



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 20th June 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Friendship

Value of the Month
Courtesy

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as a remembrance of your suffering and death. May we discover more today how these events bring us salvation and peace.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and have been writing 'Superworms' chants. In Maths they have been exploring grouping and sharing. With the warm weather here, they are enjoying our outdoor kitchen, cooking food on the BBQ and making ice lollies too!

Year 1 have been using some excellent vocabulary in theory English this week. We used fabulous verbs and adjectives to improve sentences and learned some interesting new words for the rough ocean waves such as swells and breakers. The children were very engaged when discussing shades of meaning to help us with word choices for 'big'.

In Year 2 this week we have been completing our Optional KS1 SATs tests. We have been using and applying our maths strategies to solve and complete problems, whilst also using our arithmetic skills to calculate answers to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions. In English we have been reading texts and answering questions, looking for key words or phrases to find information. We have also been learning how to thread needles and complete a running stitch in Design Technology.

Year 3 are excited by the next stage in their DT project as they are actually cutting out their designs today ready for stitching to begin. They have thoroughly enjoyed the History Session with Now Press Play and enjoyed being the hunters with their bows and arrows in the Stone age and coming face to face with WOLLY MAMOTH. The drama session was brilliant, their expressions and immersion into this era was great to watch. The children become totally immersed when experiencing the Now Press Play sessions.

Year 4 have had a great time this week learning about the rise of the Roman empire and the role played by Julius Caesar. They have learnt that Claudius became the first emperor. They are enjoying their new class book The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizvana Farook. In DT the children have also been learning about textiles, font sizes and types as well as contracting and complementary colours as they plan their cushion designs.

In Year 5 this week we have been learning about negative numbers in maths. We have been counting in different multiples, crossing zero and have been very successful in solving problems involving negative numbers.

This week Year 6 have started exploring mobile phone cases in their Design Technology lessons. They have been looking at different mobile case designs considering the design criteria, aesthetics, target audience and functionality. Everyone is very excited to start designing and making their own felt phone case in the coming weeks.

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.

It has been a busy and beautiful week here at school and we have enjoyed welcoming another work experience student from Bourne Academy in Year 2-the class have enjoyed working with Mr Viera. We have been preparing for Sports Day and are looking forward to the event on Tuesday. With temperatures soaring please continue to be sun safe at home and school. We encourage children to bring hats, sunglasses and Sun cream to school ideally labelled. Stay safe and enjoy the weather this weekend and I look forward to seeing you all Monday morning!

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 Nicu

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus and his disciples were looking after all the people who crowded round to be healed and learn. They were a long way from the town, and they had no food. The disciples wanted Jesus to send the people home. But Jesus knew that God would provide all that they needed to sustain them. We share a special meal together when we gather at Mass. We believe that, through the power of God, the bread and wine that we share at Communion become the body and blood of Jesus, who gives himself to each of us in a very special way.

During this week be aware of your responsibility to feed others, within your family and outside. Find a way to give practical help and support to someone in need.



Discipleship - Eucharist

Share a meal with the people you love this week.

Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist is a powerful way in which we receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and are united with him as one body. The Eucharist is a source of strength and nourishment, and as we receive it, just as the disciples did at the Last Supper, we are reminded of God's love for us and of our call to love others.

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 - Android Smartphone Guide**

Due to the cost and variety of devices, Android smartphones can be incredibly popular with children and young people.

As with other devices there are a variety of parental controls, including controls that allow parents to set the maturity level of apps and games.

Full information including detailed instructions can be found [HERE](#).

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

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

Foundation: Matilda for her excellent contribution to all areas of learning, her hand is always up as she stays focused and listens! Year 1 ready!

Year 1: Juliana for consistently excellent effort, progress and enthusiasm.

Year 2: Isla for her amazing reading comprehension activities.

Year 3: Luca for his attention to detail in his History and RE work.

Year 4: Ebube for his fabulous scientific explanation.

Year 5: Summer for Brilliant work in maths working with negative numbers.

Year 6: Charlie for working really hard and making excellent progress with his writing.

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 our PTA for showcasing their work through their newsletter this week and also for leading the ice cream sales which I know many of our families have really enjoyed this week!

We have have some donations of unwanted uniform for our second hand uniform sale. Thank you and don't forget if you need anything just send us a request.

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 4 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.82%**

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 - 93.25%
Year 1 - 93.33%
Year 2 - 98.47%
Year 3 - 97.78%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 98.88%
Year 6 - 96.67%

Joyful June
Human Dignity CST**WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

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Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

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Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

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Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

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Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

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Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

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Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

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Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Recommended Reads

READING CORNER

Clever Crow - Olivia Lomenech Gill Carnegie Winner for best illustrations 2025 - Chris Butterworth

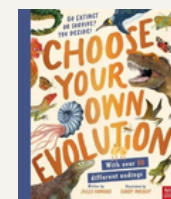
A strikingly original non-fiction book that brings the everyday, unassuming crow into the limelight with great effect. It showcases many interesting facts about crows including their great memory and their adaptability to the ever-changing world that surrounds them. Similarities between humans and crows are imaginatively highlighted and we gain a newfound respect for the humble crow by the end.

