



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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VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Friendship

Value of the Month

Aspiration

LET US PRAY

Lord, you sent Jesus into the world that we might know how to live as you want us to live. Help us to always care for others as we would like them to care for us.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The boys in Foundation have enjoyed creating art in the style of Picasso. They have been practicing been year 1 by taking on phonics and maths challenges daily. They have really enjoyed them and ask for more. Definitely year 1 ready! They have also enjoyed a retreat day, disconnecting from our busy lives and reconnecting with the outdoors!

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about astronauts to support their history learning about Neil Armstrong. They researched and took notes, drafted sentences and compiled factual reports. Did you know astronaut means star sailor? The children have also been demonstrating and capturing their knowledge about Christianity and Judaism. Miss Whyles was very impressed! In addition to this, the children also enjoyed their last dance session with Mrs Howard, enjoying the freedom to develop their own sequences with a partner and having fun performing these.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about different religions in RE and thinking about how we can show respect for different cultures. We have been looking geometry in Maths and learning language and vocabulary associated with position. We have also experienced our retreat day where we visited different prayer stations and learnt about being sustainable and caring for God's world. The highlight of the week was when we played a game of football Year 2 vs Year 1 - it was so much fun!

The children have had a great day making bird feeders as part of our retreat day, and sharing their PE time with Year 4 in a great game of rounders.

Year 4 have had a fabulous last week before the summer break honing their sewing skills in DT. They should be extremely proud of the cushions they have made. Children have also been learning about the importance of keeping our environment clean and tidy and the effect littering and pollution can have on wild life. Finally children had a fabulous day on Thursday disconnecting and reconnecting, children took time to appreciate our natural surroundings, listening to the sounds of nature and making bird feeders for our outdoor learning area.

In Year 5 this week we have been writing an eye witness report based on 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow. We have used some super vocabulary choices and have written some really descriptive pieces of writing.

Y6 this week have been busy planning, designing and making phone cases out of the felt. They used different types of stitching, like running, blanket stitch or backstitch. Those which are already finished look awesome! Well done!

As we go into the summer holidays, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday, I would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for the lovely donations for outdoor learning/Forest School and a huge thank you to all classes for embracing outdoor learning. Big thank you to the Year 6 pupils for helping and embracing Forest School, you've all made me very proud. I wish all of Year 6 the very best for your pastures new, you will be in my thoughts and prayers, good luck you're all stars you will be fabulous! - Mrs Simons

REMINDER: Please remember that from September the staff car park will resume as a staff only car park. Please be mindful of parking considerably and not blocking residents driveways. It is also important to park in such a way that emergency services could access all areas of Tollgate.

This is the final newsletter of the year and what an amazing year it has been! It is always such an honour and privilege to watch how our pupils grow and develop in such a short space of time. They have worked hard and all ready for new adventures whether it be a new school or a new class. We of course wish our Year 6 Cohort the very best of luck as they move onto secondary school and look forward to in future months hearing how they are getting on-don't be strangers! I also wish Mrs Kalane and Mrs Hutchinson the very best of luck for their new ventures and thank them for the hard word and service to our school. Finally I wish you all a restful summer break, please stay safe and enjoy some much needed relaxation time! See you in September!

Mrs Withers X

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent his apostles out on their mission to preach, cast out evil spirits and cure the sick. Their mission was a great success, but now after their return they are weary. Jesus is aware of their needs and insists they have a quiet place to rest. Perhaps this Gospel calls us to evaluate the balance in our lives between work and the need to take a break from the demands of life. Where does prayer fit into the pattern of our day?

The promise God makes through Jeremiah his prophet to the people is for a gentle leader — one who will guide and shepherd them. When Jesus comes he is just such a shepherd but he is a shepherd for the poor, the lost and the outcasts. Are the qualities that Jeremiah promised for the Messiah the same qualities that we find in Jesus of the Gospels? Are these the same qualities that we ourselves are to strive for?



Discipleship - Celebration

Take time to celebrate this week and find an opportunity to praise someone else for something they have achieved.

Celebration

A celebration is when we come together to rejoice in the things that are good. It is a time to give thanks to God for all his blessings and to recognise what he's given to us in love. We should always look for things we can celebrate, and though our celebrations, we can share happiness and joy with 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 - Holiday Conversations**

The holiday period is an ideal time for parents to sit down with their children, play their games and use their apps to get to know the endless fun but also the potential risks. Conversations can be difficult, especially if the parent isn't a user of tech, but conversation is the most powerful risk mitigator of all. So where do parents start?

The NSPCC have put together a fabulous page full of information such as:

- Age appropriate conversations taking into consideration different ages.
- Resources such as tips and quizzes.
- An understanding of some of the risks.
- And tackling difficult conversations.

A great one to share with parents and you can find the page [HERE](#).

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

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

Foundation: Angelina for her excellent participation in the oral health workshop!

Year 1: Darius for his amazing Non-Chronological report about astronauts.

Year 2: Lavinia is our pupil of the week for her exceptional attitude and listening ability in learning tasks.

Year 3: The Year 3 chaplaincy team Sofia and Vlad for their hard work during the retreat.

Year 4: Kaeden and Evie for their participation in the disconnect and reconnect retreat day.

Year 5: Leonard for his amazing drum performance in our music showcase, playing with concentration, effort and enthusiasm.

Year 6: Gabrielius was highly engaged throughout the activity, demonstrated very good sawing skills, and produced neat, well-executed stitches. He was also helpful in sorting the sewing boxes.

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 for the Sponsored Progress Award which will be presented at the Y6 Leavers Assembly.

Thank you to all our volunteers over the school year your work with our young people is vital and very much valued and appreciated by our entire team!

