



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
Knowledge

Value of the Month
Self-discipline

LET US PRAY

Lord, we thank you for the gifts you have given each of us. Help us in the first days of this new year to begin again and bring your love to those around us. Let us serve with gladness.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Foundation children have become artists and have enjoyed painting in the style of Alma Thomas. They have listened carefully in music and use the glockenspiel to play along to rock a bye baby. In maths they have used the part part whole tool to find ways of making numbers up to 5. Foundation have also performed their song Their was a Princess Long Ago with actions!

Year 1 have started a new focus text in their whole class guided reading called Mrs Armitage on Wheels. We have learned some new vocabulary and have started to think about why the main character needed so many attachments on her bike! The children are already finding her trusty dog Breakspere rather adorable.

This week in Year 2 we have been learning the key features of Non-Chronological Texts and reading different types of non-fiction texts. In Maths we have been learning about Shape and identifying vertices, edges and faces on both 2D and 3D shapes. Some children have also been challenging themselves to add across ten when adding two-digit numbers! We have also been finding out about Kenya through our Geographical work using Atlases, trying to locate and find places on a map. We have been enjoying the support and work of three Year 6 children helping us plan and prepare mini-class based workshops to present to the class each week.

Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon yesterday with our visitor on Online Safety. The children were very enthusiastic and understood the importance of staying safe on line and worked very hard answering all her questions. They are super heroes when it comes to online safety. Year 3 have also demonstrated a great transfer of knowledge from English/ Geography and Forest School. It has been a great pleasure to see and hear their interactions and learning taking shape. Their interest and enthusiasm is great to see. What a super week they have had.

Year 4 have been reading and exploring the class book "The great food bank heist" which is a moving story that gives a child's-eye view of the increasing problem of food poverty. They have been using the text to create adverbial openers and expanded noun phrases for writing, as well as answering comprehension questions during guided reading.

In Year 5 they have been exploring the conductivity of materials in our science lessons. They came up with our own scientific question and planned and carried out their own investigations.

This week in RE Year 6 the children have been exploring two of the 'I am...' statements that Jesus said: I am the bread of life and I am the resurrection and the life. They have learnt that these statements link to key events in Holy Week and some of the sacraments. They have written some poems based around these statements to support their beliefs in Jesus. Some beautiful lines created are...

'I am the way, the truth and the life, I will always be your path to God.'

'I am gate for your sheep, I will be your shepherd forever keeping you safe.'

'I am the resurrection and the life, with you will no longer rest in eternal slumber.'

'I am the light of the world, I guide my people.'

Parking Reminder: Parking using the drop and go system has been much better this week thank you for your support.

I have had two registrations passed onto me of cars parked on double yellow lines. Please do not park illegally you will face fines.

This week it has been a pleasure to be on KS2 Midday duty I have seen some fantastic games and activities and pupils getting lots of physical activity and exercise which is an important part of a healthy lifestyle.

We are excited that we are really starting to launch into this special Jubilee Year and are excited that next week we will be taking part in a live stream launch event on Friday organised by the Our Lady of Lourdes Chaplaincy Team.

Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you ready for new adventures on Monday!

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!



Norbert will be going home with Matilda

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus performed his first miracle by changing the water into wine. Most of the people at the wedding did not know what had happened, but the disciples and the servants saw the amazing power that Jesus had. Mary had seen the problem and had turned to Jesus for help. We too must be ready to care about others.

This story at the beginning of the public life of Jesus mirrors the banquet of eternal life. The glory of God in Jesus makes all things new – Jesus can and does change things. The durability of God's love in a changing world is appealing. While human love can be fickle, the unearned and unchanging dependability of God's love is characteristic. Just as Mary placed the whole situation into Jesus' hands, we are called to do this in our own lives. Are you able to do this? The fact that you are listening to the words of Jesus means that he is inviting you to belief in him. How do you respond? Where in your own life do you sense that you are 'running out of wine'? What can replace it? How do you respond to other people's expectations of you? What are the personal gifts that you bring to service? Make an opportunity this week to offer hospitality to someone in need.



Discipleship

What are your deepest desires?

Be honest and tell God what your deepest desires and fears are in this situation is. Before you can say the words, "thy will be done," be sure you are truly in touch with your own will. Pay attention closely to the ways that God is speaking to you. What kinds of thoughts, feelings (especially love, joy, and peace, or a lack thereof), and memories might God be stirring within you to help you make your decision?

Discipleship

Discipleship is all about learning from Jesus and following His example. It's about putting our faith into action, living out the Gospel in our daily lives. We can learn so much from Jesus' teachings, His compassion, and His love for others. As His disciples, we're called to do the same, to be a light in the world and share His message of hope.

