



# 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 March 2025

### VIRTUES AND VALUES

**Virtue of the term**  
Honesty

**Value of the Month**  
Co-operation

### LET US PRAY

Father, you always understand us and forgive us, even when we have done wrong. Help us to be more like you.  
Amen

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

#### Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Foundation children really enjoyed watching Poprox assembly, they have made wonderful decorations for Mother's Day and are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab!

This week in RE, Year 1 have been learning about ways Lent is celebrated around the world including May-pole dancing in Slovakia and chair drumming in Maltese churches. They absolutely loved the kite flying in Bermuda for Good Friday with the crosses supporting their kites reminding them of Jesus.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the Easter Story and how Jesus forgave our sins. We have been using and applying our mathematical strategies in our practice Maths assessments for Optional SATs. We have been completing our reading comprehensions and using our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar knowledge to answer questions. If you would like any further information for how you can support your child at home, please come and speak to school.

The Year 3 children had great fun and excitement making their soups this afternoon, we have some children with great chopping skills, they are taking their soup home to show and taste and then they will be evaluating next week in their DT lesson.

Year 4 enjoyed their dance session this week using our drama skills to perform the battle phrases of our routine. Also, they found out more about Vikings; where did they come from or why did they come to Britain. We have made a Viking stew, we used many different skills; peeling, cutting, slicing and then we tasted our delicious Viking stew! Yum!

In Year 5 this week we have been working really hard on our Easter play. We have been practising our acting and some catchy songs and are really looking forward to performing it next week.

This week Year 6 have been exploring the microscopic world of micro-organisms. They have learnt about different types of microbes and where they can be found, as well as investigating the classification system. Many were surprised that micro-organisms can be good for us and actually live on our skin, protecting us from infections.

**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. In addition I have been emailing each week some useful revision videos the children can refer to.

#### Jubilee Church Mass

We are joining with our Parish family for a special Mass with Bishop Patrick on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm, some staff and pupils of our school and St. Augustine's Stamford will be processing to church for this - we hope to see some of you there!

This week has been another busy and successful week in which Mr Elsam has started (Mr Matchett's replacement), we have had a Pop Rox Showcase, a wonderful Mothers Coffee Morning and Year 3 and 4 Parents Evening. As we edge closer to the end of term we still have plenty to look forward to including our CAFOD Lent Walk, Stations of the Cross, the Easter Production and our Spring Non-Uniform Day on the last day of term. We look forward to seeing you all next week and hope you have a wonderful 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 is going home this week with Finlay.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Why did the Pharisees want to stone the woman? How did they mean to trick Jesus? They wanted to see if Jesus would disobey the law and show the woman mercy. Jesus understands that we are often weak and do things that are wrong. He was always willing to give people another chance to be better and to change. Sometimes it is easy for us to see what other people are doing wrong, and hard to see our own faults. Jesus wants us to learn to be more forgiving of other people just as he is.

Are there times or situations when you find yourself being judgmental or too hasty in your judgments? What steps can you take to correct this attitude?



**Journey**

Spend some time in prayer thinking about your Lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.

**Journey**

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.

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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**For Parents - New TikTok Features**

During the 2nd week of March TikTok released some new features which will help with supervision. These new features include Time Away, a feature to decide when it's time for children to take a break and a reoccurring schedule. There's also a feature which allows parents to see who their children are following on TikTok.

More information about these new features can be found [HERE](#) and the full range of TikTok Family Pairing features can be found [HERE](#).



**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**



**Foundation:** for always choosing a challenge activity and kindly helping others. Showing real commitment to our Lenten Challenges

**Year 1:** Emilie for her excellent effort and determination in writing this week.

**Year 2:** Josephine for her excellent recall of the Easter Story this week.

**Year 3:** Alexander for always trying his best.

**Year 4:** Gustas for his reasoning skills in Maths.

**Year 5 :** Sydney for doing an amazing job learning so many lines for the Easter play

**Year 6:** Toby for acting as an excellent ambassador for the school at the Rugby Festival- showing resilience, teamwork and a positive attitude.



