



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 19th September 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Faith

Value of the Month

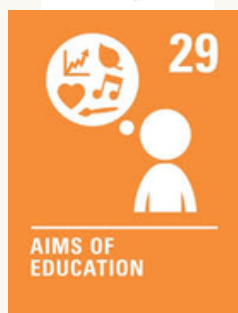
Respect

LET US PRAY

Lord, your goodness is
always our ideal. Help us to
be honest and truthful with
each other and have
integrity in all our dealings.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Our youngest children in Foundation are doing so well as they get used to school life and build their daily routines. A big step this term has been joining the rest of the school for Mass.

In Year 1, the children enjoyed their outdoor learning with Mrs Simons. Despite the weather, they explored different objects and natural forms, using their senses to investigate and explore. They collected many autumn items and used them to make some funny self-portraits!

In Year 2 this week we have been learning to correctly form our letters in handwriting in preparation for joining each letter together later in the year. We have been enjoying the Building Boy book in our English lessons and extending our sentences whilst using past tense -ed endings. Our Maths learning has been superb this week with many children able to read, write and partition numbers to 100 and some have gone beyond to 1000! We have been learning about Animals including Humans and sorting events in their lifecycle.

Year 3 have been learning about plants and what they need to grow well. They have planned an investigation to find out how a plant might grow without some of what it needs and to make observations over time. They have also been learning about possessive apostrophes both singular and plural.

Year 4 were very proud of their first class worship of the year, they showcased their learning about the story of Abraham. Year 4 have also been busy learning about how to preposition of time and place in their English learning.

In maths children have been learning about how to find 1, 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than a given number and how to flexibly partition numbers to 10 000. Year 4 had a real treat on Friday afternoon when they enjoyed an audience with the author Swapna Haddow and the inspiration for her new book "The Terrible Trio".

This week in Year 5 we have been learning about what a covenant is. We have explored covenants from the bible between Moses and God and have considered how we can have a covenant relationship with God. This week Year 6 have been exploring genre and developing their ideas about their own reading preferences. We had some lovely discussions about our favourite books and the how reading for pleasure helps us to relax, develops our imagination, expands our vocabulary and allows us to experience different emotions. We then spent some time carefully choosing a reading book to read in school and at home. Some of us decided to try a new genre, whilst others tried a new author.

Notice: Several of you have asked if we can be flexible with uniform and allow polo shirts and shorts for those warmer days with regards to uniform. I am happy to facilitate this but if we can all ensure we are in Winter Uniform after half term. It is especially important to have full school smart winter uniform for School Photograph days. Please see our calendar of events to keep up to date with what is happening in school.

This week has been wet and windy but that has not stopped our curriculum adventures and I can see several classes are already full steam ahead booking in the first enrichment trips and visits of the year. As you know we are one big family here at St. Norbert's if you have some time to give and you would like to become a volunteer reader or lead some learning groups please do let Mrs Hibbert and myself know as we can organise a DBS check and you too could join our ever growing team of volunteers. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

If someone in a shop gave you too much change, what would you do? Jesus knew that we would often be tested about being honest in our everyday lives. Being honest is a choice we make every day. God wants to be sure that we can be trusted with the most precious treasure of all when we serve God.

Today's reading is an invitation for us to consider our priorities in a new light. How we use our money has implications for us as Christians and for others. How has your attitude to money affected your decisions and the way you live your life? How does it affect or reflect your attitude to God? What do you spend your money on? What are the things that you cannot do without?

During this week make a conscious effort to make use of a resource you have – time, money or talent – to make life better for someone in need.



Discipleship - Work

Make an effort to do your work this week to the best of your ability and to help others with their work too.

Work

Work teaches us responsibility and discipline and can be a source of satisfaction and fulfillment. We should respect the dignity of labour and the value of all those who work around the world in service of others. Work is a gift from God, a way to participate in His creative activity. It's not just about earning a living, but about using our talents and skills to contribute to the world.

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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For Parents - Talking to your Child about Online Safety

It's the area that a lot of parents struggle with yet it is the single most important aspect for any child of any age - continuing conversations with children to mitigate risk, including topics that can be very difficult to approach.

The NSPCC has some wonderful resources for parents including age-appropriate conversations and topics, top tips, quizzes and more. There's a lot of information and my tip would be to send out snippets of information, perhaps in your newsletter. For example you could say that in lessons with the children you've been having some lessons around how to stay safe online (with specific topics), then send out information just related to that topic. Parents are much more likely to read that, which in turn means they're more likely to talk to their children about it. You can find all the resources listed

[HERE.](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



NSPCC
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Below are pupils that have lived out the St. Norbert's Learners Code. Look Closely at the certificate to see what your child has excelled in being a model of this week!

