



# 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 4th April 2025

### VIRTUES AND VALUES

#### Virtue of the term

Honesty

#### Value of the Month

Patience

### 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

As Foundation come to the end of their topic Around the World, the children enjoyed a quiz to find out what they remembered! They enjoyed watching the year 3/4 play and learning in class about what happened on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

This week Year 1 have made their coats for a teddy. To complete their DT learning this term, the children had to consult their designs, cut out a template, use this to cut their fabric, make pockets and decorations they had planned, waterproof the fabric by layering sticky back plastic and finally joining the pieces to make a completed product. The results were amazing!

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about Spalding Flower parade and the Grower's Association. We learnt about the connection between the Tulip Week and the Jubilee and how the Grower's association created a 25 mile tour of the Tulip fields. We have also been learning about how we react in Physical Education to the whistle or to another player in our team games. We have also been using the Examen prayer to reflect on our own actions and behaviours.

Year 3 enjoyed discussing their views on their soup making and eating and have enjoyed the scientific investigations regarding force, motion and friction.

Year 4 have had a great time this week outdoor learning with Mrs Simons. They made a giant Iron Man sculpture out of natural materials and went on a bug hunt.

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring charts and data, both in our maths and computing sessions. We have been reading and interpreting data and using ICT to present a range of data in different ways.

This week Year 6 have been working on their RE and DT project to complete Stations of the Cross for a whole school reflection on Friday. They have worked in pairs on a station to complete a wooden frame structure, create prayers and reflections, an image representing the station and program a Microbit to create a flashing number and image. The children have developed so many skills across the curriculum including: measuring accurately, using saws and hot glue guns, computer programming, sketching and drawing, creative writing to name but a few. The children have absolutely loved working on the this project and have shown a mature attitude and fabulous teamwork.

What a busy term we have had filled with learning and enriching events such as our Alice in Wonderland Workshops, Zoology Lab Visit, CAFOD Assembly, Big Lent Walk, Neurodiversity Week and much much more! I am sure you are all ready for a well earned rest and some quality family time over the coming Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for a new term of adventure and learning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

*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 enjoying a rest for the Easter holidays.

### 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?



## Passion

Think of a difficult situation you are facing at the moment and ask Jesus to be with you and to give you courage.

## Passion

The passion of Jesus Christ is the story of his suffering and death - a story of love, sacrifice, and redemption. Jesus' courage and perseverance give us hope, strength and inspiration to carry on during difficult times. It reminds us that he truly understands us when we struggle and encounter hard times.

## 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

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK



**Foundation:** Angelina - for working hard this term to fill in the missing gaps in her phonics! A great achievement, the results are evident!

**Year 1:** Kiara for her fantastic effort and readiness for learning at all times.

**Year 2:** Shazil for demonstrating greater self-control in learning situations.

**Year 3:** Caroline - she effort this last 2 weeks has been amazing, Her contribution to class discussion has been brilliant.

**Year 4:** Magor for his fabulous 'The Iron Man' writing.

**Year 5:** Natan for working really well in maths, reading graphs and tables.

**Year 6:** The whole class for their hard-work and dedication to completing their DT and RE project on the Stations of the Cross. The creativity, co-operation and thoughtfulness have really shone throughout the 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.

A huge Thank you to you our parents and families for all your support of our PTA fundraisers. This makes it possible for the PTA to subsidise our amazing workshops and experiences to enrich our pupils learning. We could not offer the additional exciting experiences without our PTA financial support please keep supporting them!

Othula Year 5 for helping Alice when she tripped at Cross Country.

Thank you Friends of St. Norbert's!

## ATTENDANCE

**Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.67%**

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 - 94.23%  
Year 1 - 95.93%  
Year 2 - 97.04%  
Year 3 - 97.78%  
Year 4 - 99.23%  
Year 5 - 92.57%  
Year 6 - 100%

## Mindful March/Active April

## WELLBEING

## Human Dignity CST



## Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)





### The Café at the Edge of the Woods - Mickey Please

A timeless comic tale about a café owner and her trusty waiter's attempts to serve a particularly picky customer. Told in witty rhyming text and adorned with evocative illustrations reminiscent of Jon Klassen and Maurice Sendak, children will adore this laugh-out-loud funny stew of the heartwarming and the grotesque, as a little imagination and creativity ensure that a visiting ogre gets just the monstrous meal he requested.

### Rune: The Tale of a Thousand Faces - Flying Eye Books

A gorgeously quirky, magical and inclusive graphic novel, Rune finds two friends pursued by bullies escape into an untrodden forest and pass through a portal into another realm, where a whole new adventure begins.



### King of Nothing - Nathanael Lessoré

A worried mum makes his rowdy son join local activity group Happy Campers and the results are altogether unexpected in this funny and heartwarming story of friendship and rearranged priorities, perfect for fans of Alex Wheatle and Jason Reynolds.



## 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 completed the BIG Lent Walk today! If you have any final donations towards this amazing charity please send to school in a labelled envelope at the start of next term.



