



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 16th May 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Kindness

Value of the Month

Self-belief

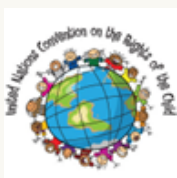
LET US PRAY

Lord, you sent Jesus to
show us how we should love
one another.

May our love be a sign to
bring others to know and
love you too.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

How exciting the week has been in Foundation! The duck eggs arrived on Tuesday and all ducklings have now hatched. The children have arrived each morning excited to see if more ducklings have arrived. They have enjoyed watching, talking to them and stroking them.

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a special prayer time with Fr Stan. The beautiful prayer service was planned, prepared and led by the children, with readings prayers and litanies. They made paper flowers to place around our lovely statue of Mary and even made a video, saying the names of their mums in a celebration of Mary our heavenly mother and our own earthly mothers. Parents came to share the prayers too- thank you to all of those who were able to join.

In Year 2 this week we have been developing our Reading Fluency and sharing books with each other in class - we are also reading stories to different children on Friday to improve our expression and intonation. In Maths we have been learning about Unit Fractions and recognising a fraction of a shape or a number. In our Religious Education we have been challenging ourselves to recall the Pentecost story and recognise where different stories appear in the bible.

The children in Year 3 have really enjoyed their Art and have created some amazing tiles that they are excited to paint this week. The children are excited about their ICY topic this term and some have even produced work from home and brought it into school to demonstrate their skills in desktop publishing.

Year 4 have been developing their IT skills by learning about how sound can be recorded and edited. This is part of our topic based on Audio production. Children have planned a podcast based on school life. In our English learning children have been learning the features of a play script. We have explored the use of appositives and using subordinating conjunctions such as as soon as, by the time and even though.

In Year 5 this week we have been creating vector drawings in our computing sessions. We have used a range of shapes and our skills of copying and pasting, resizing and rotating and changing colours, to create images. We had some brilliant pictures of Minecraft characters, animals and even a blue sheep.

This week Year 6 have had their SATs Week, spending the mornings sitting their Reading, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths tests. The rest of the week they have enjoyed a focus on Art where they have explored texture and pattern, alongside investigating the inspiration that artists and sculptors have used to produce vases. They have then designed their own vases, taking their inspiration from patterns and textures that are natural or industrial. Finally getting to sculpt their designs using either a slab or coil method.

Another busy week and I am delighted to share following lots of hard work by Mrs Hibbert and the whole staff team we have achieved our Silver Reading Pledge Award. Reading is such an integral part of life and immersing our young people in the joy of a good book can bring. Don't forget if you want ideas for how to enrich your child's reading diet see our recommended reads on the school website. We have also been in EYFS much of the time this week watching our beautiful ducklings hatch it has been wonderful to watch new life unfold this spring. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to a busy final week of term next week.

Reminder: On Wednesday please may all children come in smart school uniform as it is time for our website photograph and video update. If your child has PE kit they could bring their kit to school in a bag please to change into after photographs. We have a list of pupils that do not have permissions to be in school photos this was gathered from you when your child joined the school if you have changed your mind or cannot remember what permissions you granted please contact the school office where this can be confirmed for you.

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 Bohdan.

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus told his apostles that he was going to leave them, he knew that his time had come, and that he would suffer and die before rising from the dead and returning to his father in heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he had loved them. How do we show people that we are followers of Jesus? People see Jesus in us and know that we are his followers when we love and care for others as he taught us to.

There are times when to love is one of the most challenging things we are asked to do, especially when it is not deserved. Can you think of people who have displayed this selfless love? How would people be able to tell you were a follower of Christ even if you didn't say anything?

Jesus went on to say that this was to glorify God. In what ways do you glorify God in your life?

Perform some random acts of kindness and act with love towards all the people you encounter this week.



Discipleship - Witness

Find one way to share what your faith means to you with someone else this week.

Witness

Witness is the sharing of our faith with others. It is a way of testifying to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. Our witness can be a way of celebrating the hope and joy that we have in Jesus and a way of powerfully sharing the good news with those around 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**For Parents - How to Report Online Harm**

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a really useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help.

