



# 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 11th July 2025

### VIRTUES AND VALUES

#### Virtue of the term

Friendship

#### Value of the Month

Aspiration

### LET US PRAY

Lord, you know that we each  
need a good Samaritan  
sometimes. Give each of us  
the courage to stop and help  
others when they need us,  
just as Jesus did.  
Amen.

### ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

#### Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Foundation children have finished writing their stories about The Very Hungry Caterpillar, what lovely ideas they have had and looking at how they have developed their writing skills is amazing! In maths they have been counting beyond 10 and looking at what two digit numbers are made up of. They have also been on a minibeast hunt with our Now Press Play Experience.

This week, Year 1 have been so busy! We enjoyed watching the Y6 play, had a water safety talk, tested our maths skills and investigated materials. In addition, the children combined all their chopping baking and decorating skills to make some incredible cupcakes with a fruit or vegetable added in. They were beautiful and delicious! On Thursday the children also took part in an excellent workshop about the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong, led by One Day Creative. The children engaged in quizzes, drama and role play- putting their history knowledge to the test.

This week in Year 2 we have been looking at The Marvellous Squishy Fluffy Itty Bitty in English and discussing rich vocabulary we can use to describe the very fluffy pink character! We have enjoyed learning and using pictograms in our Maths statistics topic and have been using pictograms, tally marks and block graphs to present our data. We have also been using our research skills to find out more about the life of Grace Darling and have enjoyed an amazing workshop sharing key facts and mini-dramas to help us learn about the past.

Year 3 have really enjoyed talking and writing about their trip to Flag Fen, they are still buzzing from the trip. They are also excited about their DRT project and excited that they will be taking their hand puppets that they have designed, cut out and sewn together home to show their parents.

Year 4 have been busy this week looking at statistics. They have been interpreting line graphs and bar charts, creating pictograms and asking and answering questions about data. In RE we have been looking at the Catholic virtues of faith, hope and charity, children have been scripture detective making links between these virtues and the 1<sup>st</sup> letter to The Corinthians. Children have begun to explore a new exciting text in Guided reading entitled 'The Great Highland Falcon Thief'. This is an award winning adventure story by G. M. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. I would thoroughly recommend this book as an excellent summer read for children. In our PE learning we have been learning rallying skills, celebrating the great British sporting event Wimbledon.

In Year 5 this week, we have been reading The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow. In this picture book, two children set off on an adventure to prove the Giant Whale sighting 50 years earlier was not a hoax. We have enjoyed making inferences from the book and have been working hard to prepare writing our eye witness accounts.

Year 6 this week, were busy performing the leavers play for the whole school and their families and friends. In Maths they have been learning how to interpret the dual bar charts and in DT they were learning about design criteria for a mobile phone cases.

**REMINDER:** We have received further complaints from Tollgate residents around parking over driveways, blocking them in. Please be courteous when parking in local area. Your registration details will be submitted to the council and you may face a fine.

What a fun filled week we have enjoyed the Year 6 end of year Play and watched caterpillars in Foundation Class- when will they hatch? We are rapidly hurtling towards the end of term and so much to still fit in. I hope you all have a fun filled weekend I know I am because as you read this I will be in North Norfolk with Year 4 and Mrs Beavis on our Outdoor Adventure Residential. Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all on Monday!

Mrs Withers x

### GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

The Samaritans and the Jews had a long history of being enemies. But the Samaritan in the story that Jesus told today did not worry about religions or differences – he just saw someone who needed help and was filled with pity for him. Many people today hurry past hurting people, so what is Jesus telling us in this story about how we should treat each other?

Consider some of the barriers that exist within our society. Who are the people for us who could be considered to be 'Samaritans'? What are the ways that you or others in your parish working to break down some of these barriers and build bridges between people? Perhaps this week you could go out of your way to be of service to someone, or respond to someone in need with generosity.



**Discipleship - Gratitude**

Make a special effort to say thank you this week to those people in your community who love and support you.

**Gratitude**

Gratitude is being thankful for what we have. It is about being grateful for the good things in our lives. We have a lot to be grateful for and it is important to take time to appreciate the good things in our lives. Having gratitude helps us to be truly happy and to live a fulfilling life.

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 - Fall Guys Parental Controls**

Fall Guys is a very popular game with children. It has a PEGI 3 rating and falls under the massive multiplayer battle royale genre of games, meaning there are things like chat, in game spending, friends lists and more. It's important that games like this are set up correctly in accordance with the age of the child playing. For example over 13's have default access to party chat groups.

Internet Matters have a really good guide detailing all the parental features [HERE](#) and Wayne Denner has just published an article about a new voice reporting feature which is available within Fall Guys and also Rocket League, another really popular game with children. You can find Wayne's article [HERE](#).

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

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**Foundation:** Enrika for showing lots of Year 1 ready skills! You will be amazing!

