



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 6th June 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Friendship

Value of the Month

Self- belief

LET US PRAY

Lord, you give us the gift of
your Holy Spirit to fill our
hearts with your love. Help
us to bring Jesus to those
who do not know him, and
share this love with them.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Foundation have started a new topic all about minibeasts and enjoyed finding them in their habitats during outdoor learning activities. In maths this week they have been using number stories to subtract and have started a new book called Superworm!

In RE this week, Year 1 learned about the Christian symbol of the cross and what it means as signifier of our faith and mission as followers of Jesus. The children went round the school to find as many crosses as they could and then used art skills to decorate their own. They did absolutely stunning work. Well done.

This week in Year 2 we have been reviewing our learning on adjectives and nouns. We have also 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 learning about different skeletal structures. They have discussed the differences between endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeleton. In English they have been developing dialogue using inverted commas.

Year 4 have been learning about when and where the Romans lived as part of our history topic. They used atlases to find countries that were part of the Roman empire and will learn lots more when we visit Flag Fen later in the term. In English we are exploring the book The girl who Stole an Elephant as part of our non chronological report writing.

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.

Year 6 have been completing write ups of their London theatre trip, recounting the day and explaining what the highlights were. They have also been writing about their evolution topic, explaining what evolution is, which they will share with Year 5.

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.
Please do remember to label all uniform as this really helps us to return specific items to the correct person-Thank you!

Another busy week and despite the rainy weather school has been a hive of activity. We have had the pleasure of welcoming our new Foundation pupils for 2025/26 to school for a taster session and Year 6 were defying gravity in the West End enjoying the musical Wicked. Most importantly we have come together as a school family today to celebrate St. Norbert's Feast Day Mass, so I invite you today and this weekend to remember and pray for St. Norbert. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to another busy week from Monday.

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!

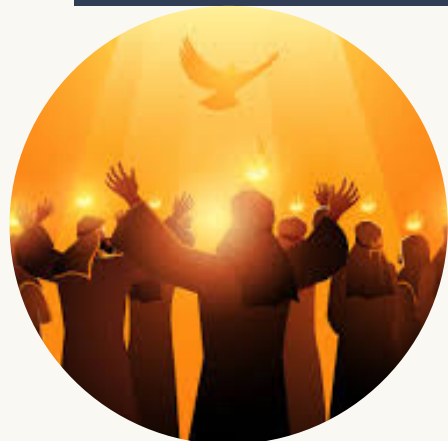
This week Norbert will be going home with Olek.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Why had the disciples locked themselves in a room? When Jesus appeared in the middle of the group, how did they feel? How did Jesus give them the Holy Spirit? What was the gift of the Holy Spirit going to enable them to do? When do we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way? – first at our baptism, and then his power is refreshed in us at confirmation. Pentecost is known as the Church's birthday. Why do you think this is so?

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Discipleship - Pentecost

Find out how to say something nice in a new language this week and take opportunities to share good news with others.

Wear Red this weekend.

Pentecost

Pentecost is where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This day is often referred to as the Church's birthday as it marks the moment when the disciples were inspired to go out into the world to share the good news, and to bring people to Christ.

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: Joshua for outstanding progress in reading, really developing his fluency skills.

Year 1: Ronan for his super science learning this week, identifying and describing different materials.

Year 2: Aidens for his excellent Maths recall of key number facts.

Year 3: Nathan for his hard work and 100% effort in learning.

Year 4: Natalia for her positive attitude towards all of her learning.

Year 5: Maria for fantastic work contributing to lesson discussions on adding and subtracting decimals this week.

Year 6: Hugo for his enthusiasm and effort with writing this 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.

Chloe H for gifting her class the sequel to their graphic novel 'The First Year' by Matt Goodfellow in the Y6 Class Reading Folder. They cannot wait to explore it!

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 5 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.94%**

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 - 85.71%
 Year 1 - 91.43%
 Year 2 - 96.55%
 Year 3 - 99.05%
 Year 4 - 97.04%
 Year 5 - 99.48%
 Year 6 - 95.24%

Joyful June
Human Dignity CST**WELLBEING**

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| 8
Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share | 9
Ask a friend what made them happy recently | 10
Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them | 11
Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it |
| 12
Write a gratitude letter to thank someone | 13
Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side | 14
Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you | |

Useful Websites

[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

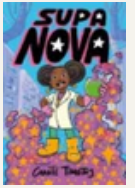
A young child moves to a new area and decides to build their own friend. When another child lends a hand, the pair gradually realise that they have made a real friend after all.