Choose Your Own Evolution - Jules Howard

Every animal on Earth is the product of an evolutionary journey, beginning with the simplest of slimy ancestors living in oceans over 400 million years ago and branching out into the range of complex life forms we see today.

Alice with a Why Return to Wonderland - Anna James

Many years have passed since Alice's original adventures in Wonderland and her granddaughter Alyce (with a y) doesn't quite believe her curious tales of white rabbits and Cheshire cats. But when a mysterious invitation from the Mad Hatter arrives, Alyce ends up tumbling through the garden pond into her very own fantastical adventure.



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 1

White: Theodore, Jenson, Aya
Red: Oliver, Greta, Melissa

Year 3

Silver: Amira, Alexander, Neitanas
Gold: Olivia
Platinum: Dilanas, Tiwatope, Erin

Year 4

Platinum +1: Gustas
Platinum +3: Noah



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

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

We are approaching- Plastic Free July- 3 plastic facts

Plastic was invented in 1907, plastic is material made from crude oil. It was once known as 'the material of 1,000 uses,' it is cheap, flexible and strong and it's used for everything, from packaging to clothes and even chewing gum.

Plastic can take over 500 years to break down, and even then, it never fully disappears. Worse, lots of plastic is designed to only be used once. If it's not recycled plastic waste is burned, buried or ends up as litter, causing pollution in nature.

The biggest problem is that we are using and throwing away too much plastic. In the UK each household bins about 60 pieces of plastic packaging every week, which adds up to over 90 billion bits per year across the country. Sadley figures reported by Greenpeace in 2024 suggest only 17% plastic is recycled.

You can help by using less plastic this coming July, try and reduce your use of single-use plastic for ideas look at www.natgeokids.com/uk/plastic for some great tips.

Source of information National Geographic Kids magazine Summer Issue.


Writing Challenge

1. Would you rather spend time indoors or outdoors? Why?
2. Design your dream treehouse and write a persuasive letter to your parents, explaining why having a treehouse would be a fun way to spend time outdoors and explore your imagination.

Maths Challenges

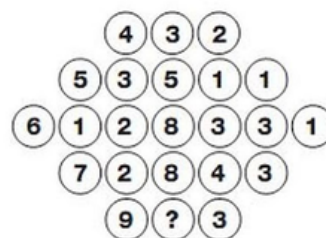
Dan the detective

1. Dan the detective looked for a number. He found a two-digit number less than 50. The sum of its digits was 12. Their difference was 4. What number did Dan find?

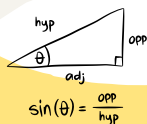


2. Dan found a two-digit odd number. One of its digits was half the other. The number was greater than 50. What number did Dan find?

What number comes inside the circle?



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](#)



NETBALL



Our Netball Team played an entertaining friendly this week against St. John's showing great sportsmanship even encouraging our opponents. A close game saw us hold off a late fightback from St. John's to win 6-5!

Star Player: For excellent effort and team spirit encouraging others: Well Done Alex!

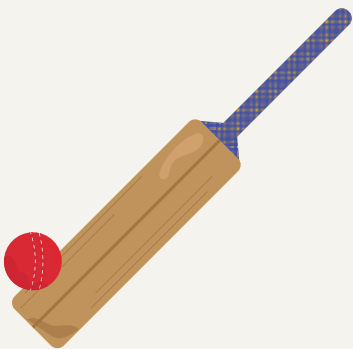
ROUNDERS

On Wednesday, the rounders team played St. John the Baptist Primary School, winning 21-16. They displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the game, with amazing running displayed and great bowling skills also. The team worked together, throwing strategically and carefully when fielding. It was a pleasure to watch and we are very proud of them.

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



CRICKET



On Wednesday our Year 6 girls cricket team travelled to Bourne for a tournament. A brilliant group stage in the heat saw the girls top their group with two wins out of two thanks to some superb batting. This earned them a place in the final where they were narrowly beaten to come home as runners up!

Star Player: For excellent effort and tenacity: Well Done Julia!

Congratulations!

SUN SAFETY



SUN safety tips



We are blessed with the warm weather, but it is important to stay safe in the sun. Here are some tips for keeping sun safe.

The Friends will be continuing to sell ice poles on warmer days.



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



We are busy working on a new *Laudato Si'* display on our school corridor. Would you like to see your own artwork on that display?

If so, 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 as soon as possible.

