



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 21st March 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Honesty

Value of the Month
Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Father in heaven, for the sake of bringing others closer to you, we give you today, all that we think and do and say, and we join it with all that was done by Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

In Foundation the children enjoyed a dance workshop – Alice in Wonderland! They helped tell the story with their performance to the whole school which was fantastic. They have enjoyed learning facts about Penguins and making a Leaflet! EYFS had a wonderful time learning a dance for the Alice In Wonderland Musical Theatre Workshop. The children's favourite move was pretending to be a bunny rabbit and a cat. They all did a super job remembering and following the moves they were given. They were all very brave in the performance to the whole school.

In Science this week, Year 1 were amazing at recalling the wild plants in our school grounds, even remembering the traditional use of dock leaves! This week, they learned about common garden plants, playing matching memory games and becoming budding designers, planning their own gardens and giving reasons for their choices.

In Year 2 this week we have been investigating and learning a little more about the Spalding Flower Parade and how the flowers were grown, collected and displayed on the floats. We have enjoyed watching the old Pathe footage of past parades and enjoyed seeing different views of Spalding in the past. We have also been learning about Length and height in Maths. We have been measuring lines of different lengths and we measured different objects which were taller than 30cm or less than 30cm in the outdoor area.

Year 3 were amazing in the production of Alice in Wonderland. They created some amazing cave drawings in Forest School and have worked really hard all week. They are looking forward to making their soup next week and evaluating the taste.

Y4 this week in RE learnt about The Acts of Mercy and how they can live them out in daily life.

In science lesson we created food chains and learnt about preys and predators. In English lessons we have been writing newspaper reports about the events which happened in the book "The Iron Man".

In Year 5 this week we have been learning about the Mayan civilisation. We have enjoyed learning about what they believed and how they would worship their gods.

This week Year 6 have been enjoying developing some team games and working on the skill of connecting with others by winning with grace and respect. Two groups demonstrated this excellently by clapping and cheering the winning team at the end of each game.

Psst! Don't Forget... Year 6 you are welcome to join Arithmetic and Reasoning club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Mrs Withers 8-8:30am. It's a great way to start the day. If you have never been before you are welcome to join we are focusing on reasoning at the moment, click [here](#) to access some fantastic revision materials.

Year 3 and 4 Parents Evening: If you are having any difficulty booking an appointment please make contact with us.

This week has been busy and we all enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland Workshops at the start of the week. Thank you to all our families for your swift support and offers of help following the school closure yesterday. Several families offered plumbing support. Fortunately we managed to get the issue solved during the afternoon. I hope you all have a restful family weekend and I look forward to another busy week from 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 is going home this week with Iris.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we hear a parable that also calls us to think about these qualities. Let's listen carefully to this parable so that we can consider these qualities that God shows towards us.

God is patient with us, even when we turn away from him and sin. God is always hopeful that we will ask for his forgiveness. God doesn't give up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that he intends for us to be. During Lent, we remember that God helps us—reaching out to us with love, patience, and hopefulness that we will return to him in love.



Almsgiving

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.

Almsgiving

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others.

Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

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

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My Family's Digital Toolkit

Get personalised online safety advice, giving you everything you need to keep your child safe.

- Get age-specific advice and tips to support your children online
- Learn about popular apps and platforms your children use
- Get information about how to deal with any online safety concerns
- Get recommendations for digital tools to support their interests and wellbeing

In addition to the personalised resource pack, you can subscribe to receive regular online safety updates. Get your toolkit to start building a safer digital environment for your family today or share it with yourself to do it later.

Click [HERE](#) for more information



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Seby for his enthusiasm while joining in with our workshop dance – Alice in Wonderland.

Year 1: Natalia for her excellent effort and fabulous settling in at St Norbert's .

Year 2: Emily for her exceptional Maths assessment results this week.

Year 3: Milita for her focused effort and hard work so far this year.

Year 4: Augustas, always excited to learn, listens carefully during lessons and shares ideas in class discussions.

Year 5 : Ethan for excellent contributions to discussions in maths lessons.

Year 6: Oliver for excellent improvements in his responses in reading.

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.

We say 'Thank you' to another gift from our school Amazon Wishlist this week.

