



# 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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Friday 7th February 2025

### VIRTUES AND VALUES

**Virtue of the term**  
Knowledge

**Value of the Month**  
Trust

### LET US PRAY

Lord, you call each one of  
us to follow you. Give us the  
courage to respond and  
bring others to know and  
follow you too.  
Amen.

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

#### Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Wow how amazing were Foundation at sharing their message in worship about caring for ourselves, others and our world. They will be looking out for people completing the mission this week!

This week, Year 1 have been so excited to have received a special letter from Beegu, a little yellow alien. They are currently learning how to write a letter back with all the features and information. We cannot wait to see what happens next.

In Year 2 this week we have been researching different animals living in Kenya and finding out about their lives. We have been using search engines to search and locate interesting facts to help us understand how they live. We have also been learning about multiplication and division in our maths work - finding out how many groups of different numbers can make a larger number. We are beginning to learn to recite our times tables and recall multiplication facts off by heart. In English this week we have been learning Animals poems from the 'Carnival of the Animals' book by Michael Morpurgo. We even created our very own 'Who are you?' poem today looking at different features.

Year 3 have really enjoyed our hot seating this week, taking on the roles of reporter and villager. They have asked and answered some really interesting questions related to our English Book, Escape from Pompeii.

Y4 this week experimented during the Science lesson, we have been investigating if the standard toothpaste is better than mix of toothpaste with bicarbonate of soda for cleaning the chocolate stains of the plates. The results were very surprising and different from our predictions. We also, celebrated the National Storytelling Week by joining the workshop of children's author Tola Okogwu and we enjoyed reading the new class book Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

In Year 5 this week we have been working to create stop motion animations. We created a plasticine figure and slowly moved it taking hundreds of pictures. We then put those pictures together to create some fantastic animations.

This week Year 6 had their class Mass with Fr. Paul. It was a very special time spent together reflecting on the importance of taking time to be quiet and still to listen to God. They thought about the Gospel story of The Road to Emmaus when two of the disciples walked and talked with Jesus about the wonders of faith, without even realizing they were with Jesus. It is important to remember that Jesus can appear to us in many ways and through other people to guide us during difficult times.

**Psst! Don't Forget...** Year 6 you are welcome to join Arithmetic club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Mrs Withers 8-8:30am. It's a great way to start the day.

We have had a fantastic week focusing on Children's Mental Health, the children have really enjoyed this year's theme of, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself!' They have been able to make some fantastic links between how ensuring protected characteristics and British Values are upheld can positively impact upon our wellbeing.

I have set a challenge for families between now and Monday 24th February, I am hoping when we return after half term lots of you will have entered my 'Wellbeing Bunting' challenge creating a piece of bunting to promote positive mental health. Once I have all the entries they will be used to create a display in our Nurture Room. I cannot wait to see those DT sewing skills in action! Keep Stitching!  
Have an amazing 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!

Norbert will be going home with Noah.



### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Because of the crowds, Jesus climbed into Simon's boat to teach. Later he told Peter to go out deeper and put his nets into the sea. Why did Peter not think this was a good idea? Despite being tired and disappointed he trusted Jesus enough to do as Jesus asked. Did Peter and his friends manage to catch any fish that day? How would they have felt? What would this have told them about Jesus? What did they do when Jesus invited them to follow him?

Just as Jesus asked Simon Peter to take a risk by going back out into deep water, so he asks us to take a risk for him too. Our deep water may be way over our heads. Jesus asks us to have faith in him. Courage and boldness are what we require to answer 'yes' to the call to be Christian today. What is our response to the call of God to leave everything and follow him? Are there ways in which you are already sharing in the task of being a 'fisher' of people? In what ways are you being asked to put out into deep water today?



**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

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**App - Red Note**

With the possible demise of TikTok in the U.S. Meta (Facebook and Instagram) are trying to entice TikTok users onto their platforms, other apps are trying to move in on the popularity. One such app which appears to have come out of nowhere is Red Note. Like TikTok it comes from China and is in the top 10 charts in the UK. It's difficult to know how popular this will be or whether it's just a fad, after all the potential ban is in the U.S. However, many of the influencers that children and young people follow are (or were) on TikTok, they have had to move to other apps, so their fans will follow. If you would like to see an article on Red Note, my colleague Wayne Denner has written 'is RedNote App the Next TikTok?' which you can find [HERE](#).

**For Parents - What is Doomscrolling?**

Doomscrolling is where someone gets caught in a continuous cycle of negativity and fits in perfectly with algorithmic literacy above. Whilst doomscrolling is often intentional, it can also be a result of the decisions the algorithm makes and being led down a rabbit hole of doom. This can have ongoing effects such as anxiety and other negative effects on wellbeing. Internet Matters has a great article about doomscrolling, including things to look out for and advice for parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).

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

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**Foundation:** Neila for her enthusiasm for reading, practicing her phonics book during her own learning in class! Super blending!

**Year 1:** Divina for her amazing writing in RE and English this week.

**Year 2:** Jack for his amazing recall of times tables facts including the 12x tables! Wow!

**Year 3:** Emily for her enthusiasm in RE and Maths and having her hand up to answer questions.

**Year 4:** Chance for being brilliant mathematician. He demonstrated the ability to solve word problems and explaining them thoroughly.

**Year 5:** Oskars for working really hard as part of a team to create a fantastic stop motion animation.

**Year 6:** Joan for improved confidence in her reading and being brave enough to read in our Class Mass.

**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.

Blanka for a beautiful piece of Artwork she made for Mrs Withers.

Some of our fantastic girls football team who volunteered to play for the opposition as they did not have enough players.