Year 1 White Star - Harmony, Natalia, Lucas  
Red Star - Hana

Year 4 Platinum - Marcel  
Platinum +1 - Max, Magor



## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 22nd April**  
Term Starts

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
POLLING DAY: Online Learning

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
SATs Week Y6

## Writing Challenge

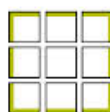
1. Can you write an acrostic poem using the word "April"? Want more help with acrostic poems? We have a free [printable worksheet](#).
2. April 8th is "National Zoo Lovers Day"! Can you describe your perfect day at the zoo? Where is it? Who are you going with? What animal(s) are you most excited to see?
3. During the month of April, we celebrate all types of art. Can you draw a magical creature or place and then write an adventure story about it?

## Maths Challenges

### On the Edge

Four tiles can be painted and arranged so that the edge of the large square is blue (as shown) or green.

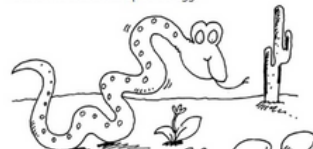
Can you paint and arrange nine tiles so the edge of the large square can be green, blue or yellow?



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

### Susie the snake

Susie the snake has up to 20 eggs.

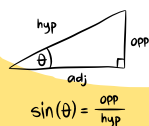


She counted her eggs in fours.  
She had 3 left over.

She counted them in fives.  
She had 4 left over.

How many eggs has Susie got?

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](#)



## CROSS COUNTRY

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 cross country runners took part in a cross country event on Wednesday morning at Spalding Grammar School. There were 4 races - Y5/6 boys, Y5/6 girls, Y3/4 boys and Y3/4 girls - 37 children took part from our school and every single one showed great resilience and determination. As it was a team effort, our top 5 runners from each race handed in their places and these were totalled. There were 7 schools taking part and overall our Y5/6 boys came 4th with a special mention to Thiofi (Y5) who came 3rd in the race. Our Y5/6 girls came 3rd, with Maya C (6th), Daria (12th), Maddie (14th), Othula (16th) and Isabella (21st) all receiving medals! Our Y3/4 boys came 4th with a special mention to Max who came 3rd (Y4) in the race. Our Y3/4 girls came 5th overall, however Milita (Y3) came in first overall and received a School Games t-shirt! A huge well done to all the runners who took part!



## JUBILEE MASS



On Tuesday 1st April, a group of pupils from St. Augustine's in Stamford travelled to St. Norbert's in Spalding for an afternoon retreat and shared meal ahead of the evening Jubilee Mass in church. It was amazing to have Tom Baptist and Hannah Leech join us to help us practice some of the hymns in preparation for Mass, including the Jubilee Hymn. Throughout the afternoon, one of the activities involved visiting three prayer stations linked to some of the termly themes of the Jubilee Year. These were on the themes of forgiveness, hope and rest. After experiencing each one, each pupil received a stamp on their own special Jubilee Passport which was designed in the style of a keepsake bookmark. After enjoying a shared meal, the pupils and staff prepared to leave school and make their way on foot to church. The sunny spring weather made this all the more enjoyable. Along the route of our pilgrimage, we carried our school banners, and we took the Jubilee Mascot, Luce, and our lanterns of hope with us. We were delighted to be able to join the procession at the beginning of Mass with our school banners and for two pupils from Saint Norbert's to be asked to do the offertory. The Mass was a truly special occasion, and it was lovely to share in this with pupils, staff, governors and parishioners.



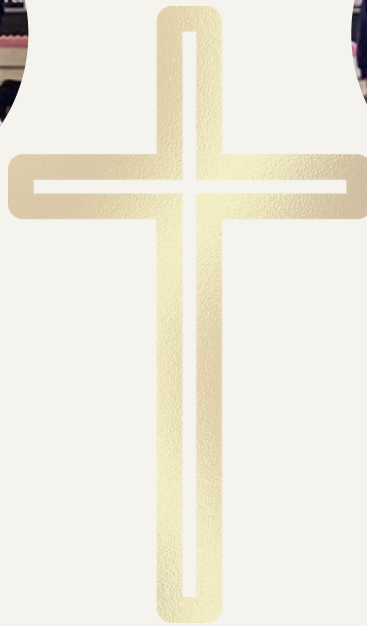




## EASTER PERFORMANCE



Thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us this week for Years 3, 4 and 5s Easter performance. The children were superb, for which we were incredibly proud. We were also joined by the Director of Chaplaincy for the Trust and the Lead Lay Chaplain, who commented on the passion of the children's singing and were very impressed. Well done Year 3, 4 and 5!



## NETBALL

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 children, who took part in the mixed netball match against Moulton John Harrox on Tuesday. The children had an excellent start and were leading by 3 goals to 2 at the half way point of the game. It was a very closely matched second half, where Moulton took the lead briefly before St. Norbert's fought back to end the game in a draw 4-4. Well done to our team Maddie, Maya, Alice, Hugo, Thiohfi and Athula, who played fantastically well as a team.

