



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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Thursday 13th February 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Knowledge

Value of the Month
Trust

LET US PRAY

Lord, your ways lead us to happiness. Help us to bring your hope and happiness to a hopeless world.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

As the children in Foundation come to an end of their topic about castles, they have considered would ice be a good material to use to build a castle? They enjoyed exploring with real ice, what is made of and what happens when it melts. They have enjoyed using our ice castles in their imaginary play. In math's they have moved on to learning 6, 7, and 8 and have enjoyed exploring the parts that make up the whole.

Year 1 have been so excited to watch CCTV footage of an alien craft landing. They just knew it was Beegu! They went out onto the playground to find a silver box, filled with treats and a little thank you note from Beegu for their amazing letters.

This week in Year 2 they have been enjoying learning more about Kenya and how the Massai Men do a special Jump Dance in their tribes. They have been composing our own Poetry in English and using adjectives to help describe the features of a lion. Our Maths learning has developed our understanding of multiplication using 'lots of' and 'groups of' objects to help calculate larger amounts without counting every object.

Year 3 enjoyed the live session discussing online safety and Hacking. They have enjoyed their PE and the exploration and challenges that they have experienced in their games. They have really enjoyed our book Escape from Pompeii and experienced and learned some great new language.

In Year 5 this week we have been writing our newspaper reports about the unusual happenings in the picture book Tuesday by David Wiesner. In this story a pond of frogs take an unusual journey flying through the sky causing mischief throughout the town. Our newspaper reports report on the appearance of lily pads on the road, the missing washing from the line and the one man who saw the frogs fly.

This week year 6 have been working hard in their RE lessons learning about the seven sacraments and how they form part of the church's year. They have written a non-chronological report about the sacraments and created a poster of basic information about each one. Can you name all the sacraments? Ask a Year 6!

Psst! Don't 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. If you have never been before you are welcome to join next term.

Year 6 already in this club have been keen to keep up their revision over the half term click [here](#) to access some fantastic revision materials.

Remember if you are entering my Children's Mental Health Bunting Challenge to bring the flags in on Monday 24th February please!

Have an amazing half term and stay safe, I look forward to seeing what adventures Lent Term 2 brings!

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 having a holiday himself, we hope you enjoy yours.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The crowds had followed Jesus to listen to him teach and to be healed if they were sick. When Jesus sat down and began to teach beside the Sea of Galilee, the people gathered on the hillside around him. This is why today's reading is often called 'The sermon on the Mount'. Jesus gave four examples of happiness that do not match what society believes. So what was Jesus telling us in this sermon? If we open our hearts and lives to God's faithful love we will know the true happiness that Jesus spoke of.

The things that we think we need to be happy and successful are exposed as being of no value at all in God's economy. The beatitudes provide us with the heart of the Christian way of life. It takes complete trust to live the beatitudes. Jesus is asking us for that complete trust in God, no matter what our condition in life.



Responsibility

One of the things which helps to give this sense of community is that everyone is there with the intentions of serving others.

How can we serve others in our school, parish and local community?
Are there events we can support?

Responsibility

We all have rights and responsibilities. Jesus tells us that we have a responsibility to serve those around us and work for a world where everybody has what they need and deserve. We are called to work for a fair and just society and we all have a part to play in making it a reality

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 Deputy Mrs. Hibbert
jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk
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Screen time - Brain Rot?

I have never been a fan of the word 'screen time'. It tells us nothing, there's no context, yet is used by the media to instil and exacerbate fears upon parents leading to other concerns such as addiction. Screen 'time' can be a factor, but screen 'use' is much more important, this gives us context - what are they doing and why?

I came across an article in The Guardian which I thought was so well written and thought provoking, written by real experts, not self proclaimed or media-hyped experts, which gives a much more balanced view of screen time and what the science does and does not tell us. It's definitely worth a read and you can find the article [HERE](#).

For Parents - What is Kick Streaming?

Many parents will be aware of Twitch, especially if their children are gamers. Owned by Amazon it has become incredibly popular over the years for children to either watch live streams or to live stream themselves. But in the past there's been plenty of controversy about the platform, particularly in relation to restrictions that imposed upon streamers. So it's no surprise to see other platforms becoming more popular and one of those platforms is Kick (not to be confused with Kik Messenger).

It was launched in 2022, users should be 13+ and it follows the same process as Twitch where live streamers can make money. However, much of the content on Kick is adult in nature.

Internet Matters has a good article about Kick and it may be useful to share this with your parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).

- Alan Mackenzie, <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Nicu for Making great progress in phonics, blending to read words, Independently!

Year 1: Aya for her positive attitude and battling her fear of swimming!

Year 2: George for his consistent focus and attitude to learning this week, tackling every task and activity carefully and quickly.

Year 3: Eliza H for her commitment and effort in her work.

Year 4: All Year 4 for being adaptable to change this term.

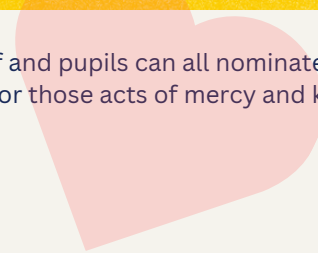
Year 5: Dragos for trying hard writing a newspaper report based on the book Tuesday by David Wiesner

Year 6: Maya C for her continued dedication and hard work as a Sports Leader-organizing timetables and playing an active role in representing the school in a variety of sports.

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.



ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.56%

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 - 93.1%
Year 1 - 93.81%
Year 2 - 93.33%
Year 3 - 94.29%
Year 4 - 99.01%
Year 5 - 93.81%
Year 6 - 99.51%

**Friendly February
Human Dignity CST**

WELLBEING

16
Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17
Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18
Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19
Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20
Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21
Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22
Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

Boing! A Bouncy Book of Bugs - James Carter

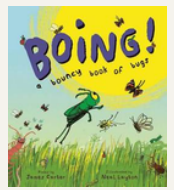
A bouncy book of poems about bugs and minibeasts, with fantastic illustrations, in picture book format. From butterflies and grasshoppers to ladybirds and mosquitoes, there is a lot to enjoy about bugs – especially when told in a bouncy, humorous rhyme.

Squirrel and Duck: Mission Improbable - Tom Percival

When Squirrel and Duck's home is demolished, they embark on an eventful mission to track down a valuable stolen painting and make their fortune. This laugh-out-loud adventure is accompanied by lively black-and-white illustrations.

School for Fireflies- Erica Gomez

Best friends and amateur detectives Zadie and Siddy discover they are magical and join a school for Fireflies. Along the way, they must solve a historical mystery that caused the disappearance of Siddy's dad.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Well done to all those children who have received a star badge this week. These are pupils who have maintained full marks for their challenge 4 times in a row. Please take time to look at these challenges at home when they are sent home each week.

Year 1 White Star - Kiara, Greta, Oliver
Red Star - Leah

Year 2 Red Star - Albert, Oliver, Makar,
Sebastian S.

Year 3 Gold Star - Dilanas, Erin
Silver Star - Natalie, Olivia

Year 5 Platinum Star - Levon

Year 6 Gold - Adam
Platinum +2 - Maya A, Joan, Levana



DIARY DATES

Friday 14th February

INSET Day - No children in School

Monday 24th February

Start of Term 4

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday Mass at church 9:30
Please let the office know if you are able to support with walking to and from church.

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 12th March

Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word
Parents welcome 2:50pm

FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Fun Geography facts to impress your friends and family with!

Following our very fun outdoor learning day with Year 5 this week here are some fun fungus facts for you!

- Some fungus are big, incredibly old and some can even turn ants into zombies!
- Some can glow in the dark! Strange as it sounds, some mushrooms are bioluminescent.
- They're more like us than plants. A fungus is neither plant nor animal and belongs to its own 'fungi kingdom'. But, genetically speaking, they're more closely related to animals than plants
- Some eat 50,000 leaves a day.
- The largest living thing on Earth is a fungus.
- Our feet contain more than 200 types of fungi.

For more wonderful information and fabulous videos and images please visit the source of this information: [CLICK HERE](#)

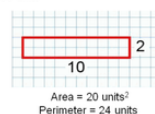
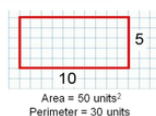
Writing Challenge

1. Write a poem about a world where February 29 occurs every year.
2. Discover and write about an unsung hero from history who deserves recognition.
3. Send a postcard to a friend, describing an imaginary adventure in a foreign land.

Maths Challenges

Can They Be Equal?

Can you find a rectangle where the perimeter and the area have the same numerical value?



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The Deca Tree

The deca tree has 10 trunks.

On each trunk there are 10 branches.

On each branch there are 10 twigs.

On each twig there are 10 leaves.



One day a woodcutter came along and cut down one trunk from the tree.

Then he cut off one branch from another trunk of the tree.

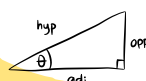
He then cut off one twig from another branch.

Finally he pulled one leaf from another twig.

How many leaves were left on the tree?

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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](#)



SPORTING NEWS

HOCKEY

On Friday the 7th February we took two teams to Surfleet Hockey Tournament. The A Team worked really well defensively against some difficult teams. The attack were also very strong and worked exceptionally well to make some very close attempts. The final outcome for their matches were two draws and two loses. We are incredibly proud of how well you played together and the progress you have made as a team.

The B Team had an excellent tournament and despite having very few training sessions together put on an exception performance, winning three of their matches and drawing one. With further training, we will certainly see this team go from strength to strength.

By Sports Leaders Matthew and Oscar



CROSS COUNTRY

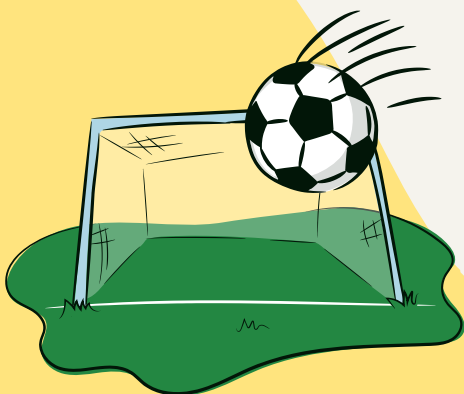


Cross Country was amazing! We had the opportunity to complete in a race and represent our school. We all had a great time racing different schools from around Lincolnshire. Thank you to the staff who came with us and encouraged us throughout our races.

Overall we came joint second as a school and the girls were second individually. We all tried our best, supported and encouraged each other. Well Done St. Norbert's.

By Sports Leaders Maddie and Hugo

FOOTBALL



Despite the cold and wet conditions on Monday the Year 6 girls played Monkhouse at home. The team played amazingly well together, making some great passes and despite a challenging defence from the opposition, St. Norbert's took the victory 3-2!

By Sports Leaders Scarlett and Daria



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

The last day to order Krispy Kreme Donuts is Monday 10th February. Please ensure you send any money in a labelled envelope. £10 per box.



There are still squares available for our World Book Day Fundraiser, with some fantastic prizes to be won including sweet treats, books a Nintendo Switch with games. Squares available to purchase before and after school £1 per square. Or send a labelled envelope into school.



THE CHOIR

Our fantastic school choir led by Mrs Nespoli, will be competing on Thursday evening at Springfields, alongside other local choirs. We wish them the best of luck and can not wait to hear all about how they have got on.

