



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 26th September 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Faith

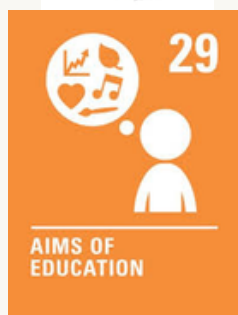
Value of the Month
Respect

LET US PRAY

Lord, giver of all that is good.
Help us to see the needs of
others and give us the
courage and generosity to
help them.
Amen.

ARTICLES OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Children in Foundation have settled well into daily routines, demonstrating increasing independence through their self-help skills, such as tidying up, managing their belongings, and following familiar transitions with confidence. They have successfully learned four phonemes and are beginning to blend these sounds to read simple CVC words, showing enthusiasm and growing confidence in early reading activities.

Year 1 have been learning about nouns this week. They have been able to identify common and proper nouns and looking at them in a singular and plural form. In Geography they have created an ariel picture of the classroom.

Year 2 had a lovely day on Wednesday outdoor learning linked to their geography, exploring the woodland area, playing forest school games, and working in teams to make dens. They had lots of fun, fresh air and explored our beautiful natural environment.

This week, Year 3 have been reviewing the work of Henri Rousseau and his painting 'Surprised'. They have considered the colour, texture and lines in the painting to create a collage of the work themselves. In RE they have been learning about St. Francis and how he cared for creation, they have considered the feelings of St. Francis about the world today.

This week in Year 4 has been full of exciting learning! In geography, the children have been exploring the layers of the rainforest. In Maths, we travelled back in time to learn about Roman numerals. The class practised reading and writing numbers in this ancient system. During PE, the focus was on safe play in catch games. The children discussed strategies for avoiding others, such as changing direction quickly, keeping eyes up, and using space wisely. This helped everyone stay active, safe, and full of laughter!

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring air resistance. We have planned an investigation into how to maximise the effect of air resistance by making effective parachutes and are looking forward to testing our theories next week.

This week 20 of Year 6 headed off the The Briars on their residential retreat- watch this space next week for an update. The children that remained in school still had time to have their own fun. They learnt about tornadoes and created some colourful tornado pictures using water colour pencils and got creative making a poster explaining The Fajita Scale, a scale that is used to categorise the seriousness of the tornado.

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

Jesus tells us the story about the rich man who was so self absorbed, that he did nothing to help Lazarus. What do you think the rich man could have done? What do you think Jesus is saying to us with this story?

The Church has traditionally been the provider of care, and the beauty of church buildings, belonging to the whole community, gives testimony to the desire of people to offer their best to God. Does the church have a legitimate right to property and money when there is such need in our world? Various media often put right before us images of people in desperate need, yet how do we choose to respond? What is it that makes people selfish and self absorbed? Can you think of a time when you have not noticed the needs of another? How important is your comfort? This week keep your eyes open for someone in difficulty.



Discipleship - Prudence

When faced with a difficult decision this week, think about what Jesus would do.

Prudence

Prudence is the virtue of sound judgment, making wise decisions based on reason and faith. It's about taking the time to think before we act, considering the consequences of our choices, and seeking guidance from God and wise counsel. Prudence helps us navigate life's complexities, discern God's will, and make choices that align with our values and beliefs. It's a key virtue for living a life of integrity and purpose.

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

jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk
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For Parents - Roblox

Update As the most popular game on the planet with children, Roblox gets a lot of coverage and understandably so. It's an amazing platform to explore but it isn't without its faults, some of which are very significant.

In April 2025 Revealing Reality carried out an investigation into Roblox due to serious concerns of what children were experiencing within the game (link [HERE](#)).

In September they carried out a follow-up investigation to see what, if anything had changed. In short, quite a lot has changed, such as:

- Adjustments to content maturity ratings.
- ID verification for certain games and experiences.
- Stricter moderation Enhanced parental controls.

These are good but, according to Revealing Reality, they don't go far enough. There are still workarounds and very significant concerns. It's worth having a read of the full report which you can find [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist

**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: Titiinareowa

Year 1: Matilda

Year 2: Davina

Year 3: Mylo

Year 4: Emily

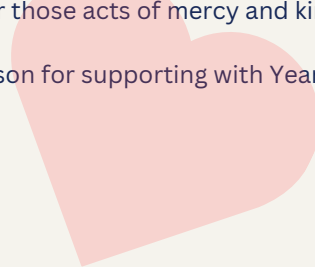
Year 5: George

Year 6: Elliott

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.

Mrs Wilson for supporting with Year 1 this week.

**ATTENDANCE**

Well done Year 2 and 5 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 97.57%

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 - 99.29%
Year 1 - 96.53%
Year 2 - 99.33%
Year 3 - 94.14%
Year 4 - 96.33%
Year 5 - 99.33%
Year 6 - 98%

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

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

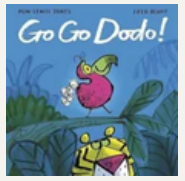
[Our Time](#)

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are
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Recommended Reads

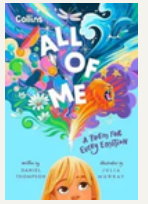
Go, Go, Dodo! - Huw Lewis Jones

Dodo goes for a little stroll through the jungle – and doesn't notice the tiger creeping behind him. A very funny book that tells one story with the words and another in the pictures.