**Year 1:** Harmony for determination and progress this year.

**Year 2:** Eubrey for using and applying her understanding of addition and subtraction when solving tricky problems.

**Year 3:** Joya for her effort and determination in mathematics.

**Year 4:** Jessica for her fabulous maths learning this week.

**Year 5:** Elliott for demonstrating a positive attitude to all areas of learning this week.

**Year 6:** Whole of Year 6 for demonstrating outstanding effort, great performance, strong teamwork.

**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.

Our PTA and ourselves as a school would like to say a HUGE thank you to Worldwide Fruit and Booths Greengrocers for their generous fruit donations for our Disco-keeping our dance snacks healthy! Thank you so much we really appreciate your generosity.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Well done Year 2&5 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.24%**

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 - 93.21%  
Year 1 - 91%  
Year 2 - 100%  
Year 3 - 99.66%  
Year 4 - 99.31%  
Year 5 - 100%  
Year 6 - 91%

**Jump Back Up July**  
**Human Dignity CST****WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

**13**  
Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

**14**  
Get outside and move to help clear your head

**15**  
Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step

**16**  
Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts

**17**  
Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today

**18**  
Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

**19**  
If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

**The Biggest Dog in the Book - Ben Lerwill**

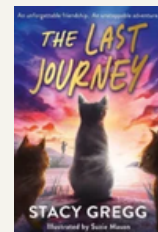
Agnes the Chihuahua isn't the biggest dog in the book. Neither's Magnus the dachshund or Popcorn the beagle. So who is the biggest dog in the book? With repetitive text making it a joy to read aloud, this is very fun and sweet – even for cat lovers!

**Tuck and Tina and the Lost Fortune - Jess Brallier**

Mice Tuck and Tina live happily in Boone School, but when they learn that it has run out of money and is shutting down, they do everything they can to save it. This stylish chapter book for younger readers features fabulously funny illustrations, which are full of character and colour.

**The Last Journey- Stacy Gregg**

When the government legislates to kill domestic cats, it's time for Pusskin to fulfil his destiny and lead his friends to a place of safety. But the journey is treacherous and the sanctuary they seek may not be as safe as they hoped.



## STAR BADGE CHALLENGE

**Year 3**

Silver: Emily, Joya, Nathan, Olaf, Leo, Tiago, Blanka, Luca

Gold: Amira, Neithanas, Alexander

Platinum: Sofia, Milita, Eliza H, Olivia

Platinum +1: Tiwatope, Dilanus, Erin

**Year 4**

Platinum +2: Kacper

Platinum +3: Elliot

**Year 5**

Platinum +1: Othula

Platinum +2: Sydney, Jack



## DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 4 residential to Hilltop

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Leavers Assembly 2pm  
End of Term 6

## SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**Fun Geography facts to impress your family and friends with**

1. There are some pink lakes across the world one of them is called Lake Hillier in Australia. Its pink colour is a combination of high salinity and the presence of certain algae and bacteria.
2. The Mid- Atlantic Ridge under the Atlantic Ocean, is the longest mountain range. Much of it is undersea, it spans an incredible 10,000 miles (16,000 km).
3. Rivers can flow backwards! This usually happens during a powerful earthquake, hurricane or massive flood.
4. The Pacific Ocean is so big it is bigger than all the land masses on Earth combined!
5. The summit of Mount Everest is the highest point on Earth. However, due to the Earth's bulge at the Equator, the mountain closest to space is actually Ecuador's Mount Chimborazo.
6. Even the coldest continent on Earth has volcanoes. There are as many as 12 known volcanoes in Antarctica, some of which are active.

**Writing Challenge****Sentence starters**

Use these sentence starters to write your own sentence or paragraph.

1. Amala woke up to find herself in...
2. The forest was filled with the scent of...
3. As she looked around, she noticed...
4. She had been dreaming about...
5. The old books seemed to whisper...

**Maths Challenges****Think of Two Numbers**

Think of two whole numbers under 10  
Take one of them and add 1  
Multiply by 5  
Add 1 again  
Double your answer  
Subtract 1  
Add your second number  
Add 2  
Double again  
Subtract 8  
Halve this number and tell me your answer

From your answer I can work out both your numbers very quickly. How?

[nrich.maths.org](http://nrich.maths.org)

**Kieron's cats**

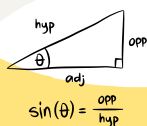
Kieron has three cats.  
Each is a different weight.

The first and second weigh 7kg altogether.  
The second and third weigh 8kg altogether.  
The first and third weigh 11kg altogether.

What is the weight of each cat?



