



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 4th July 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Friendship

Value of the Month
Aspiration

LET US PRAY

Lord, you want all people to
know how much you love
them. Help us to understand
your message, and to share
it with others.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The Foundation children have enjoyed sorting bugs and learning about their habitats. They are really developing their independent skills in all areas of the curriculum, showing a real readiness for Year 1.

In Year 1, the children enjoyed conducting a science investigation, finding out which everyday materials are absorbent or waterproof. They worked exceptionally well in teams, making sure they took turns, tested fairly and discussed their results. They then compared their predictions against their findings and decided why it is important for materials to be absorbent and waterproof, giving examples along the way.

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Nellie Standler in History. We have been on an immersive mission using Now Press Play to experience the way of life and conditions known at that time in History! In Science we have been celebrating the wonderful Bug Hotel Homework activity and photographing the children's bug hotels to go in their Science Books - We have also installed the bug hotels in the outdoor area ready for the bugs to enjoy this Summer! We have also enjoyed swimming and dance this week in our PE lessons.

Y3 have had a great week, looking forward to their trip. Experiencing Now Press Play again and thoroughly enjoying their DT project, their puppets are beginning to look fantastic.

Year 4 have been busy this week learning about how to add subordinating clauses and fronted adverbials to their writing. In maths children have started their new topic all about statistics and they will be problem solving and reasoning questions about data over the next week. Children have been busy in DT sewing their cushions and in RE we have been learning about Catholic virtues and how as Christians we can live out these virtues in everyday life.

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring seasonal foods and recipes in our DT work. We have planned a recipe and cooked a delicious vegetable stew.

This week Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their end of year play. They have used their DT and art skills to produce props to enhance their performance. We can not wait to celebrate their success this year with a no doubt outstanding performance.

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.

Another busy week we have welcomed families into school for the Pentecost Parent Showcase, we have enjoyed the Book Fair, Year 3 and 4 went to explore Flag Fen and myself and Mrs Hibbert attended the Bishops Conference in Nottingham yesterday. This culminated in a beautiful Mass in St. Barnabas Cathedral in which I offered prayers for all of you here in our school community and Project St. Thomas. I am currently dusting off my dancing shoes ready for the school Disco tonight. Wishing you all a peaceful weekend!

Mrs Withers X

Norbert Bear

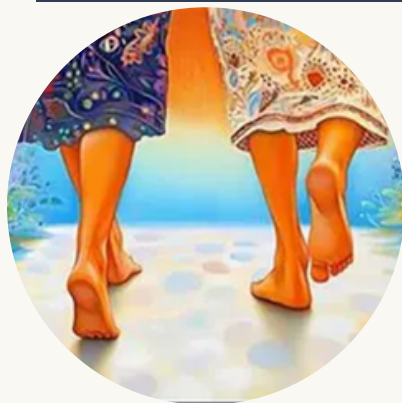
Norbert Bear will be going home with a child in reception on a Friday to spend the weekend! Please follow the instructions on Norbert's tag and tweet any photos with Norbert with your child having fun! Norbert must be returned to school on a Monday for a busy week at school!

This week Norbert will be going home with Seby.



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus knew that he would need help to take the message of God's love to people throughout the world. He prepared his disciples to be sent out to prepare the people for him to come into their lives. If you were being sent on a journey by Jesus, what things do you think you might need? What did Jesus tell the disciples to take? Jesus wanted them to share the love and peace of God through their actions and words rather than taking a lot of belongings. As followers of Jesus, what is Jesus asking us to take to the people we meet today?



Discipleship - Support

Write a message of support for someone who is facing a challenge this week. Give the message to them to help them know you are there.

Support

In our faith journey, we are not meant to walk alone. We find support in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the community of believers. We can turn to our priests, deacons, religious, and fellow parishioners for guidance, encouragement, and fellowship. We can find comfort in knowing that we are not alone, that others have walked this path before us, and that God is always with us. We are called to offer support to each other, building each other up in faith and love.

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: Barney for great recall in all areas of learning and showing great independence in his writing.

Year 1: Jenson for his excellent resilience, effort and positivity.

Year 2: Sebastian for his amazing reading and comprehension skills.

Year 3: Olivia for her concentration and determination in her work.

Year 4: All of Year 4 for their exceptional behaviour at Flag Fen.

