



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 23rd May 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Kindness

Value of the Month

Self-belief

LET US PRAY

Lord, you sent the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with your love and peace. Help us to bring that love and peace to the world.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Foundation children have loved watching the ducklings grow! They have enjoyed the ducks first swimming session too! The children have painted and glossed their clay farm models and were keen to take them home.

This week Year 1 have completed their fantastic art project based on a range of print designers. They have learned how to press, over print and relief print as well as weave a surface to transfer their designs. The outcomes showed a range of shapes and repeated patterns- a very vibrant array!

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about Joan Miro in our Art lesson and sharing key skills and techniques to fold, bend and attach card in different ways to replicate his works of art. We have also been learning about Saul in our RE lessons, sharing and dramatizing the story through a series of frieze frames and actions. We have also been learning to use and apply our understanding of fractions to both shape based questions and amounts. Finally, we have been sharing our Pent 1 Spellathon this week where we have used and recalled different spelling patterns from every day and applied them in a spelling check - well done Year 2!

The Year 3 children have had a great time finalising the detail on the clay tiles that they will be able to take home tomorrow. Pictures can be seen on twitter. Some great individual designs were created by the children in their art books and then they transferred these to their 3D models.

Year 4 have been learning been planning and recording Podcasts in computing this week. They have finished their Modroc sculptures for their art project and very excited about taking the to Ascougfee gardens to photograph them next term. We have finished our class book The land of roar by Jenny McLachlan and will be completing our play scripts based on this book at the beginning of Pentecost 2.

In Year 5 this week we have been writing a balanced argument about whether technology should be banned during the week. We have come up with some great arguments for and against and have reached our own conclusions based upon this.

This week Year 6 have had their Outdoor Learning Day with Mrs Simons. They enjoyed a variety of activities including bug hunting, natural sculpture, measuring the height of trees and responding to the story 'The Koala Who Could' by reproducing their image of Kevin the Tree! They also got the chance to enjoy some ice-lollies courtesy of Mrs Fulker, for all their hard work during SATs Week. Thank you Mrs Fulker from all in Y6.

Reminders: Just a reminder Summer uniform for next term and depending on weather think about your sunhats and sun cream next term labelled and in bags please.

We are at the end of another busy term and once again the pupils and staff have achieved so much together, I am hopeful that early next term we will receive our final Ofsted Report which I will be able to share with you all! We have much to look forward to next term including Sports Day, meeting our new Foundation Pupils and lots of trips and workshop experiences. It is also the final term for our Y6 pupils who will be moving to secondary school in September lets make your final term the best! Last and by no means least I would like to on behalf of all of us wish Mrs Hutchinson the very best as it will be her last term too as she will be retiring in July. We will be working hard to make it a special time for her and all the pupils! So whatever adventures you have planned next week, take care and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd June.

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 enjoying his holidays too.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Before he died, Jesus told his followers not to be worried or afraid, because the Holy Spirit would be sent to them and they would receive his gift peace. Have you ever experienced a feeling of deep peace? Living like Jesus brings us peace.

Often in our times of prayer we are tempted to do all the talking, our prayer time can become very 'active.' The gift of peace, along with all the gifts of the Spirit, are just that, gifts. We cannot earn them or obtain them. What are the ways of prayer that you find most helpful in allowing you to be open to receive the gifts God has for you? This week try a new type of prayer, perhaps meditating in front of an icon, joining in on a time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, or meditating on a passage of scripture (lectio divina). Try to refrain from too much 'active' prayer, but instead sit silently with the Lord with an attitude of openness, listen to what he has to say to you, allow him to bless you with the gifts he has for you.



Discipleship - Example

This week, Think of a something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example others.

Example

An example is a model of behaviour. It is something that we can look to in order to learn how to live our lives. The lives of the saints, and other holy men and women, remind us that we are all called to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We too, should also be an example to others by trying to live a life of love, service, and forgiveness.

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**Children's Media Literacy Report 2025**

Ofcom have released their latest annual report and, as ever, it's a really interesting one and one that I think is very useful. This is because it gives a comprehensive overview of the online lives of children and young people where we can see any current, new and emerging trends. For example:

- Increase in 3-5 year olds using social media - this is one that always shocks people, but this is a trend that has been increasing year on year. The numbers have risen again this year to around 4 in 10 very young children using social media apps. Of those, around a fifth of their parents say their children are allowed to use social media independently. Very worrying!!
- Awareness of recommendation systems (algorithms) has increased this year - great news, this is one of my biggest concerns.
- Half of 8-17 year olds using AI tools - no surprise here and reflects what I'm seeing when I visit schools, solidifying the fact that we need to be teaching the safe and appropriate use of these tools whilst raising awareness.

You can see the full report [HERE](#). You don't need to read the whole thing, the overview followed by the media use by age sections give you a really good insight.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

Foundation: Ishan for really developing his phonic knowledge and blending skills this term.

Year 1: Hana for her incredible letter writing in English.

Year 2: Sebastian S for his use progress in spelling this week.

Year 3: Joya for going above and beyond with extending her learning at home and sharing with the class.

Year 4: Whole of Year 4 for their fantastic class Celebration of the Word.

Year 5 : Bentley for doing a super job learning his times tables.