You can see all the details [HERE](#).

For Parents - New Tools to Manage Roblox

At the beginning of April Roblox announced some new tools which will allow parents a greater degree of control over their child's Roblox experience. These tools include:

- Limiting who their child can connect with.
- See which experiences (games) their child plays the most.
- Limit experiences their child can access.

There's a lot more, all summarised in an article from Roblox [HERE](#).

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Jason for his excellent blending to read words with the phonemes he knows and making his own choices during own learning, independently painting his own clay model of a duck!

Year 1: Adrianas for always being an enthusiastic learner!

Year 2: Makar and Zakhar for their amazing recall and use of spelling patterns when spelling words like, explosion; attention and occasion.

Year 3: Sofia for always going that extra mile with her homework and putting so much extra effort into the work she produces at home.

Year 4: George for his use of vocabulary when writing an advert for the book 'The Baker by the Sea'.

Year 5: Mario for trying really hard to use relative clauses in a balanced argument.

Year 6: Isabella for replenishing a vital part of the Year 6 breakfast stock; showing kindness and thoughtfulness to her class mates.

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.

Mrs Ford and Mrs Biernacka-Hennessy for their kind staff game and Mrs Fulker for the staff and Year 6 treats.

Isabella for her kind donation of chocolate spread to boost SATs breakfast club supplies who knew Y6 could get through so much spread so quickly!

Aidens and Lucas have donated some amazing books to their classes for his birthday what a fantastic addition to the reading area!

Thank you to those who have purchased Amazon wish list items.

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 2 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.71%**

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 - 92.06%
 Year 1 - 94.44%
 Year 2 - 95.79%
 Year 3 - 91.48%
 Year 4 - 90.42%
 Year 5 - 92.22%
 Year 6 - 95.56%

Meaningful May
Human Dignity CST**WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

One Goose, Two Moose, Three Raccoon, Four Baboon - Kael Tudor

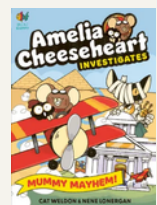
This rhyming book featuring a host of adorable animals also has a counting theme, helping little ones get into the habit of learning their numbers.

Amelia Cheeseheart Investigates: Mummy Mayhem - Cat Weldon

Amelia and Webster must find out who is stealing objects from the museum – and why. Action-packed fun told in comic-strip style with bold colour illustrations.

What Happens Online - Nathaniel Lessor

14-year-old Fred lives a double life. In school he's a nobody, a ghost. He's bullied by a group of year 9's and his self-esteem is at rock bottom. But online, from the sanctuary of his gaming chair, Fred becomes Existor – an anonymous streamer with razor sharp wit and a massive following.



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 four times in a row. Please take time to look at these challenges at home when they are sent home each week.

Year 3
Silver: Sofia
Gold: Milita

Year 4
Gold : Matthew
Platinum +2: Liljana

Year 5
Bronze: Bentley

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21st May

School Website Photographs - please can children wear shirts and ties for the purpose of the photographs, no summer dresses. We will ensure children remove their ties following the photographs, if the weather is warm. PE kits to be brought to school.

Friday 23rd May
End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June
INSET Day - No children in school

Tuesday 3rd June
First day of Term 6

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

7 Fun Geography facts

1. Ninety percent of Earth's population lives in the northern hemisphere.
2. Antarctica is the world's largest desert, since it doesn't get that much rainfall. A desert is an area of land that receives no more than 10 inches of precipitation a year.
3. Sargasso Sea is the only sea with no coast.
4. Africa is the only continent situated in all four hemispheres. The western, the eastern, the northern, and the southern.
5. The Himalayas are getting higher by 5 mm every year.
6. In Papua Guinea, nearly 850 languages are spoken, making it the most linguistically diverse country in the world.
7. Alaska is both the westernmost and the easternmost state in America. An island called Semisopochnoi stretches so far west that it enters the eastern hemisphere.