Alice in Year 6 for her kind book prize donation

**ATTENDANCE**

**Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.53%**

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 - 90%  
Year 1 - 85.33%  
Year 2 - 96%  
Year 3 - 97.33%  
Year 4 - 95.17%  
Year 5 - 96.64%  
Year 6 - 99.31%

**Friendly February****Human Dignity CST****WELLBEING**

**9**  
Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

**10**  
Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

**11**  
Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

**12**  
Focus on being kind rather than being right

**13**  
Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

**14**  
Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

**15**  
Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

## Recommended Reads

## READING CORNER

### Detective Stanley and the Mystery at the Museum - Ruby Hannah Tunnicliffe

Stanley the Detective dog is brought out of retirement for one last intriguing case in this highly illustrated and hilarious mystery story.

### How to Survive on the Moon: Lunar Lessons from a Rocket Scientist - Joalda Morancy

ThA rocket scientist's guide to surviving on the moon; a real insight into what it would take to live a lunar life, and why humans might do it in the first place.

### Dragon Riders of Roar - Jenny McLachlan

This welcome return to the land of Roar will delight existing fans of the series but can also be enjoyed by readers coming to Roar for the first time.



## 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 3 - Silver Star Milita, Eliza H

Year 6 - Platinum +2 Cadence, Bhagavad, Julia, Ariel, Hugo, Matthew, Chloe, Alex  
Platinum - Eliza  
Platinum +1 - Oliwia

Year 4 - Gold Star Kaeden  
Platinum - Zuzanna and Igor  
Platinum +1 - Noah and Lily

Year 5 -Platinum Hunor



## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 13th February**  
**Wear Something you love Non-Uniform!**  
End of Term 3

**Friday 14th February**  
**INSET Day - No children in School**

**Monday 24th February**  
Start of Term 4

## FACTS AND CHALLENGES

### Fun Geography facts to impress your friends and family with!

- The Pacific Ocean makes up one third of the entire Earth.
- Coral reefs may seem like pretty, colourful rocks, they are living creatures called coral.
- The largest reef system in the world is named The Great Barrier Reef. This reef is located off the coast of Australia and can even be seen from space!
- Hurricanes rotate in different directions depending which hemisphere they are in. This is due to something named 'the Coriolis force'.
- The continent of Africa has the countries within it. Africa contains 54 different countries.
- The continents are currently shifting around the Earth at a rate similar to that at which your fingernails are growing.
- The largest producer and exporter of mangoes in the world is India in the continent of Asia.
- The colour red appears on many national flags; 155 national flags feature red in them!

Source 300 Geography facts for children book, published by Kentish Press.

### Writing Challenge

1. Share your dream vacation destination and all the exciting adventures you'd have there.
2. Design a time machine and write a letter to your future self.
3. Share a story about a day when you discover you can communicate with animals.

### Maths Challenges

#### Legs Eleven

Take a four-digit number: 3527.

Move the first digit to the back of the queue and move the rest along, giving 5273.

Now add your two numbers.



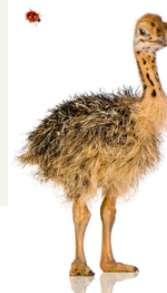
Now try a few other four-digit numbers. What do all your answers have in common?

Why?

Does it work for two-digit, three-digit, five-digit, 38-digit ... numbers?

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#### Noah



Noah saw 12 legs walk by into the Ark.

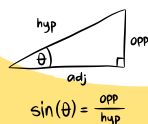
How many creatures could he have seen?

How many different answers can you find?



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



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





This Children's Mental Health Week why not explore Lumi Nova:

Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children who are struggling with their mental health.

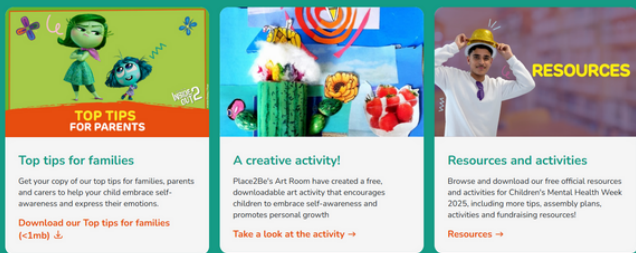
It is a game for children ages 7-12 in which they can self manage worries and build resilience.

The app is free to all Lincolnshire families Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Place2Be

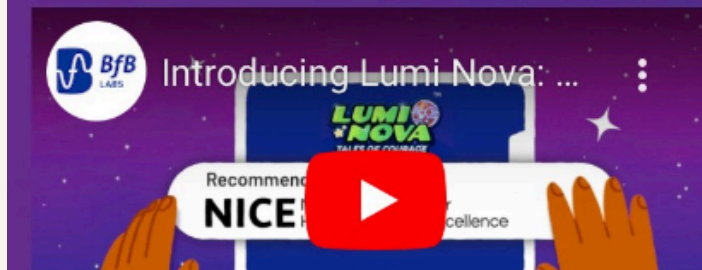
You might also find the family section below useful to support your child with their well-being. Click [HERE](#).

#### Resources for families, parents and carers



**Get instant access to a fun digital therapy app to help your child self manage their worries.**

**Free for families in Lincolnshire**



## CROSS COUNTRY



A huge congratulations to our cross country competitors. Both the boys and girls teams took third place among a number of other schools in the area - Well done!

## FOOTBALL



On Thursday, our girls football team played Crowland Primary School at home. They played a magnificent game, winning 6-2, which is fantastic! As the opposition were short on players, some of our girls volunteered to play for the opposition. We are incredibly proud of your team work and integrity - congratulations!





## 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.



## NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

Thank you to our wonderful Reading Ambassadors who have been sharing stories with Foundation and Key Stage 1 as part of National Storytelling Week.

