



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 13th June 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Friendship

Value of the Month
Courtesy

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, please help me
act with courtesy toward
every person I encounter
today. In all the little acts of
holding doors, being polite,
and offering help, help me to
love them and to love You in
them. Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

In Foundation the children have enjoyed learning about some important jobs our minibeasts do. They have been thinking about how to care for God's wonderful world and have been looking for bugs.

This week, Year 1 have been learning to chop, grate and zest different ingredients that could go into a fruity cake. They learned how to make a bridge shape and used a sharp knife through the tunnel safely. They definitely enjoyed eating what they had chopped and have started to plan which fruit or veg they would like to put in their own cupcake product.

Year 2 have been reviewing our learning on adjectives and nouns. We have been challenging ourselves in maths to recognise and apply our times tables knowledge in our daily Maths. We have also been learning about Pictograms and sorting in Science, recording our findings and sharing scientific information.

This week Year 3 have been very excited about the puppets they are designing and making this term.

A busy week for Year 4 this week, firstly the girls visited the High School for a taster morning, we studied geography and science, great solving skills were needed to find out what the unknown liquid was, and which teacher had switched the labels of them. The boys went over to the Grammar School and enjoyed history and science lessons, and designed shields after learning about heraldry. The next day we walked to Ayscoughfee Gardens and used our sculptures to bring Art to the gardens; we used our iPads to photograph the models in different settings and had a busy morning exploring our local surroundings.

This week in Year 5 we have started exploring the work of William Shakespeare. We have been reading the Tempest and have enjoyed interpreting the meaning and acting out some of the scenes.

This week Year 6 have been writing a review about Wicked, which they were lucky to experience last week. They explored the technical vocabulary linked to theatre and their meanings and investigated ambitious vocabulary that they could use to describe different aspects of the show, such as: mesmerizing, spine-tingling, whimsical and soaring.

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

The sun is finally shining again and this week we have enjoyed having three of our past pupils join us from Spalding Grammar School for Work Experience I hope they have found it as rewarding as we have; seeing how they have changed. We also welcomed our new 25/26 Foundation cohort back to school and their parents to learn all about life at St. Norbert's they all look so ready for school we look forward to them starting fulltime in September. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing some of our Dad's at the special event on Monday morning. 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!

This week Norbert will be going home with Barney.

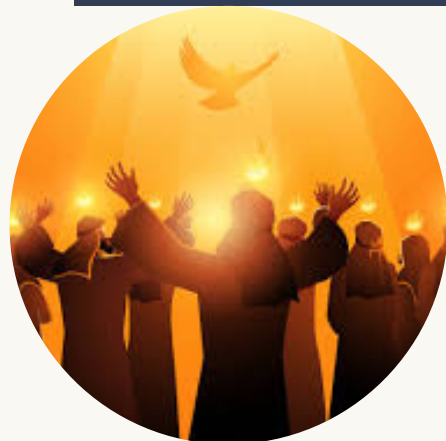


GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all..." Matthew 5:33-34

The purpose of an oath was to guarantee the truthfulness of the statement made.

Sometimes this can be very good. For example, many of the Sacraments involve making a public vow before God and the Church. In these cases, the vow is a form of oath that is solemnized so as to invite the grace of God to enter and strengthen it. It becomes a way of making a public witness to one's faith and an expression of one's need for God's grace to be faithful to the promise that is made.



Discipleship - Trinity

Say a prayer this week to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and think about who God is to you.

Trinity

The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully understand, but it is a central part of our Catholic Faith. The Trinity is the belief that there is one God who exists in three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This special feast helps us to reflect on how we understand God and inspires us to get to know him more closely in our lives.

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 - Pinterest Privacy and Safety Settings

Pinterest is an enormous and hugely popular platform. Known as a 'visual discovery engine' which basically means it is a user-to-user platform, meaning that individual users upload content for anyone else to see. You can use it for a variety of things to get ideas, create mood boards, scrapbooks and so much more. I use it myself for inspiration for my drawing projects.

But because it is user to user there will be content that isn't suitable for everyone. Back in 2022, during the inquest into the death of a 14 year old, even Pinterest admitted the platform wasn't safe.

Internet matters have an excellent page full of advice and guidance about filtering content, reporting tools and more which you can find [HERE](#)

For Parents - Should Your Child Have a Smartphone?

It's the big question that's been around for years, but there's no single answer that will fit every age, there's no single piece of advice that will fit every family dynamic.

My friend and fellow consultant Wayne Denner has put together a simple article which I think will help parents ask the right questions in order to come up with an informed decision. In his article, Wayne asks what is the appropriate age, he delves into the hidden impact of social media and filter bubbles, then gives some advice about ground rules and agreements

You can find Wayne's article [HERE](#)

Alan Mackenzie, <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/>

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Ishan – for his excellent participation in phonics, your confidence is really growing!