A huge thank you to The Rotary Club that have donated £500
Thank you to the Burton Family who have gifted us A Beebot and all sorts of resources-Amazing!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 100%

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 - 99.1%
- Year 1 - 92.9%
- Year 2 - 95.8%
- Year 3 - 100%
- Year 4 - 95.7%
- Year 5 - 92.9%
- Year 6 - 95.8%

Mindful March

Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

23

Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24

Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25

Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26

Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27

Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28

Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29

Choose a different route today and see what you notice

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

Water Songs: A Cascade of Poems - Mandy Ross

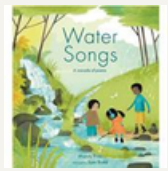
Featuring poems about the many songs of water, from the cracks of glaciers and the whirl of blizzards to the rushing of rivers and the crashing of the sea, Mandy Ross considers water in all its diversity in this illustrated collection of new poems.

My Dog - Olivia Wakeford

Rhys has to move to London from Wales, to live with his dad. But Dad doesn't know about his new dog Worthington . . . Beautifully moving.

Vanya and the Wild Hunt - Sangu Mandanna

11-year-old Vanya is catapulted into a world of magic and monsters when she joins the enchanted school of Auramere. There, she must battle against the forces of the Old Ones and a dark family secret..



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 Red Star - Jaynie; Reggie.

Year 5 Platinum - Oskars, Ethan, Aiden and Jack

Year 6 Platinum +3 - Scarlett, Maya C, Isabella, Madeleine, Oscar, Toby, Alice, Bhagavad, Hugo, Chloe, Cadence, Ariel, Julia, Matthew



DIARY DATES

Friday 28th March
Big Lent Walk

Friday 28th March
Mother's and Others Day Coffee
Morning 9am

Tuesday 1st April
Easter Play 2pm Years 3/4/5

Jubilee Church Mass with Bishop Patrick at church 7pm

Friday 4th April
End of term 4

WORLD POETRY DAY

Believed to have its origin in the 1930s, World Poetry Day is now celebrated in hundreds of countries around the world. This day provides a perfect opportunity to examine poets and their craft in the classroom.

You can find out more about different types of poetry and how to write your own [HERE](#) just like this cinquain.

To write a cinquain, pick something you like, such as ice cream, and describe it, or how you feel about it, with 2 syllables on the first line, 4 on the second line, and so on, remembering to make your last line 2 syllables, like this:

Ice cream.
Cold and yummy.
It's such a tasty treat
to have on hot summer days like
today.

Writing Challenge

1. You have found a four-leaf clover and you get to make a wish. What would you wish for and why?
2. You have a magical piece of sidewalk chalk that makes anything you draw come to life. What would you draw first and why?
3. To celebrate World Poetry Day on March 21st, can you write an acrostic poem for the month of MARCH?

Maths Challenges

Stone-Age Counting

Could these drawings represent counting things?
What might 'stone-age' people count?
Try and make up your own way of recording counting.

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

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Strike it Out

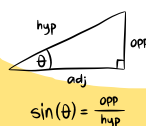
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Try this game: draw a number line from 0 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!

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

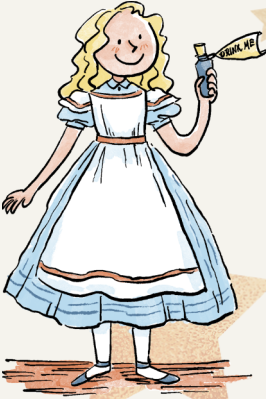


[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)



ALICE IN WONDERLAND DANCE WORKSHOP

On Monday morning, the whole school took part in a dance workshop centred around Alice in Wonderland led by a West End dancer. The children all took part in a 30min dance session during the day to re-tell a part of the story to show action and emotion. At the end of the day, the whole school came together to dance their part of the story together in sequence. It was a really lovely performance and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



WORLD WATER DAY - 22ND MARCH



On World Water Day, we are reminded of the essential role that water plays in sustaining life and nourishing the earth. As Catholics, we recognise water as a precious gift from God – a symbol of life, purification and renewal. Let us explore the significance of water and reflect on our responsibility to care for this precious resource.

As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to care for the earth and all its inhabitants, including the precious gift of water. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si’*, emphasises the importance of responsible stewardship of water resources, calling for greater awareness of the global water crisis and the need for sustainable water management practices. As Catholics, we are challenged to advocate for access to clean water for all people, particularly the most valuable and marginalised.

On this World Water Day, let us give thanks for the gift of water and renew our commitment to care for this precious resource. As Catholics, may we draw inspiration from the spiritual symbolism of water in our faith tradition and advocate for access to clean water for all. Let us also reflect on the deeper significance of water as a symbol of God’s love and grace, inviting us to drink deeply from the well of salvation and share its life-giving waters with all.