



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 25th April 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Kindness

Value of the Month

Patience

LET US PRAY

Father, you desire our world to be filled with love and friendship. Help us to share your peace with each other just as you shared it with us.
Amen

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week the children in Foundation have been introduced to their new topic Farms. They have already been learning the names of animals and their babies. In Maths they have learnt the name of some 3D shapes and have been sorting them by curved surfaces and flat faces. In Literacy they are enjoying our new book Rosie's Walk, learning about positional language!

In Science Year 1 have been observing the seasonal changes and signs associated with Spring. They recalled lots of prior learning and enjoyed going on a nature walk around the school grounds, listening out for singing birds and spotting blossom and new catkins form on the trees. We even spotted a birds nest hiding in the branches. It was wonderful to enjoy the season using our senses.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about Coasts and seas in our Geography topic, identifying the coast line to Great Britain and the seas surrounding it. We have begun our Religious Education topic sharing the Good News of Jesus coming back to life and thinking about the wonder of that moment. In our Computing we have been listening to the Planets and comparing the different compositions ready to create our own musical pieces.

The Year 3 children have enjoyed their talk on Flags from around the world from our visiting historian and have also enjoyed the drama lesson in RE, where they took on the roles of the disciples and re enacted what they thought the disciples would feel and say about the journey on the road to Emmaus and their visit from Jesus.

Year 4 have had a great first week back discovering the beautiful book The Baker by the Sea by Paula White.

In Year 5 this week, we have begun exploring changes in materials in science. We have learnt about dissolving and distillation and planned our own investigations, which we are looking forward to carrying out next week.

Year 6 have been enjoying their new class text Skellig, considering how to write a suspense story. In Science they have been learning about Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and applying their understanding to how some mammals have evolved.

It has been a great time of reflection this week as we returned to the sombre news of the passing of Our Holy Father Pope Francis, this week the children have shared beautiful prayers and memories of Pope Francis and have enjoyed looking back at his life and legacy. We have two memorial prayer stations in the entrance hall and main school hall and the children and staff have taken time to pray for the happy repose of his soul. I hope this weekend as his funeral takes place we are able to with our own families reflect back on his life and teachings.

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!



This week Norbert will be going home with Arina

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

When Jesus was arrested and put to death, the disciples were very afraid and had run away and left him. But Jesus forgave them and wanted them to know that he would always be with them. What did Jesus say that let them know this? Why did Thomas not believe the others when they said that they had seen Jesus? What did Jesus say to convince him? Jesus gave his friends power and authority and shared the Holy Spirit with them. How can we share Jesus' peace with others?

The sense of touch is a powerful force, though many people are reluctant to reach out to others because of cultural restrictions or a fear of being too personal. Yet many people are starved of a touch that can bring healing, comfort, support and acknowledgment. Look for ways this week to convey a message of compassion or friendship.



Discipleship - Mercy

Try and be merciful with everyone you meet this week, just as God is merciful with us.

Mercy

Mercy is God's love and forgiveness in action. We see this gift in a powerful way during Eastertide as we remember what Jesus did for us out of love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is a reminder that we must be merciful to others, just as God is merciful with us.

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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Stay Safe Online

The NSPCC have produced a useful online safety guide for parents, with tips on how we can be 'Share Aware'

Click on the image below to access the full guide.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Foundation: Barney for his excellent knowledge of Holy Week.

Year 1: Lucas for his super effort and focus this week.

Year 2: Oliver for his understanding and focus on mathematical strategies in his arithmetic challenge.

Year 3: Nico for always trying his best and focusing his attention in class.

Year 4: Ebube for his fabulous English learning.

Year 5: Leonard for trying really hard in his Maths work this week, particularly with presentation.

Year 6: Daria for her excellent maths learning this week and outstanding example of behaviour.

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 reacted to my email last term regarding our school Amazon wishlist I am overwhelmed by your generosity and we received so many beautiful books and resources over the Easter break-you are all simply the best!

Thank you to Oliver's family in Year 6 this week, who have purchased the remaining packs of art pencils from our Amazon wish list.