All of Me - Daniel Thompson

Each of the 50 poems featured in this splendid collection focuses on a different emotion, from kindness and joy to guilt and jealousy. With vibrant illustrations throughout, it's an ideal book to foster a love of poetry and encourage emotional literacy.



When the Storm Comes- Polly Ho-Yen

Four misfit students and their teacher are trapped in school during a flood. They must work out their differences and come together to save the day in this emotional and gripping story about friendship.



SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

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

Geography

Hurricane Planes

Brave scientists are flying directly into powerful storms all in the name of research. There are only two planes built in the world to specifically fly inside a hurricane. Their mission is to collect data about the hurricane. By discovering things like the exact centre of the storm these researchers will help weather forecasters more accurately predict when and where a hurricane will make landfall and how strong it will be, this information could save lives! Scientists on board the plane track the storm using a Doppler radar, a tool that bounces signals off the storm to track its structure. Wow how amazing science and geography coming together to save lives and help us learn more about hurricanes!

European Day of Languages - 26th September

[The Great Languages Challenge](#) | [British Council](#) You could try the great languages challenge using the link above.

You could watch [this video](#) and say Hello in 26 different languages.

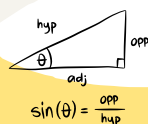


Maths Challenge

Do NOT use a calculator!

Nice and easy	Bit more to it	Challenging
88	57	26
÷ 4	÷ 3	+ 34
× 6	× 4	- 8
÷ 11	- 24	25% of the answer
+ 65	÷ 13	+ 85
Double it	square the answer	5/7 of the answer
- 22	× 9	70% of the answer
Half it	- 87	Double the answer
- 14	+ 39	× 4
+ 39	÷ 8	+ 14
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](#)





Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Book online £48
on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



LOOK!

Snapchat



What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a messaging app where users (13+) can send and receive messages, videos and pictures

Disappearing messages

Snapchat's servers are designed to automatically delete all Snaps after they've been viewed. These disappearing messages create the perfect conditions for cyberbullying, online predators, and secretive behaviour that's hard to track. Just because the messages 'disappear' from the chat, screenshots still allow them to be saved.

Location Sharing

Sharing your location Potential Dangers:

- Safety Concerns
- Stalking and Harassment
- Unwanted Attention
- Privacy Violations
- Account Compromise
- Obsessive Behaviour

"Ghost Mode" allows you to hide your location on the Snap Map, making it invisible to other users, and can be turned on and off or set with a timer.

Potential risks

- sharing of harmful content
- contact with strangers
- grooming
- cyber bullying
- image sharing

Further information



Reporting and Blocking

On Snapchat, you can report concerning content or accounts by pressing and holding on the content or the Snaphatter's name and selecting "Report". Blocking a user prevents them from viewing your Story, sending you Snaps, or chatting with you.

Family Centre

Family Centre helps parents get more insight into who their teens are friends with on Snapchat, and who they have been communicating with, while still respecting their teens' privacy and autonomy.

Parents can -

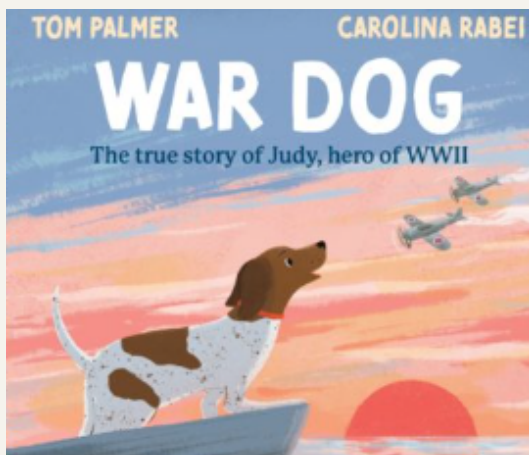
- View their child's friends list
- See which profiles have been newly added
- See who their teens have recently interacted with
- Limit their child's exposure to sensitive content
- Report any concerning profiles to Snapchat

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THIS WEEK IS 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE' AND
'EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES'

This week we have marked The International Day of Peace (21.09.25) and European Day of Languages (26.09.25)

You might like to explore War Dog by Tom Palmer and The Grand Hotel of Feelings By Lidia Brankovic



National Teaching Assistants' Day

26th September



You help us to
learn and grow

You help us to
shine



You help us chase
our dreams



You keep us safe



You're there to
cheer us on



To our Totally Awesome TA's

Thank you!

Project St Thomas
cordially invites you
to an evening of;

QUIZ & CUISINE

Sat 4th Oct- 6pm



✦
**£12
PER
PERSON**



**QUIZ
TIME**

Contact
project.stthoma
s@dioceseofnot
tingham.uk or
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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