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: Elliott, Caroline
Platinum +1: Oskars

Year 4 Platinum: Fabian
Platinum +1: Zuzanna
Platinum +2: Magor
Platinum +3: Joshua

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Wednesday 11th June

Year 2 Celebration of the Word
2:50pm parents welcomes

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

8th June is World Ocean Day here are some Ocean facts:

The theme for this year's World Ocean Day is 'Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us!' This highlights our shared responsibility to it.

Breaking the theme down "Wonder":

This emphasises the ocean's inherent beauty, mystery, and the awe it inspires in us.

"Sustaining what sustains us":

This highlights the ocean's vital role in supporting life on Earth, from providing food and resources to regulating climate.

Leading Scientists worldwide agree that a healthy ocean is a critical part of the solution to the climate and biodiversity crises. We face some of the greatest threats ever to our blue planet and all its inhabitants: the climate and biodiversity crises. It is all too clear that we need a healthy ocean for a stable climate.

The ocean covers over 70% of the planet. It is our life source. The ocean produces at least 50% of the planet's oxygen, it is home to most of earth's biodiversity, and is the main source of protein for more than a billion people around the world. Not to mention, the ocean is key to our economy with an estimated 40 million people being employed by ocean-based industries by 2030.

Even though all its benefits, the ocean is now in need of support.


With 90% of big fish populations depleted, and 50% of coral reefs destroyed, we are taking more from the ocean than can be replenished. We need to work together to create a new balance with the ocean that no longer depletes its bounty but instead restores its vibrancy and brings it new life. We need to protect our Ocean it is integral to Our World!

Source and for more information: <https://worldoceanday.org/take-action/conservation-action-focus/> and un.org

Writing Challenge

1. June 3rd is World Bicycle Day! Can you write instructions on how you'd teach someone how to ride a bike?
2. June 5th is World Environment Day! What are 3 things you do to take care of our environment?
3. On June 8th we also celebrate Best Friends Day. Can you draw a portrait of your best friend and write about a funny memory you have of them?

Maths Challenges



Seven Flipped

You have seven hexagonal-shaped mats – each with one side red and one blue. Starting red side up – these mats all have to be turned over, but you can only turn over exactly three at a time.

What is the smallest number of moves you can do this in?


Try with other numbers of mats.

Do you notice any patterns in your findings?

Can you explain why these patterns occur?

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

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Roly poly

The dots on opposite faces of a dice add up to 7.

1. Imagine rolling one dice. The score is the total number of dots you can see. You score 17. Which number is face down? How did you work out your answer?

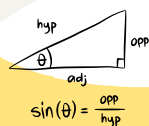


2. Imagine rolling two dice. The dice do not touch each other.



The score is the total number of dots you can see. Which numbers are face down to score 30?

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](#)





WICKED

This week Year 6 went on their school trip to London to see the West End musical version of Wicked! Everyone had a fantastic time and were blown away by the outstanding costumes, lighting, music and set. If they could have stayed and watched it again they would! The children also got to meet five members of the Wicked team including: an ensemble actor; hair and make-up artist, the actress that played Nessa-Rose; the actor who played the Wizard of Oz and the actress that was the understudy for the lead role of Elphaba. They shared their experiences of working in theatre and answered some of the children's questions. It was a wonderful experience which the children will never forget and the perfect way to celebrate the hard work everyone has put in preparing for and sitting their SATs tests.



KWIK CRICKET

Nine Year 5 pupils represented the school in a fantastic Kwik Cricket tournament in Market Deeping on Wednesday.

The children showcased amazing skills, team spirit and determination throughout their games. It was wonderful to watch them not giving up and showing pride using the School Games values. There were also some brilliant fielding, bowling, and encouragement from the side lines.

A huge well done to them all for coming in third place out of 8 teams. They were presented with medals and had huge smiles on their faces to finish the day.

Well done to them all.

ST. NORBERT'S FEAST DAY



On Friday morning we celebrated St. Norbert's Feast day mass in school with Fr. Jim and Fr. Paul. It was wonderful to come together and remember the values and work of our school's patron saint and consider his influence on us each day through our mission statement.

Saint Norbert started his life as a worldly cleric, living a lavish lifestyle. After experiencing a profound encounter with God, he entered a period of deep prayer to more clearly discern God's will. During this time, God took hold of him and never let go, leading him to great fruitfulness for the Church. If you find yourself pursuing worldly goals, let Saint Norbert's story inspire you.

God, our Father, in your eternal wisdom and unending mercy you called Norbert of Xanten to reform the Church of his time.

Inspired by the example of the apostles and first Christians, he gathered others to live a common life in order to be sent out to preach and announce the Good News.

Inspire us with the zeal of Saint Norbert to be witnesses of your loving presence in the world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Norbert, pray for us.