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 95.7%

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 - 90.31%
Year 1 - 86.67%
Year 2 - 98.1%
Year 3 - 98.57%
Year 4 - 93.6%
Year 5 - 89.95%
Year 6 - 95.71%

Active April/Meaningful May

Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

<p>26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes</p>	<p>27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil</p>	<p>28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat</p>	<p>29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in</p>	<p>30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today</p>
<p>1 Do something kind for someone you really care about</p>	<p>2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do</p>	<p>3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small</p>		

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



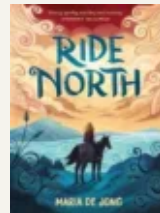
Wiggling Words - Kate Rolfe

The child in this book is trying to read a story, but all the letters keep getting jumbled up in their mind and in front of their eyes: wiggling, jiggling, and jumping. Frustrated, they stop reading and regard the mountain of red letters that have fallen out of the book.



The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood: School Trip! - Farhana Islam

This hilarious, illustrated chapter book features best friends Mina, Reema and Mobeen. They are excited about their school camping trip but get the heebie-jeebies when they hear rumours about Bertie Blackteeth, a ghostly figure who roams the woods in search of her next victim.



Ride North - Maria de Jong

Set in New Zealand, touching on indigenous culture and exploring the beaches, forests, wilderness and tourist towns of the North Island, this is a wonderful coming-of-age story with hope at its heart.

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 - Kaeden
- Platinum +1 - Kacper
- Platinum +2 - Ebube, Zachery



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 30th April

Year 3 Class Prayer Service - 9am
parents welcome

Thursday 1st May

POLLING DAY: School closed to
children online learning

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May

SATS Week Y6

Thursday 15th May

Year 1 Class Prayer Service - 9am
parents welcome

Wednesday 21st May

School Website Photographs

Friday 23rd May

End of Term 5

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Our Wonderful World

Following Easter Monday's sad passing of our wonderful Pope Francis, my newsletter piece is inspired by him and his love of our World.

Pope Francis said of nature "Nature is a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise"

1. Dolphins have names for each other. Turns out, dolphins actually have names for one another. Scientists have found that these marine mammals use a distinctive whistle to identify each other. When a dolphin hears their own "name" called to them, they respond.
2. Bamboo is the world's fastest growing plant. Bamboo also happens to be the world's fastest growing plant. One species of bamboo can even grow 35 inches in a single day, and some species reach full maturity in just 90 days! Not only does bamboo grow exceptionally fast, it also happens to hold a Guinness World Record for fastest growing plant!
3. African buffaloes make decisions by voting. African buffalo herds actually use a form of voting when trying to decide which direction to travel in. One at a time, adult females will stand up and look in a certain direction before sitting down. Whichever direction gets the most amount of looks is typically where the herd travels.
4. Forests can make rain. Forests actually move so much water from the soil into the atmosphere that they end up creating rain. It's called the Biotic Pump Theory.
5. Plants and forests draw water from the soil before exhaling it into the atmosphere. This then impacts the balance of water and heat at Earth's surface, essentially controlling the weather and producing rain.

Parts of the Amazon Rainforest have also been known to start their own rainy season!

source: <https://onetreeplanted.org/blogs/stories/nature-fun-facts?srsftid=>

Writing Challenge

1. In April, it can be very cloudy. Imagine that every day during the month of April is a cloudy day. You are tired of not seeing the sun so you go on a quest to try and change the weather. Tell us about it.
2. You are playing a game of hide and seek in a park. As you are trying to find a place to hide, you find a door standing in the middle of some trees. What happens next?
3. Imagine that you find an old journal in your attic. You look at the journal pages and everything is blank. You accidentally spill water on it and a message appears. What does it say and what do you do next?

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.

			24
			40
			378
60	21	288	

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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Maisie the mouse

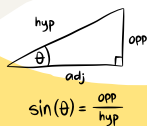
Maisie had between 30 and 50 breadcrumbs.

She counted the breadcrumbs in fours.
There were 2 left over.

