



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 28th February 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Honesty

Value of the Month
Trust

LET US PRAY

Lord, help us always to have goodness in our hearts so that our actions are good and kind. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Foundation are enjoying their new topic 'Around the World'. They have learnt a song about the 5 oceans and have been investigating floating and sinking! In RE they are beginning to think about how can they help more, care more and share more, this Lent!

In Year 1, the children have been learning all about the journey of the Emperor Penguin's egg from being laid to becoming a chick. The children were enraptured by real life footage and a fabulous story book, which helped them begin to recount these events. Miss Whyles is very impressed by the quality and determination of the writers in her class. Well done.

Year 2 have been learning about seed germination in Science this week. They have been able to label the parts of the seed and describe seed germination as it develops into a plant. They have also been developing four different types of sentences including questions, exclamations, commands and statements related to their new class text The Last Tree.

This week in Year 3 the children really enjoyed their drama with our 'Now Press Play' immersive experience. They delved into a science world of forces, getting into space suits and flying to the Moon! What a way to start a new learning topic, they thoroughly enjoyed it, watch this space for photographs.

Y4 have had their first dance session this week which is linked to their History lessons about Vikings. During their DT session children were researching the facts about Vikings food and drinks. Did you know the Vikings often kept a pot of stew simmering over the fire for days or even weeks???? Yummy!

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring life cycles in our science lessons and are working towards creating our own poetry in English based on the life cycle of a butterfly.

This week Year 6 started a new History topic learning about the Shang Dynasty. They explored how artefacts found in a tomb can inform us about different aspects of life in that time. The children looked at images of real artefacts found in the tomb of Fu Hao- a warrior queen from the Shang Dynasty and made inferences about the Shang Dynasty era.

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 we are focusing on reasoning at the moment, click [here](#) to access some fantastic revision materials.

WALKERS NEEDED! If you are available to walk with us to Ash Wednesday Mass next week please call the office we would be so grateful to have you join us.

Remember it is World Book Day next Thursday and plenty of time to buy £1 squares and be in with a chance of winning a Nintendo Switch, game bundle and other prizes. Just pop into the office or see Mrs Withers!

What a busy start to the term and in addition we seem to have experienced all seasons in one week, sunshine, wind, rain, hail and rainbows. Here's hoping we have a peaceful weekend and end to the month as Spring swiftly approaches.

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 with Ella this week.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

This week marks the start of Lent. Lent is a special time to help us get ready for Easter. We are especially encouraged in Lent to get rid of some of the things in our lives that keep us from remembering that God loves us, and for some people that means stopping eating something indulgent. However we should also try to do more of the things that bring us closer to God, and so some people will find extra time to pray or make a big effort to be forgiving, or not to argue with their family.

This week's Gospel reading encourages us to think of what they might do to grow closer to God, to grow as a disciple, this Lent.



Temperance

When you face a difficult situation this week, stop, take some time and pray about what the right decision might be.

Temperance

Temperance is about finding balance in our lives, enjoying God's gifts in moderation and avoiding excess. It's about self-control, discipline and making choices that honour our bodies and souls. Temperance isn't about deprivation; it's about freedom from the things that hold us back from living a full and joyful life in Christ. When we practice temperance, we cultivate a deeper relationship with God and discover true happiness.

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

Parental Controls: Deciding what's appropriate for children to see online

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Jason – for becoming more independent, taking ownership of his learning.
Year 1: Rayan for working hard on his independence skills in class as well as showing beautiful manners
Year 2: Antoni for being absolutely fabulous trying hard in his learning and sharing lots of lovely ideas in English with Mrs Simons.
Year 3: Oliver for his perseverance with Maths Fraction learning.
Year 4: Jayden for showing greater concentration, staying focused, and putting in an effort during learning activities.
Year 5: Amanda for super explanations in RE about what we can learn from Jesus' time in the desert.
Year 6: Maisy for some lovely work in English and RE this week.



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.

Thank you to all the families that completed my Mental Health Week Bunting Challenge. Once we have displayed them in the nurture room we will share a photograph-You should be proud of your incredible efforts!

Thank you to families that have donated costumes to our costume borrowing service for World Book Day!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 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 - 94%
Year 1 - 93.9%
Year 2 - 91.1%
Year 3 - 98.9%
Year 4 - 96.9%
Year 5 - 97.4%
Year 6 - 98.1%

**Friendly February
Human Dignity CST**

WELLBEING

- 1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness
- 2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world
- 3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive
- 4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words
- 6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down
- 7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

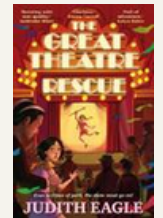
[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER



Kind Little Hands - Kathy Urban

A little boy is going about his day in the city when a bee drops from the sky into his outstretched hands. Spellbound by the perfect little creature, the boy also sees immediately that the bee is exhausted. Taking the bee to his grandfather for help, Grandpa suggests that they put the bee in his window box. When that doesn't work, Grandpa suggests they give the bee some sugar water. Slowly, the bee recovers and flies off. However, saving the bee has given the little boy a wonderful idea: if he and his Grandpa plant flower seeds across the city, then that will provide more places for the bees to find food and safety.