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year EYFS for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 94.5%**

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 - 98.8%
 Year 1 - 95.2%
 Year 2 - 89.3%
 Year 3 - 93.1%
 Year 4 - 97.7%
 Year 5 - 95.6%
 Year 6 - 93.1%

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

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

20
 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself

21
 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life

22
 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down

23
 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

24
 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

25
 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead

26
 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

Liliana the Strong - Quentin Blake

Liliana is very strong. She can lift a piano, a cow, and even a whale! A brilliant collaboration between two award-winning, much-loved creators.

**Tales of Scary Beasts - Susan Martineau**

A brilliant, intriguing and exciting book, perfect for middle primary-aged readers who are fascinated with myths and legends and want a quick, interesting and fun read.

**Sandy Fin: Operation Splash Landing- Martin Stewart**

Best friends Sandy and Lily live in the seaside village of Portwhistle and are training to become ocean explorers. They are suspicious when conservationist Albo Start arrives with grand plans to regenerate the village, so the pair embark on a thrilling and dangerous mission to uncover the truth. This rip-roaring adventure is packed full of humour and larger-than-life heroes and villains.



STAR BADGE CHALLENGE

Year 5

Platinum +3: Thiohfi



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Tuesday 22nd July
Leavers Assembly 2pm
End of Term 6

Tuesday 2nd September
INSET Day for staff training

Wednesday 3rd September
INSET Day for staff training

Thursday 4th September
First Day of Term 1

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Fun outdoor style

The summer holidays are upon us I have compiled a few ideas for things to do which are inspired by my forest school and outdoor learning.

1. Visit a woodland and collect sticks and leaves, you can make lots of things using sticks like wands, owls, stickman and lots of other things! And best of all they are free and part of nature!
- 2.
3. In a woodland or park build a den or you could do this in your back garden, please be careful when moving big branches remember to ask an adult and follow forest school rules, no running with them and if it is bigger than you get a friend to help you, if it's too heavy don't move it. Always ask your grown-ups to put things in your garden.
- 4.
5. Lie on the grass and do some cloud spotting if there are any clouds see what shapes they are making! Remember never look at the sun!
6. Roll down a hill or on the grass please check with your grown-ups the area is safe, and they are happy for you to do it.
7. Go on a bug hunt this might be in your garden or out and about be careful when moving things always check with a grown up. Keep an eye out for ladybirds, beetles, spiders, snails, butterflies. Enjoy our beautiful nature.
8. Do some leaf printing, bark printing or outdoor art.
9. Most of all have fun but be safe remember to follow our forest school rules think about risk and always check with grown-ups. Happy summer fingers crossed for sunshine, remember your hats and sunscreen.

Writing Challenge**Sentence starters**

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

1. As Dylan dived deeper into...
2. The ocean's hidden wonders awaited...
3. Surrounded by shimmering...

Maths Challenges**Nine Colours**

You have 27 small cubes, 3 each of nine colours.

Can you use all the small cubes to make a 3 by 3 by 3 cube so that each face of the bigger cube contains one of each colour?

nrich.maths.org

Next door numbers

Take ten cards numbered 0 to 9.



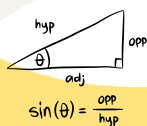
Arrange the cards like this.



Do it so that no two consecutive numbers are next to each other, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

There are lots of ways to do it. How many ways can you find?

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](#)



WHOLE SCHOOL RETREAT

On Thursday 17th July, Saint Norbert's enjoyed their Pentecost Term Retreat Day. The theme for this was 'Disconnect to Reconnect'. As part of our CAFOD Live Simply journey, we enjoyed a day of simplicity and rest. We used as little electricity as possible and did a lot of creative activities involving art, design and technology. We enjoyed spending time together and enjoying God's wonderful world in our beautiful school grounds. Members of our school Chaplaincy Team planned and led prayer stations linked to some of the themes of the Jubilee Year too (hope, rest, care for creation and justice and peace). Mrs Wright led our opening Celebration of the word outside on the field, and it was joyful to be together at the end of another busy school year and to have this time set aside to rest and to consider how we can all live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with our global family.





Summer Sorted: Fun Activities, Day Trips & Child-Friendly Adventures!

School's almost out and summer is in full swing! If you're wondering how to keep your children busy (and happy!) over the holidays, we've formed some suggestions you might like. From exciting local events to day trips worth packing the car for, here are our top picks to make this summer one to remember.

Creative Camps & Workshops

Let your child's imagination run wild with local art, music, and theatre workshops. Many community centres and libraries offer week-long sessions or drop-in classes perfect for all ages.

Top Tip: Book early—popular camps fill up fast!

Outdoor Escapes

Make the most of the sunshine with a visit to a nearby nature reserve, botanical garden, or adventure playground. Many parks also run free family-friendly events like wildlife trails and storytelling under the trees.

Big Days Out

Planning a day trip? Check out nearby:

- Theme parks & adventure centres
- Zoos & aquariums
- Historic castles or museums with interactive exhibits
- Mini-golf or climbing walls

Rainy Day Rescues

Not-so-sunny day? Head indoors for:

- Family movie screenings
- Local play cafes
- Museums or escape rooms for older children
- Library reading challenges with fun prizes

At-Home Ideas

Sometimes the best adventures start right at home:

- Backyard camping or garden picnics
- DIY craft projects
- Baking days with easy recipes
- A summer reading list or nature scavenger hunt



Here are also some links to places around Lincolnshire you may like to visit. [Lincolnshire visits](#) & [Things to do](#)

Whatever your plans, keep things flexible, it doesn't have to be expensive, and most of all—enjoy the time together. Summer doesn't last forever, but the memories will!

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