Year 5: Isabella for her brilliant portrayal of Ariel when acting a scene written for Shakespeare's 'The Tempest.'

Year 6: The whole of Year 6 for their dedication and support of each other 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.

Our PTA for organising the upcoming Discos! Thank you

Project St.Thomas- Thank you for your food and flower donations to school we are incredibly grateful!

ATTENDANCE**Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 95.1%**

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 - 93.65%
Year 1 - 94.07%
Year 2 - 94.24%
Year 3 - 95.79%
Year 4 - 97.32%
Year 5 - 97.62%
Year 6 - 92.76%

Jump into July
Human Dignity CST**WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)



Ant Party - Ross Montgomery

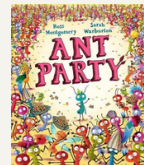
Andy the ant wants to have a small birthday party. But, before long, the whole colony turn up at his home! Can the ants work together when an uninvited guest crashes their fun?

The Lucky House Detective Agency - Scarlett Li

Felix and his friend Isaac are mystery-mad, so when the friends find a strange, ancient coin buried deep in a plant pot, they have to investigate what it is and who put it there.

After- Pádraig Kenny

Jen and Father are searching for a new home in a destroyed world. But they have a secret: Father is a human-appearing AI, whom others fear. Thrilling and thought-provoking, this contains much to discuss.



STAR BADGE CHALLENGE

Year 1

Bronze: Melanie

Silver: Tamsin

Year 2

Bronze: Shazil, Neitas, Ivania

Year 3

Gold: Sofia, Natalie

Year 4

Platinum +2: Max

Platinum +3: Liljana

Year 5

Platinum: Arnon

Platinum +2: Oskars



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 Leavers Play 6pm

Wednesday 9th July

Parent Booknic Event 2 - 3pm

Friday 11th July

Year 6 Leavers Mass

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th July

Year 4 residential to Hilltop

Tuesday 22nd July

End of Term 6

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Totally Amazing Turtle

One of many creatures, which comes in all shapes and sizes and lives in a variety of environments. They all belong to a group of reptiles called Testudines, which includes turtles, tortoises and terrapins. From giant, slow-moving land-dwelling tortoises and snappy terrapins basking in their fresh-water lagoons, to the graceful strokes of a sea turtle gliding through our oceans – see four amazing turtle facts, below!

1. Turtles belong to one of the oldest reptile groups in the world – beating snakes, crocodiles and alligators!
2. These creatures date back to the time of the dinosaurs, over 200 million years ago – woah!
3. Turtles are easily recognised by their bony, cartilaginous shell. This super-tough casing acts like a shield to protect them from predators – some turtles can even tuck their head up inside their shell for extra protection!
4. Just like your bones, a turtle's shell is part of its skeleton. It's made up of over 50 bones which include the turtle's rib cage and spine.

source: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/sea-life/turtle-facts/>

Writing Challenge

Would you rather be able to control the weather or have the ability to talk to animals?

Why? Write down and explain your answer.

**Maths Challenges****Elevenses**

In this grid, how many pairs of numbers can you find that add up to a multiple of 11?

Could you convince someone that you've found them all?

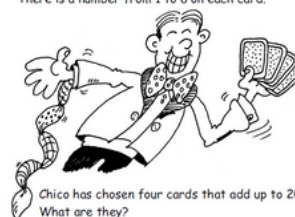


9	46	79	13
64	90	2	97
25	31	20	22
4	52	55	7

nrich.maths.org

Card tricks

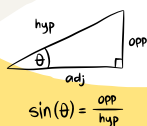
Chico's cards are all different. There is a number from 1 to 8 on each card.



Chico has chosen four cards that add up to 20. What are they? There are seven different possibilities. Try to find them all.

What if Chico has three cards that add up to 16?

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 3 AND 4 TRIP TO FLAG FEN

The children in Year 3 and 4 had an amazing day on Wednesday, when they visited Flag Fen as part of their history learning. Year 4 children took part in an archaeological dig using trowels and brushes to unearth Roman artefacts. Once they had completed this activity they then used the evidence they had found to piece together information about the type of Romans that would have lived there almost 2000 years ago. After lunch, the children made miniature clay drinking vessels. They shaped and moulded the clay and used their fingers and natural materials such as twigs and seed heads to imprint patterns to create an authentic Roman design. The last activity the children took part in was an interview with a Roman soldier. Chris (the soldier) taught the children some basic drill instructions, explained all about the armour and helmets the Romans would wear in battle explaining why they were so effective in protecting the soldiers. He also explained the contents of a Roman soldier's kit bag, amazingly it held 15 days' worth of rations, a water bottle, frying pan and a sponge on a stick. If you would like to know what that was for, I suggest you ask your child!