Foundation: Ivaani

Year 1: Enrika

Year 2: Adrianas

Year 3: Lavinia

Year 4: Sinead

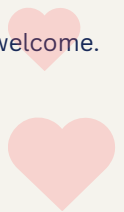
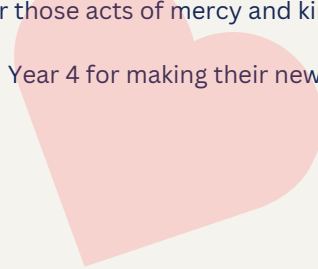
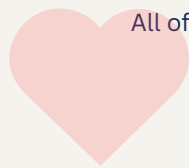
Year 5: Kaeden

Year 6: Ethan

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.

All of Year 1 and Year 4 for making their new friends so welcome.

**ATTENDANCE**

Well done Year 6 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 98.1%

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 - 96.43%
 Year 1 - 96.53%
 Year 2 - 97.04%
 Year 3 - 99.23%
 Year 4 - 98.46%
 Year 5 - 98.89%
 Year 6 - 100%

**Self Care September
Human Dignity CST****WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

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Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

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Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

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Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

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Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

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Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

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Let go of other people's expectations of you

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Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

Recommended Reads

Tiger's Last Roar - Harriet Howe

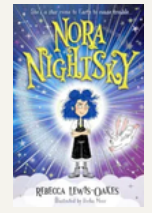
Mae and her cat Tiger are best friends and queens of the jungle. When Tiger passes away, Mae gradually comes to terms with her loss in this touching picture book.

Nora Night sky - Rebecca Lewis-Oakes

Rebellious star Nora Night sky visits Earth to grant the wish of a girl called Olivia in this hilarious illustrated adventure which crackles with magic and mischief.

There Was a Roman in Your Garden- Bettany Hughes

This engaging, illustrated non-fiction book explores ancient Roman life through a series of 20 objects, from a wooden nit comb to exquisite jewellery.



SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Wednesday 24th September

Year 5 Class Worship – Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th September

Year 6 Residential Trip to The Briars

Wednesday 1st October

Year 2 Class Worship – Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Tuesday 7th October

Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 8th October

Year 6 Class Worship – Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Monday 13th October

Parent Learning Showcase Open
Evening 3:15pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday 15th October

Year 3 Class Worship – Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Friday 17th October

Harvest Service 1:30pm in school
parents welcome

Thursday 24th October

End of Advent Term 1

Friday 25th October

Staff INSET - No children in school

Fun history facts

1. Florence Nightingale had a pet owl.
2. Ketchup was once sold as medicine to cure ailments like indigestion and even jaundice.
3. Ice pops were accidentally invented by a child!
4. Tug of war used to be an Olympic sport.
5. Iceland has the world's oldest parliament.
6. The Eiffel Tower was originally meant for Barcelona.

Outdoor Learning/ Forest school

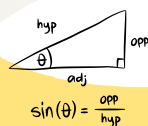
Just a reminder regarding Forest school days. Details will be sent each week as to which class will be taking part. Please can you ensure children come in their PE kit, if you are concerned about them getting muddy old jogging bottoms are fine. Please can they bring a pair of old trainers or wellies to wear outside, these will get muddy in the winter months and a pair of shoes (this can be their school shoes) they can wear in the school building so we don't get mud everywhere. Please ensure your child brings a coat we will go out in all weathers, rain or shine.

Next week will be Year 2 on Wednesday.

Maths Challenge

Do NOT use a calculator! Nice and easy	Bit more to it	Challenging
42	4	96
÷ 6	x 27	87 ½ % of it
x 2	5/12 of it	- 18
+ 26	- 9	x 25
x 12	x 4	30 % of it
÷ 60	7/18 of it	200 % of it
x 2	+ 16	30 % of it
¼ of it	5/12 of it	200 % of it
x 5	x 14	+ 6
x 19	5 % of it	37 ½ % of it
Answer =	Answer =	Answer =

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](#)



ICON WEEK 2025

ICON Week 2025 (22–26 September) – Supporting Parents, Protecting Babies “Babies cry, you can cope!”

This September, NHS services, local authorities, charities, and healthcare organisations across the country will join together once again to share important messages with parents and carers during ICON Week 2025 (22–26 September).

Now in its fourth year, ICON Week will focus on mental health and staying calm. The campaign reminds parents that infant crying is normal, provides practical coping strategies, and raises awareness of the dangers of shaking a baby - an action that can cause Abusive Head Trauma (AHT), leading to devastating brain injuries, disability, or even death.