**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.

A huge Thank you to Mr Matchett this week who returned to school to handover to his replacement Mr Elsam I am sure you will all join us in making him feel welcomed into the St. Norbert's Family.

A special thank you to Mrs Szczygiel who has been doing a fanatsic job looking after Year 4 whilst Mrs Franklin recovers from her foot injury-you have been amazing!

**ATTENDANCE**

**Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.24%**

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 - 97.32%
Year 1 - 94.44%
Year 2 - 92.96%
Year 3 - 97.41%
Year 4 - 97.7%
Year 5 - 99.63%
Year 6 - 94.25%

**Mindful March/Active April**

**Human Dignity CST**

**WELLBEING**

<p><b>30</b> Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling</p>	<p><b>31</b> Discover the joy in the simple things of life</p>		
<p><b>1</b> Commit to being more active this month, starting today</p>	<p><b>2</b> Spend as much time as possible outdoors today</p>	<p><b>3</b> Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do</p>	<p><b>4</b> Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water</p>

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

## Recommended Reads

### Waterstones Shortlist for Book of the Year 2025

READING CORNER



#### Mountain and Cloud - Jana Curll

When a storm blows cloud far away from mountain, the two friends strive to find a way back to each other in this heartwarming picture book tale about companionship and togetherness.



#### Tidemagic: The Many Faces of Ista Flit - Clare Harlow

As mysterious disappearances plague the coastal town of Shelwich, a girl with face-changing abilities seeks out her missing father in this spellbinding debut fantasy adventure.



#### The Boy in the Suit - James Fox

Timely, powerful and incredibly moving, The Boy in the Suit follows ten-year-old Solo's search for security, community and connection as his family struggles under the cost of living crisis.

### STAR BADGE AWARDS

### CAFOD - BIG LENT WALK

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

We will be completing our Big Lent Walk next Friday. Any donations towards this worthy cause would be received most gratefully.



Year 4 - Red Star Jayden  
Gold Star Damian

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 Platinum - Harry  
Platinum +1 - Sydney



### DIARY DATES

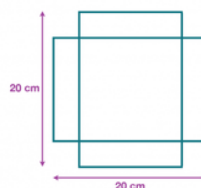
#### Writing Challenge

1. Story Starter: One day while I was walking home from school some thunderclouds started to roll in. But instead of water, it started raining... What did it start raining? Tell us what happens next!
2. Write a list of the top 10 things you want to accomplish during the month of April.
3. April 2nd is International Children's Book Day! What is your favourite book? Write a persuasive piece to tell us why we need to read this book.

#### Maths Challenges

##### Cuboid Challenge

You can make an open box from a 20cm by 20cm piece of card by cutting out four squares and folding the flaps.



What's the biggest volume of box you can make in this way?



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

##### Elevenses

In this grid, how many pairs of numbers can you find that add up to a multiple of 11?

9	46	79	13
64	90	2	97
25	31	20	22
4	52	55	7

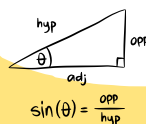
Could you convince someone that you've found them all?



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- 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  
Spring Non-Uniform £1  
CAFOD Big Lent Walk in school

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](#)



## TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

On a slightly overcast Tuesday morning 20 children from year 5 and 6 took part in a T1 Rugby Megafestival at Spalding Rugby club. They spent the morning learning new skills and preparing for some mini games later on in the day. Despite the cold wind, the children impressed the young sports leaders and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We look forward to seeing their new skills being shared.



## MOTHERS AND OTHERS MORNING

Thank you to all the mothers and other special people who were able to join us for the coffee morning event in school.. We hope you enjoyed the treats and the choirs beautiful entertainment. Also thank you to the St. Norbert's staff for funding the event and helping to make it such a success. We hope you all have a restful weekend.