Participation CST

SAFEGUARDING



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- Foundation:** Alyssa for being reader for learning, super engaged and always keen to join in!
Year 1: Tamsin for fantastic enthusiasm in learning.
Year 2: Emma for her excellent artwork when sharing and experimenting with textures and lines.
Year 3: Oscar for his continued effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
Year 4: George for his excellent response and active participation in the RE lesson.
Year 5: Othula for great work writing multi clause sentences to describe setting and atmosphere.
Year 6: Bhagavad for showing excellent hand-eye co-ordination skills in PE.

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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sarah.hibbert@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

Guidance for parents and carers

Early use of digital technology can boost language skills, social development, and creativity in children. However, it also carries risks like exposure to inappropriate content, sharing personal information, or imitating older kids online. Here's a useful guide from internet matters.org on how to ensure a safe and positive online experience for children aged 6-10; please click on the image below to view the information.

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

Checklist:

- Agree on boundaries**
Be clear about what your child can and can't do online - where and when they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.
- Put yourself in control**
Set parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.
- Explore together**
The best way to support your child online is to talk to them about what they do online and what sites and apps they like to use. Be inquisitive and ask them to show you their favourites to check they're suitable.

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 the Burton family for the kind donation of spare swimming caps that we can have as a school emergency set-much appreciated!

Thank you to Mrs Hutchinson who very kindly covered Mrs Withers Maths Club and gate duty on Wednesday-we love Teamwork at St. Norbert's!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 95.02%

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 - 91.38%
- Year 1 - 91%
- Year 2 - 92.33%
- Year 3 - 96.67%
- Year 4 - 96.9%
- Year 5 - 98.08%
- Year 6 - 99.31%

Happier January Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

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| 19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough | 20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge | 21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone |
| 22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you | 23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment | 24 Take a small step towards an important goal |
| | | 25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down |

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

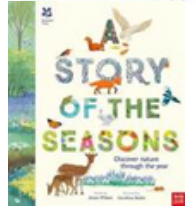
A Beginner's Guide to Choosing the Perfect Pet - Ali Rutstein

Tigers, anacondas and polar bears are in, and rabbits, kittens and puppies are definitely out. A fabulously funny picture book that turns the idea of the perfect pet on its head.



National Trust: Story of the Seasons - Anna Wilson

A comprehensive exploration of wildlife in the UK explained by examining 8 habitats as they change through the seasons, written in collaboration with the National Trust.



Stellar - Chris Bradford

Stella is thrilled to be holidaying in space with her family, but when her brother Ryan spins off into outer space, she must use her knowledge of the stars to rescue him. An exhilarating cosmic adventure, written in a dyslexia-friendly style.



MATHS STAR BADGES

Well done to those children in Year 6 who are storming through their Star Badge achievements!

Platinum +1 - Daria and Levana



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22nd January - 28th January
School Book Fair

Wednesday 22nd January
Year 5 Class Worship - Parents Welcome
2:50pm

Wednesday 22nd January
Parents Evening 3:30pm- 6:30pm

Thursday 23rd January
Parents Evening 3:30pm- 5:30pm

Thursday 23rd January
Year 2 Class Prayer Service - Parents
Welcome 9am

Wednesday 29th January
Year 3 Class Worship - Parents Welcome
2:50pm

Wednesday 5th February
Foundation Class Worship - Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Thursday 6th February
Year 5 Class Mass - Parents Welcome
1:30pm

Thursday 13th February
End of Term 3

FACTS AND CHALLENGES



RSPB Big Bird/ Garden Watch

Yesterday, as part of outdoor learning Foundation class did a spot of bird watching they also made their own binoculars to take home. The RSPB are encouraging us all to take part in the garden watch and record what we have seen.

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. So far there are 192,312 people signed up, if you go to this [link](#) you can sign up or the website has lots of lovely resources for you to do with your children. It is really important we look after our wildlife and nature. I hope you enjoy looking out for all our lovely birds!



Writing Challenge

1. Write about how to make hot chocolate.
2. Write an acrostic poem about winter.
3. Write about a favourite character you read in a book..

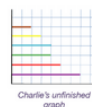


Maths Challenges

You Never Get a Six

Tom, Vincent, Charlie and Edward were playing with dice. They made lists of all their throws and then drew graphs of their results. They decided to make each of the numbers on the dice a different colour on the graphs.

Who threw the most sixes?
How many of each number were thrown altogether?
What percentage of the throws were sixes?



nrich.maths.org

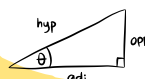
Start off with a tower with 3 cubes

Build a tower the same as the one you have already.

Put them on top of each other.
How many do you have now?



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



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