Don't Squish a Slug: A Wonderful Celebration of Marvellous Minibeasts - Yusef Rafik

Have you heard about the tongue-eating louse? Or the volcano snail? Do you know why the assassin bug is so named? Dive into a fascinating – and sometimes gory! - world of minibeasts.

This large-format book is a treasure trove of information about bugs or, rather, invertebrates. It's divided into five themed sections – on camouflage, defence mechanisms, record-breaking achievements, amazing ways minibeasts have evolved, and relationships (which are often parasitic).

The Great Theatre Rescue- Judith Eagle

Set in 1930s theatreland, this historical adventure is full of joy but also features shadowy characters, dramatic getaways, just the right level of jeopardy and some puzzling mysteries to unravel.

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 4 Platinum - Evie
Platinum +1 - Chance

Year 6 Platinum - Oliver
Platinum +2 - Daria, Don



DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd March

Football Fixture away at Monkhouse

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

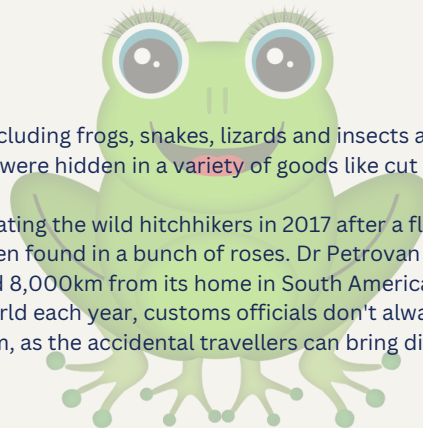
FACTS AND CHALLENGES

Geography News!

Wild Stowaways

At least 400 tropical creatures including frogs, snakes, lizards and insects accidentally arrived in the UK between 2021-2023. They were hidden in a variety of goods like cut flowers according to a Cambridge University study!

Dr Silviu Petrovan began investigating the wild hitchhikers in 2017 after a florist in Sheffield asked him to identify a frog that had been found in a bunch of roses. Dr Petrovan discovered that the Colombian tree frog had travelled 8,000km from its home in South America! Millions of plants and flowers are traded around the world each year, customs officials don't always spot the wildlife stowaways. That can be a problem, as the accidental travellers can bring diseases with them or become invasive pests.



Writing Challenge

1. Who is your favourite writer? What do you like about their writing?
2. World Book Day is celebrated on the first Thursday of March! To celebrate, can you write a report on your favourite storybook?
3. Try writing a story about the character you're dressing up as for World Book Day.

Maths Challenges

Gabriel's Problem

Gabriel wrote the numbers 1-9 in a 3x3 grid.

He then multiplied together all the numbers in each row and wrote the resulting product next to that row. He also multiplied the numbers in each column together, and wrote the product under that column.

He then rubbed out the numbers 1-9.

Can you work out where Gabriel placed the numbers 1-9 in the grid?

Did you have enough information, not enough, or exactly the right amount?

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			40
			378
60	21	288	

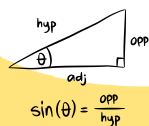


nrich.maths.org

LO: I can solve a problem
Noah saw 12 legs walk into the Ark. Which animals did he see?



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



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

The last day to buy £1 squares will be on World Book Day **Thursday 6th March.**



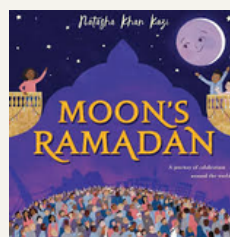
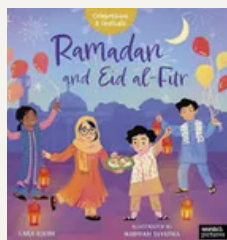
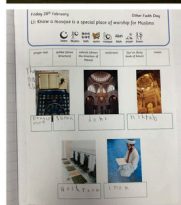
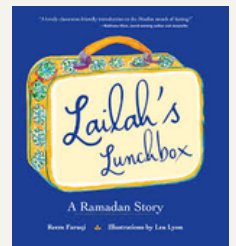
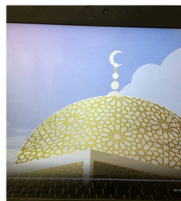
We have fantastic prizes to be won including sweet treats, books a Nintendo Switch with games. Squares available to purchase before and after school £1 per square. Or send a labelled envelope into school.



OTHER FAITH DAY - ISLAM

Across the school the children were learning about Islam on Friday 28th and in particular, Ramadan as Friday marked the start of the 30 days of Ramadan for Muslims ending in the feast of Eid al-fitr.

The children have all had a class book to share to support their understanding and have completed activities relevant to their age and stage to learn more about this period in the Islamic lunar calendar. We have also been able to draw comparisons between Ramadan and Lent, which will start for Christians next week.



Year 3 listened to a story about the Eid celebration. We created lanterns and decorated, and looked at the hand decorations. We know why Eid is celebrated.

PRIZES FOR CELEBRATING OTHER FAITH DAY BY LEARNING ABOUT RAMADAN AROUND THE WORLD