not a replacement for school jumpers or cardigans.

Please remember to check our website Events Calendar and noticeboard over the coming weeks as we have quite a few events going on. If you have any queries regarding school events please make contact with the school office.

You still have plenty of opportunity to be in with a chance of winning the Advent Wreath it is £1 square just see me on the gate to take part and many thanks for your continued support. As we move into the second week of Advent I hope that you are able to enjoy moments of calm as a family this weekend even if the weather id due to be rather stormy. Please keep an eye out for local weather warnings and advice from the MET Office.

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 Ishan.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his Son, Jesus. John was filled with the Holy Spirit, and had the courage to stand before the crowds and preach to them. He told the people of Israel to turn back to God and ask for forgiveness for their sins so they were ready to listen to the words of Jesus when he came. Today we are asked to do the same thing.

As seekers of God we are to live justly and at peace with others according to our own calling. We should be people of joy, and that joy should be obvious to all. We must be people of prayer and thanksgiving, asking God for all our needs; people of confident and expectant faith. How, in our own circumstances, can we live justly and with integrity? Who are the people you have met who have inspired or challenged you to be a better person?



Encounter - Peace

John 14:27: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

What do you think Jesus means here?

Why is Jesus' peace different to the peace we might get from the world?

Peace

In a world that's often filled with conflict and turmoil, we're called to be peacemakers. This doesn't mean simply avoiding arguments, but actively working towards reconciliation and understanding. In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he calls us to follow his example and to be peacemakers too.

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 - Roblox Major Safety Updates.

Last week Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include:

- Limits to how children under 13 can communicate.
- Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather than the child's device (remote management).

There's too much detail to include within an email so to see an explanation of all the new features visit the Roblox website [HERE](#). You can also see the full guide to Roblox parental controls on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

For Parents - Second-Hand Devices Guide

Often when children get their first or subsequent devices, particularly mobile phones, it's a hand-me-down, for example when a parent gets a new device on contract. This can be a real positive, mobile devices are very expensive and the latest/greatest devices often have very limited additional functionality over older devices.

But it's really important these devices are configured correctly for younger users. Thankfully Internet Matters have a full guide to help parents navigate all the different features and settings, plus how to choose the right second-hand device, safety concerns and much more. All information and guidance can be found [HERE](#).

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



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- Foundation:** Esther for excellent mathematical knowledge, explore parts, that make up whole of 5!
Year 1: Francesca for her fantastic contributions to our RE learning about the angel's visit to Mary.
Year 2: Rosie for her confidence in delivering her Nativity lines in the hall.
Year 3: Layla, for her dedication to detail in her RE work. Her participation in class discussions.
Year 4: Gustas for his lovely letter from Beowulf.
Year 5: Amanda for great work adding and subtracting fractions.
Year 6: Gabrielius for trying really hard with his handwriting and presentation.

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!

A huge thank you to the many families recently that have donated excellent condition school uniform and shoes etc to support other families. We really appreciate your kindness!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 95.4%

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 - 94.64 %
- Year 1 - 94.04%
- Year 2 - 95.09%
- Year 3 - 97.46%
- Year 4 - 93.42%
- Year 5 - 96.78%
- Year 6 - 96.37%

Do Good December
 Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

<p>8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member</p>	<p>9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead</p>	<p>10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them</p>	<p>11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank</p>
<p>12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today</p>	<p>13 See how many different people you can smile at today</p>	<p>14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one</p>	

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER



Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story - Alex Morss & Sean Taylor

In this cozy bedtime story, follow a child and his grandma through a winter landscape to explore how the Earth goes to sleep for winter. Spot the sleeping animals as the tale unfolds, then learn about their hibernation habits from the information pages at the end. Co-authors Sean Taylor (picture book author) and Alex Morss (ecologist, journalist, and educator) offer a gentle introduction to the concept of hibernation. In the frosty, quiet forest, the snow blankets the ground and the trees have shed their leaves. Where have all the animals gone? Are they asleep too?

The Boy Who Brought the Snow - Hollie Hughes & Anna Wilson

A heartwarming story of winter magic from the bestselling author of *The Girl and the Dinosaur*. Here's a city hard at work, with a billion bustling feet - its spires and domes all stretching up from cobbled knobbled streets... In the heart of a great city lives a little boy without a home. But when Quinn finds a magical snow globe, everything begins to change... For when snow begins to fall, magic and kindness start to find their way out into the world.

Over and Under the Snow - Kate Messner

Over the snow, the world is hushed and white. But under the snow lies a secret world of squirrels and snow hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many other animals making their winter home under the snow. This beloved nonfiction picture book exploring the subnivean zone reveals the tunnels and caves formed beneath the snow but over the ground, where many kinds of animals live through the winter, safe and warm, awake and busy, but hidden beneath the snow.

MATHS STAR BADGES

We have had some more children in KS2 receive their Platinum Maths Star Badge Award this week.

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

Year 6 - Levana, Oliwia and Daria

Year 5 - Elsa, Thiohfi, Sydney and Dragos



DIARY DATES

Monday 9th December

Foundation and KS1 Nativity 5pm

Wednesday 11th December

Foundation and KS1 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 12th December

Whole School Trip to the Panto

Friday 13th December

Christmas Movie Night 3:15-5pm

Tuesday 17th December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

Thursday 19th December

End of Term 2

Monday 6th January

Start of Term 3

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

UK's top tree!

An ancient Oak tree named after a Scottish band has been crowned UK Tree of the Year. It is hidden away in a dense timber plantation in Lochaber, Scotland. The 400-year-old tree was unknown to Scientists until woodland experts met the Skipinnish band at a gig. The musicians shared the location of their favourite tree, which was clearing they had once played.

It is now known as the Skipinnish Oak, scientists say it's one of the largest oaks in the region, hosting diverse species including the rare black-eyed Susan Lichen. The band are now planning to write a song in its honour.

source: National Geographic Kids magazine issue 237.

Writing Challenge

Write 5 things you like and dislike about winter. Day 7	Do some research on the North Pole. Make a fact file about it. Day 8	Write about your favourite winter sport. Day 9
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Maths Challenges

Elevenses

In this grid, how many pairs of numbers can you find that add up to a multiple of 11?

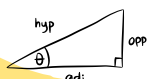
Could you convince someone that you've found them all?

9	46	79	13
64	90	2	97
25	31	20	22
4	52	55	7



rich.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](#)

