



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

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

#### Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in Foundation have enjoyed the Story of Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk, writing labels to set up a sweet shop. They have been learning about materials used in castles and created art in the style of Alma Thomas.

This week Year 1 have been exploring how to ask, write and respond to questions. In the role of Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf, there was excellent use of question words and punctuation. A particular favourite was: "What is that awful smell?"

Year 2 have been enjoying finding out about the artist Lowry and creating their own observational drawings using pencil, charcoal and paint. We have also been learning about Meerkats in our English writing and have been using technical vocabulary to improve our ideas and statement sentences. In maths we have been learning about different coins and notes in our topic Money. We are learning to calculate coins, notes and change.

Year 3 have been learning Volcanoes and this week have considered the pros and cons of living next to a Volcano. They have also been writing their newspaper reports linked to the story of Escape from Pompeii.

In Science Y4 was learning in Science about the function of the teeth, we continued to read the our exciting book: The great food bank heist. Based on the story, in English, we have written the story opening using fronted adverbials and extended noun phrases.

In Year 5 this week we have been writing a narrative based on Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom. Year five have worked really hard to use adventurous vocabulary and as a result have some very vivid descriptions of the island that Michael finds himself upon.

This week in Art Year 6 have been exploring the different ways that artists use shading to create light and dark in still life to make objects look 3 dimensional. They explored colour mixing of different tones of one colour to create a painting of an apple. They had to use the different tones that they made to create the light and dark in their painting to make the apple appear 3D.

**Psst! Dont Forget...** Year 6 you are welcome to join Arithmetic club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Mrs Withers 8-8:30am. Its a great way to start the day.

It has been another busy week including interviews for a replacement for Mr Matchett-I hope to be able to inform you in the next few weeks with who his successor will be, we are excited at the potential of a new staff member joining our team. This week has been a jam packed one with the Synod, our Trust advisor Mrs Tibble visiting, a visit from our CEO, the Jubilee launch and our parents evenings I think we are ready for a well deserved rest and family time this weekend. Thank you to all our families for your time and interactions at our Parents evenings including feedback via our parent survey. I will organise a Year 3 and 4 parents evening next term when Mrs Franklin returns.

Have an amazing 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 Joshua.



### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus announces his mission to the people of Nazareth by quoting the prophet Isaiah. Jesus was always faithful in worship and reading Scripture. We also treat our book of Scripture with reverence and respect. We have a special place for it beside a lighted candle, we process with it, the priest kisses the book and handles it with reverence. Just as Jesus did we know it is the Word of God for us today and always.

Do we recognise that when we listen to scripture being read to us we are listening to God speaking to us through the words we hear? Perhaps we might try to read a passage slowly and reflectively two or three times, allowing time for particular words or phrases to touch us, and spending time with these words. Allow them to connect with our personal situations, relationships, decisions. Jesus told his listeners that his mission was to bring the good news to the poor, set the captives free, give sight to the blind, and freedom to those who suffer. In what practical way can I bring good news to someone who is going through a tough time today?



Scripture

Find a passage from the Gospels that you've not read before - reflect on what it might mean to you.

Scripture

Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writings that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and speaks to us throughout our 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  
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Guide - Outsmart online Ads and Traps

Better Internet for Kids (BIK) have put together a really useful guide in relation to games, ads and scams.

This guide will give you some useful tips and hopefully some ideas on what to talk about with your child to keep them safe online.

Click on the image to read the below guide.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



- Foundation:** Matilda – for always being ready for learning and being keen to join in with all areas of learning!  
**Year 1:** Eby for his excellent effort in maths, estimating on a number line.  
**Year 2:** Amanda for her calculation skills when solving money problems.  
**Year 3:** For excellent contributions to learning and offering help to adults.  
**Year 4:** Liljana for creating positive atmosphere for everyone and approaching each learning task with dedication and focus,  
**Year 5:** Summer for brilliant work creating expanded noun phrases with great adjective choices.  
**Year 6:** Matthew for working hard on developing his writing in English– some excellent editing skills.

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!

It has been a busy week with parents evenings, thank you to Mrs Simons for helping with drinks and supporting the others teachers. Thank you also to those who have supported our school book fair already, We have already made a good amount which will lead to us being able to choose free books for the school as well.

We have also received some kind gifts through the Amazon wish list this week. Many thanks!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.69%

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 - 96.17%
- Year 1 - 92.96%
- Year 2 - 96.65%
- Year 3 - 97.04%
- Year 4 - 95.02%
- Year 5 - 98.47%
- Year 6 - 99.23%

Happier January  
Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

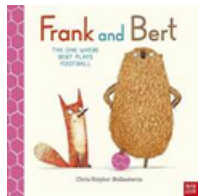


## Recommended Reads

## READING CORNER

### Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Plays Football - Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

Frank is helping his best friend Bert to improve his football skills, but when Barbara invites Frank for a kick-about, Bert is left behind. Funny and heart-warming, this gloriously-illustrated picture book demonstrates the importance of friendship.



### One Day - Michael Rosen

A hard-hitting picture book which tells the true story of a Holocaust survivor. This important book explores dark events in a sensitive but unflinching way.



### Time Keys: Hunt For the Golden Scarab - M G Leonard

This gripping, thrill-packed, time slip adventure whisks readers away to Egypt, both ancient and modern, and is full of fascinating historical detail lived in the first person.



## SKIPPING CHALLENGE

Thank you so much for giving the playground challenge a go last term St. Norbert's!

The results taken across four schools has highlighted 265 participants with approx 169 having repeated attempts, so we are really pleased with St.

Norbert's participation and engagement in sport across our school.

This week we presented individual certificates to winning individuals and celebrated their achievements. We are now looking forward to this term's challenge which is a nice simple shuttle run.

How many times can you sprint back and forth over 5m in 20 seconds? We are looking for school staff to take part and the running club on a Friday will get a chance to record their challenge...do we have any parents interested in having a go? Look forward to seeing lots of St. Norbert's names in the challenge this term.

## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 22nd January - 28th January**  
School Book Fair

**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

### Geography Spotlight

National Geographic Scientists have discovered the world's largest coral growing in waters of the Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands are located in the South-West Pacific. The healthy coral which is called Pavona Clavus, is over 32 metres long. This is longer than a blue whale! It's also 34m wide and 5.5m high. It is so big it can be seen from space!

The coral is mostly brown in colour, but it also has vivid yellow, blue and red dots. It is made of one billion tiny individual creatures called polyps. They have grown together for at least 300 Years. The coral is home to lots of marine species including reef fish, crabs and shrimps.

Source: page 4 National Geographic Kids magazine Feb edition.

### Writing Challenge

1. What is something you love about winter? What is something you don't love?
2. Write an acrostic poem using the word Winter, Snow, or Cold.
3. Write about a time that something unexpected happened in winter.



### 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

[nrich.maths.org](http://nrich.maths.org)



#### Strike it Out

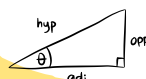


Try this game: draw a number line from 1 to 20. The first player picks two numbers, crosses them out and circles either their sum or their difference. The second player crosses out the circled number and another number that's still left, and again circle the sum or the difference.

The winner is the person who stops their opponent from being able to move!

Thousands more problems can be found on the NRich maths website:  
<http://nrich.maths.org>

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](#)