Year 6: Alice for consistent hard work and dedication to her learning across the curriculum.

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 out PTA for their continued hard work and support it really does enrich the lives of all our pupils.

Thank you to our volunteers who walked with our musicians to Ascough this week with Mr Gilbert this is greatly appreciated.

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](#)



Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

Wild - Katya Balen

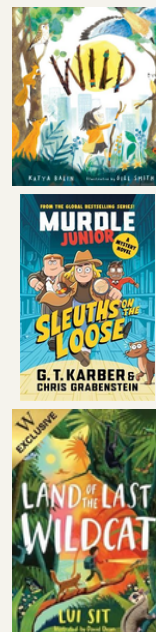
Following a little girl who relocates to a big city and misses the wilderness, this inspiring and beautifully illustrated picture book celebrates the magic of nature and how we can find it in the most unexpected of places.

Murdle Junior Mysteries: Sleuths on the Loose- G. T. Karber

The first children's novel in the bestselling Murdle puzzle book series encourages readers to solve the mystery of the missing teacher alongside tough-talking schoolboy detective Jake.

Land of the Last Wildcat - Lui Sit

Featuring a rare wildcat with magical powers, an ominous professor and a very brave girl determined to save the former from the latter, this heart-pounding adventure full of warmth and humour is perfect for all young animal lovers.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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 2

Bronze: Emily, Diego, Makar, Zakhar,
Aidens, Amanda, Antonia, Lavinia
Red: Eliza, Isla

Year 4

Red : Eleanor
Platinum +2: Elliot, Noah
Platinum +3: Zachary

Year 5

Bronze: Katie
Platinum +2: Ethan, Thiohfi

Space Scanner Studies For Forests

Biomass is a brand new satellite that is studying Earth from orbit. It's mission is to create detailed 3D maps of the world's most hard to reach tropical forests. It was launched by the European Space Agency on 29th April, Biomass will spend 5 years scanning the dense rainforests of Africa, Asia and South America with a special type of radar. The technology is clever and can see through the canopy to measure the weight of all the trees know as its biomass. The reason for doing this is Scientist know that forests store carbon dioxide, which helps regulate Earth's temperature, but they do not know by how much. The study will provide more accurate data on the amount of carbon absorbed by forests, and how the planet could be affected if they're cut down. What interesting and amazing technology to try save our world for future generations!

Writing Challenge

1. While you are reading your favourite book, you find that you have been pulled into the story and are now stuck in the book. What are you doing first? Write a story about it!
2. 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?
3. Draw a new flower and write an epic story about its special powers!

Maths Challenges

Negative Dice

I have two identical dice with the numbers -1, 2, -3, 4, -5, 6

I roll my two dice and work out my total.

Which of the following totals cannot be achieved?

a) 3
b) 7
c) 8

Thousands more problems can be found on the NRICH Maths website:
<http://nrich.maths.org>

Make 37

Four bags contain a large number of 1s, 3s, 5s and 7s.

Can you pick ten numbers from the bags that add up to 37?

nrich.maths.org

DIARY DATES

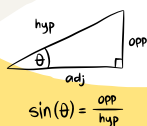
Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Friday 23rd May
End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June
INSET Day - No children in school

Tuesday 3rd June
First day of Term 6

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](#)



CRICKET



Twenty enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day of sport and teamwork at the Kwik Cricket tournament in Surfleet. Under bright sunshine and full of energy, the children showcased their skills, sportsmanship, and team spirit, competing with determination. With plenty of brilliant catches, fielding skills and encouraging cheers from the sidelines, the day was a true celebration of cricket and camaraderie. The pupils represented their school with pride and positivity, making it a memorable event for all involved. A huge well done to Team Amazing who came second out of 16 teams and were presented with silver medals! Team Brilliant showed exceptional determination and huge progress as the tournament progressed ending the day with huge smiles and a feeling of accomplishment!

WHAT'S ON IN HALF TERM

Are you looking for things to do in and around Lincoln this May Half Term? here has been rounded up a collection of events and activities going on in and around Lincoln over Half Term so you can spend less time searching and more time having fun!
We hope you find something great!



Click [HERE](#)



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY



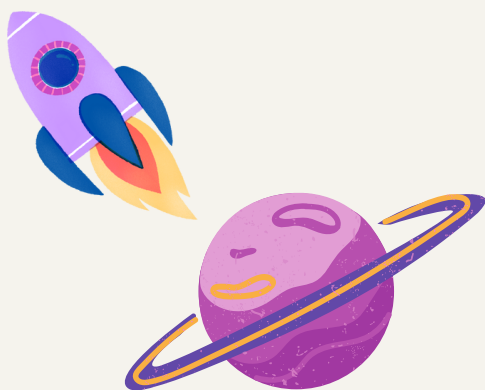
Spalding Library

No booking needed

Elmer and Friends Day

Join us for an Elmer story time followed by animal crafts and activities suitable for all ages.

• Tuesday 27 May 10:30 AM - 15:00 PM • Victoria St, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 1EA • Children's Activities • Children Families



Spalding Library

No booking needed

Space Day

Join us for some intergalactic space themed crafts and activities that are out of this world! This is a free drop in event.

• Thursday 29 May 10:00 AM - 14:00 PM • Victoria St, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 1EA • Children Families

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.