The ICON programme is built around a simple, evidence-based message:

I – Infant crying is normal and will stop

C – Comfort methods can sometimes soothe the baby

O – It's OK to walk away for a few minutes if the baby is safe and the crying feels overwhelming

N – Never shake or hurt a baby

This year, ICON Week is also highlighting that coping with crying is an issue for both men and women. For some men, finding someone to talk to and calming down before handling a baby can be an even bigger challenge. ICON encourages all parents to recognise the importance of asking for help and planning ahead for those difficult moments.

Please support us by sharing the ICON message during ICON week within your organisation and with your families. Further information and resources can be found [HERE](#) and an information video can be accessed [HERE](#)

FREE PARENT WEBINAR

Police response to indecent image sharing by Lincolnshire Police Wednesday 17th September 6-7pm

17% of over 15's have shared an indecent image. What happens when these images are reported to the police?

Lincolnshire Police Paedophile Online Investigation Team are hosting this webinar for parents to discuss how the police may respond to indecent image sharing by children. Click [HERE](#)

FREE Parent Webinar - Help, my child has shared a nude? Next steps as a parent by LCC Stay Safe Team Wednesday 24th September 6-7pm

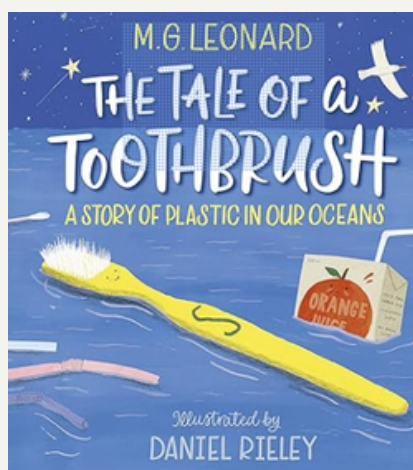
Internet Matters research into image based abuse found that 13- to 17-year-olds were most likely to turn to a parent if they received an unwanted nude image or video. This shows that parents are the first port of call for most children when dealing with online safety issues. As such, it's important for you to have the right tools to support your child. Join Lincolnshire County Council Stay Safe Team as they discuss what you might experience as a parent if your child has shared a nude, how to guide your child and the support services that can help. Click [Here](#)

THIS WEEK IS 'THE GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN WEEK'

The Tale of a Toothbrush: A Story of Plastic in Our Oceans

Children use their toothbrush each morning and evening, and get new ones every few months. That's billions of toothbrushes! What happens to them all when they're no longer needed? And if toothbrushes take thousands of years to break down, what does that mean for our planet?

With a fun cast of plastic characters, from pirate-ship bottles to dancing shampoos, and even an inquisitive albatross, The Tale of a Toothbrush is a positive and heart-warming story to help children explore the impact their choices have on our planet.



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS - A MODERN SAINT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Saint Carlo Acutis was an ordinary boy who loved football, computer games, and spending time with friends. What made him extraordinary was the way he loved Jesus. From a young age, Carlo had a deep devotion to the Eucharist and said that “the Eucharist is my highway to heaven.”

Carlo was very talented with computers. Instead of just using his skills for fun, he used them to share his faith. He created a website that showed miracles of the Eucharist from around the world, helping people to see how amazing God’s love truly is.

Even though Carlo became sick with leukaemia at only fifteen, he never lost his trust in God. He offered his suffering for the Church and for the Pope, showing great courage and faith, even in difficult times. Pope Francis called Carlo “a role model for young people” because he showed that holiness is possible for everyone, even children and teenagers. Carlo reminds us that being a saint doesn’t mean doing extraordinary things - it means living each day with love for God and others.

As we remember Saint Carlo Acutis, may we learn from his example to pray often, to use our talents for good, and to keep Jesus at the centre of our lives.

*God of our past, our present and our future,
God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,
be love in us as we journey through this new school year.
Be our inner vision, that we may see life through your eyes,
be our inner hearing, that we may listen well for your call,
be our inner judgement, so we may discern clearly that which gives life,
promotes growth, and nurtures love.
As we begin this school year, fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,
so that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope.
Amen.*

Our Lady Immaculate, pray for us.
Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us.



Project St Thomas
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Sat 4th Oct- 6pm



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TIME**

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s@dioceseofnot
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07719189528 for
a booking form

✦ 3 Course menu

Places/ Food must be reserved in advance

Unlimited Tea/ Coffee included

Quiz

Please feel free to bring your
own alcohol

✦ Raffle

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