Writing Challenge

1. Bzzzzzzzz, May 20th is World Bee Day! Bees are tiny creatures, but they're really important! Can you research why and write a factual text about it?
2. Daily Journal Prompts: Write about the best part of your day. Why was it so special?
3. If you could create your own holiday, what would it be? What would we do on that day? When is it? And why is it important?

Maths Challenges

How Old is Granny Puzzle

The Puzzle:



Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied:

"I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!"

How old is Tom's Granny?

Peaches Today, Peaches Tomorrow



A monkey has 75 peaches. Each day, he kept a fraction of his peaches, gave the rest away, and then ate one.

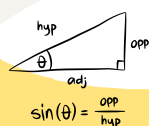
These are the fractions he decided to keep:

$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{5}{6}$ $\frac{11}{15}$

In what order did he use the fractions so that he was left with just one peach at the end?

nrich.maths.org

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](#)



HOCKEY



Our Hockey season came to an end of Friday night at the last Hockey Tournament for 2024-25! The children in both the A and B teams celebrated their matches using and applying the School Games Values of Teamwork; Respect; Determination; Honesty and passion. Each match was challenging and their grit and determination to succeed was rewarded through their wins and draws. Well done to both our Teams - a huge thank you to Mrs. Joe for coaching the Teams and the parental support each term. We look forward to the new season of 2025-26!

ROUNDERS

Our Rounders Team took on the Mighty St. Bartholemew's in their 2nd match of the league. The children were well placed to engage in fielding and batting strategies to ensure a clear lead early on in the game. Their skills at throwing from back-stop through to 1st base enabled many rounders to be acquired for getting their opposition out. The wider field worked well passing the ball back to posts to halt or stop rounders being awarded to the other team - the sun shone and the children enjoyed basking in the end result - 20 rounders to St. Norberts and 13 Rounders to St. Bartholemews. A great use of the School Games Values highlighted good sporting conduct throughout.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY



Spalding Library

No booking needed

Bee Day

Boston Beekeepers Association will be here with their portable hive to answer all your questions about bees.. Will you be able to spot the queen? There will be buzzy bee crafts for children too. Can you find all the bees hiding in the library?

• Saturday 17 May 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Victoria St, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 1EA • Children Families



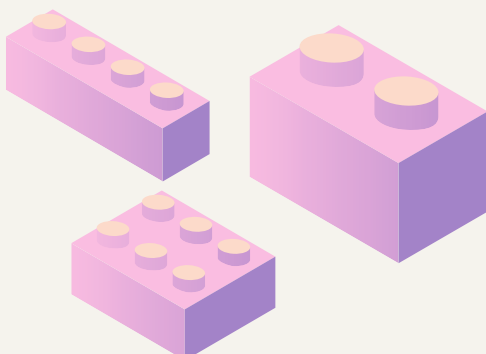
Spalding Library

No booking needed

Lego Builders

A creative and educational building session for children, sparking imagination through construction play.

• Saturday 17 May 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM • Victoria St, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 1EA • Skills and Learning • Children 4-7 Years 7-10 Years



HELP US TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF *Laudato Si'*



In 2015, Pope Francis wrote a special letter reminding everyone of their responsibility to care for the environment and for all people.

Now, in his memory, we share his passion for stewardship and continue his great work. When God first made the world, he looked at His creation and saw that it was very good. How do you think God feels now when he sees how wasteful and selfish many humans have become?

Help us celebrate the great work of Pope Francis and to promote the ongoing global mission to be stewards of creation, so that humans make kinder and fairer choices for the good of the earth and for the good of one another.

You are invited to take part in a whole school project for a new *Laudato Si'* display. Choose from one of these two options:

- 1) Take a photograph of something that makes you feel awe and wonder for God's amazing creation.**
- 2) Produce some artwork in any way you would like to illustrate your favourite natural thing in God's wonderful world.**

CHALLENGE: ADD A QUOTE FROM THE BIBLE THAT YOU THINK MATCHES YOUR PHOTO OR ARTWORK PERFECTLY.

Please bring in your artwork or a copy of your photograph for the attention of Mrs Wright by Thursday 5th June 2025.