Year 1: Georgi for excellent knife cutting skills in DT.

Year 2: Diego for his amazing spelling results this week.

Year 3: Olaf for his focus and improvement in Maths

Year 4: All the girls in year 4 for their fantastic performance and demonstrating St Norbert's values during their trip to the High School this week

Year 5: Leonard for his fantastic job performing a scene from the Tempest by William Shakespeare, with great expression and enthusiasm.

Year 6: Scarlett for her hard work and resilience this year.

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.

One of our new Foundation pupils very kindly gifted every classmate a beautiful crochet keyring-how kind!

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 99.6%

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 - 90.9%
Year 1 - 94.8%
Year 2 - 98.5%
Year 3 - 99.6%
Year 4 - 97.7%
Year 5 - 96.2%
Year 6 - 94.8%

Joyful June
Human Dignity CST

WELLBEING

Useful Websites

14
Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15
Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16
Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17
Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18
Look for something good in a difficult situation

19
Get outside and find the joy in being active

20
Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21
Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

I'm Going to Make a Friend - Darren Chetty

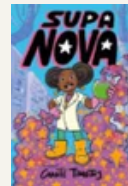
A young child moves to a new area and decides to build their own friend. When another child lends a hand, the pair gradually realise that they have made a real friend after all.

Supa Nova- Chanté Timothy

Young scientist Nova invents a plastic-eating organism named Chomp to solve the problem of plastic waste. However, Chomp causes havoc as it consumes all the plastic in its path. This lively, science-fiction graphic novel is full of humour and bursting with vibrant, glossy artwork.

Shadow Thieves - Peter Burns

13-year-old Tom has been recruited to a school for thieves – but in a world of deception, who can he trust?



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 5 Platinum: Jack has achieved his platinum +1 award and Elsa has achieved her platinum +2

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS:TRIPS

On Wednesday this week Year 4 walked to Ascoughee Hall and Gardens. This was all part of their Art and Design learning. They have been creating twig sculptures combining this with plaster of Paris. The trip was to explore art in nature and when their sculptures would be best placed in the gardens. They had a wonderful time and were proud of seeing their creations out in public.



Writing Challenge

Imagine standing in this picture...Where are you? What are you doing? What is about to happen?Write all about it...



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Monday 16th June

Father's Day event 9am-10am

Tuesday 24th June

Sports Day
KS1 am and KS2 pm

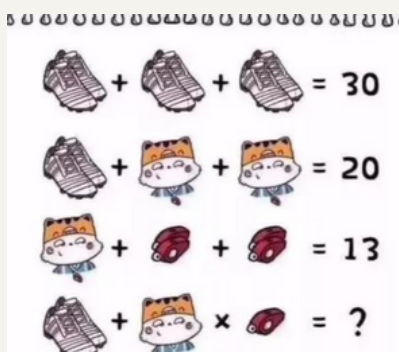
Wed 25th June - Wed 2nd July

Book fair in school

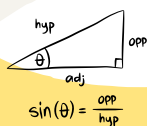
Tuesday 1st July

Learning showcase to parents
3:20pm- 5pm

Maths Challenges

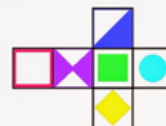


Children can access maths activities at home that we use in school. Follow these links to find out more.

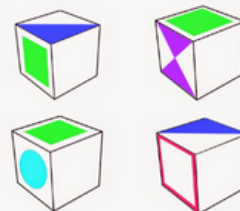


The Decorated Cube Problem

The following diagram shows a cube that was cut open and flattened out:



Each diagram below shows the same cube, but with the front face blank. Draw the correct shape on the front face of each cube.



[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)



NETBALL

Our Netball Team travelled across to St.John's for a friendly and despite the heat showed some quick sharp passing and some accurate shooting to claim victory.

Star Player: For coming into her own and some fantastic goals-Well Done Chloe H!



ROUNDERS

The rounders team faced a tough test against the top of the table Moulton Jon Harrox away from home. Unfortunately despite some big hits from the batting line-up the team fell to defeat but remained strong in spirit living out those St.Norbert's Values!

Star Player: For excellent tenacity and motivation: Well Done Toby!



FATHERS DAY



St. Joseph is the most common saint when we think of fatherhood. He is the patron saint of fathers.

St. Joseph quietly and humbly took care of his family by working hard and keeping his family safe. He also followed God's will and allowed Jesus to be the man he was meant to be. Fathers, ask for St. Joseph to intercede on your behalf!

We send our best wishes to all fathers and the special father figures in your lives this weekend!

Dear God, on this Father's Day, we come before you with a prayer for our fathers – the guiding lights of our lives. Please bless them with your divine wisdom and insight as they navigate the complexities of fatherhood. Grant them the strength to lead us on the right path, just as you lead us all. We are forever grateful for their steady guidance and unwavering love. Amen.