She counted them in fives.
There was 1 left over.

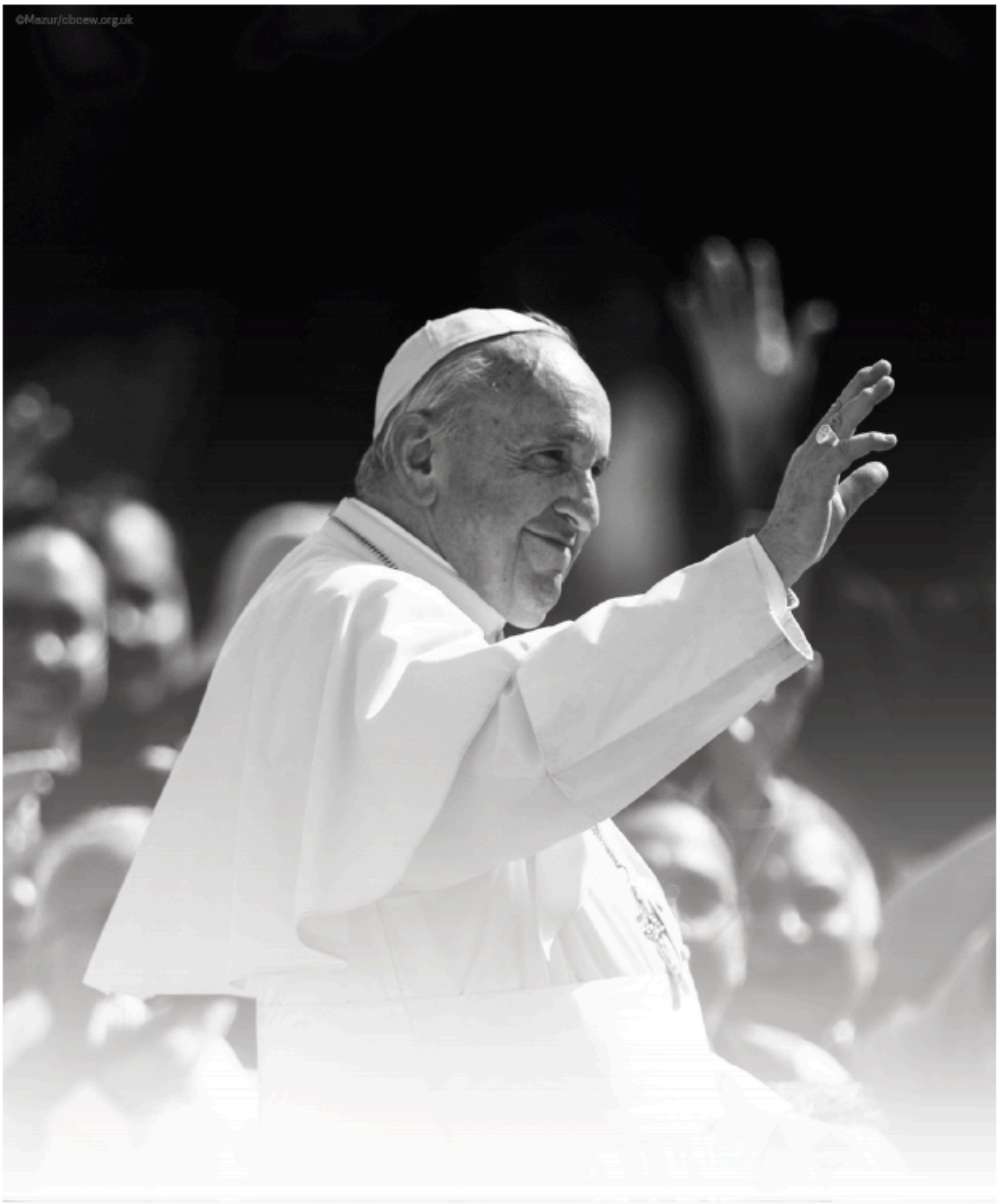
How many breadcrumbs did Maisie have?

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](#)





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