The Year 3 children displayed a wealth of knowledge about prehistory, and were able to successfully identify the 3 main headings during the stone age times. They handled real and replica artefacts and discussed them, as well as having the opportunity to create clay pots as they would have used in the Stone Age era. The children particularly enjoyed a hands on experience on how to make a weave wall with wattle and daub, using traditional materials. Later on, the children experienced storytelling in the round house and imitated slaying a deer with replica spears and a woven deer model. They lastly had the opportunity to visit the museum and observe the iron age boat restoration. They even walked over the replica causeway, they were able to visit the tank where the original causeway remains were.

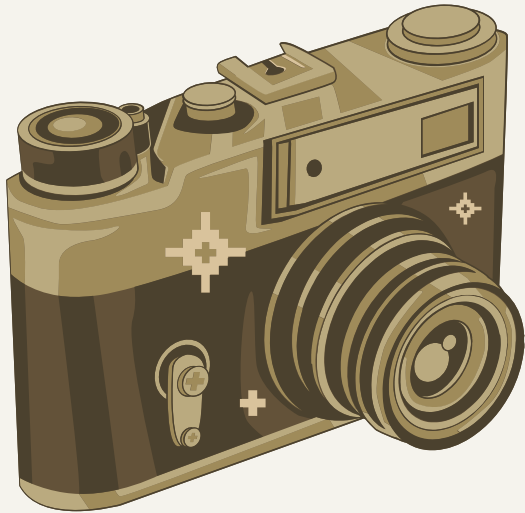
The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and experience, it is definitely worth a visit during the summer holidays.



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!

Free Digital Drop-in Support

Need help with your
phone, tablet or
computer?

Build your Digital Skills in
a relaxed and friendly
setting.



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Tuesday 22nd July, 26th August
10.00 am - 12 Noon



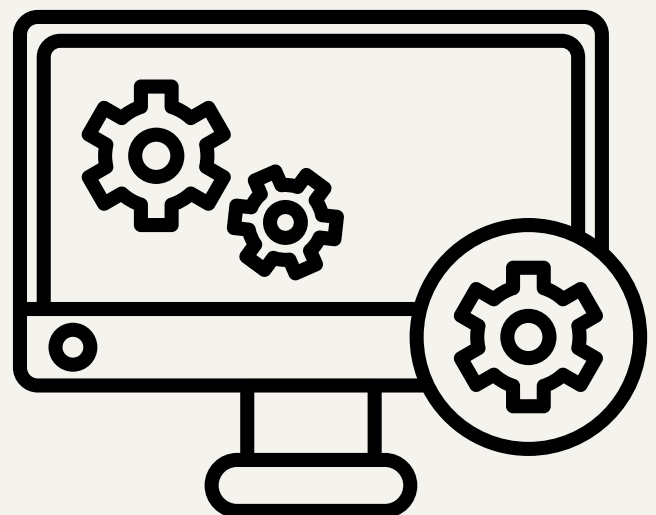
NHS, Online Banking, Online Shopping, Online Safety, email, Council Services, GP Services, .GOV, more.....



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TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Great free local support with technical devices. There are two sessions being run in July and August which may be of interest to you.



LUNCHTIME SPORTING FUN

This week saw the start of our KS2 and KS1 Women's Euro Football Tournament! We had teams from each class representing countries in the Euro's and taking part in matches to celebrate School Games Values and participate in Active 60 physical exercise to extend their enjoyment and participation in sport.

Also this week, Wimbledon began. Our Sports Leaders were quick to respond with Wimbledon Tennis activities shared on the playground. Each week during the tennis tournament we will be following the players and celebrating their skills through weekly tennis based break time activities - Game set and Match!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 5 July 2025 in England and Wales. Children can sign up at their local library to join the adventure and discover the magical world where stories grow.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and is free for children to take part. Throughout the summer, children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities at their local library, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