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](#)





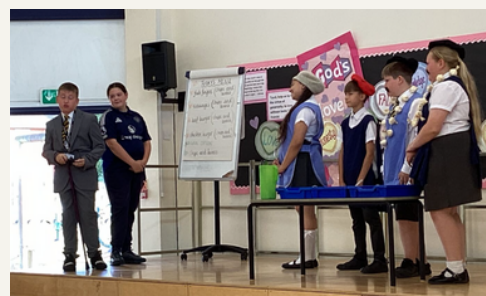
## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PLAY

### A Standing Ovation for 'School-o-Vision' – Our Year 6 Leavers' Play

Our talented Year 6 pupils took to the stage this term for their unforgettable Leavers' Play, School-o-Vision. The production was a vibrant celebration of the creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm that have defined their time at our school.

From dazzling dance routines to magnificent musical numbers, the children showcased an impressive range of talents. Their strong acting skills, clear expression, and growing confidence shone through in every scene, captivating the audience and bringing the story to life.

What truly stood out was the way pupils worked together with such focus and creativity. Every performance reflected not only individual talent, but also the strength of collaboration, as they supported one another to make the play a joyful and polished production.



## BOOKNIC

### Booknic Bliss in the Sunshine!

What a wonderful Wednesday we had for our Booknic on the Field! Under glorious sunshine, families and friends joined us for a fantastic celebration of reading, from Foundation Stage all the way through to Year 6. It was heartwarming to see such a brilliant turnout, with picnic blankets spread across the field and books being shared and enjoyed by readers of all ages. The love for stories truly came to life in the fresh air and sunshine.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing Reading Ambassadors and a group of enthusiastic Year 6 children who helped make the event extra special. Their thoughtful book recommendations and fun quizzes added a wonderful touch and helped inspire even more reading excitement.

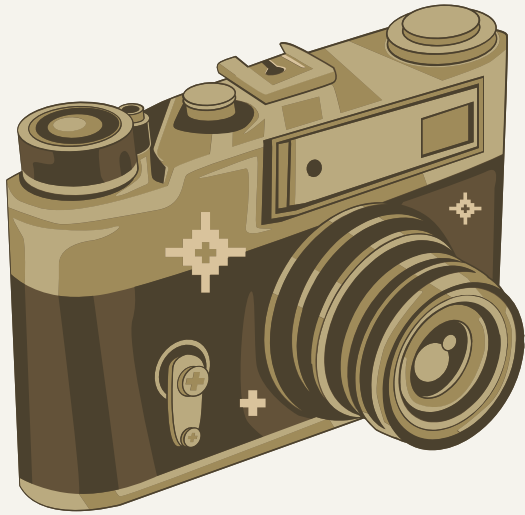
Thank you again to everyone who came and supported the event – we can't wait to do it again!



## COMPETITION TIME

Serious about photography? If you're under 18, have an eye for a good shot and love taking pictures of animals, the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is for you. The competition is now open and closes on Wednesday, 13 August 2025.

To enter the competition please use this [website](#)



### RSPCA Young Photographer Awards now open!



- We're looking for amazing animal photos
- Categories for different age groups
- Use a camera or a mobile phone
- Completely free to enter
- Fantastic prizes on offer
- Awards ceremony at the Tower of London

### Kickstart your students' creative futures with the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards 2025

Our prestigious annual competition is open for entry until 13 August 2025. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to get outside, learn about the natural world, and practise their photography skills.

We have some great prizes on offer and the chance to attend our exciting awards ceremony at the Tower of London. So please encourage your students to get creative and send us their animal photos. Thank you!

## PTA PENNY WARS

The Penny War PTA fundraiser was so much fun and the children really enjoyed taking part. Year 4 were the overall winners and received ice poles, an extra breaktime and Norbert Bear Badges and Year 3 were runners up receiving an extra breaktime and Norbert Bear Badges! We had such fun, these events all help to gradually build vital funds the school needs. Thank you to our hardworking PTA.

**Money raised was £167.25!**



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Summer Disco last Friday. We were blessed with beautiful weather to enjoy some dancing and fun outside as well as in. It was a lovely celebration and end to the school year.



# DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT



As part of our work towards achieving the CAFOD 'Live Simply' award, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be switching off as many electrical devices as possible in school. This will form part of our Pentecost term Jubilee retreat day.

We would like to extend this challenge into the evening by inviting you to take part too.



WILL YOU TAKE PART IN OUR 'DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT' DAY BY PUTTING DOWN OR TURNING OFF YOUR ELECTRICAL DEVICES FOR EITHER ONE HOUR OR FOR THE WHOLE EVENING?

## Why are we doing this?

We want to promote the care of our common home by reducing our use of electricity and we also want to encourage everyone to spend more quality time with one another without technology getting in the way.

## HERE ARE SOME IDEAS OF THINGS YOU COULD DO TOGETHER WHEN YOU TURN OFF YOUR TECHNOLOGY.

Feel free to share any comments with us (when you turn your technology back on of course!) by e-mailing us at [enquiries@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk) (Subject: Disconnect to Reconnect)



Play board or card games.



Enjoy time outdoors.



Make something creative.



Share stories together.