



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 17th October 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Faith

Value of the Month
Friendliness

LET US PRAY

Faithful God, you care for all
your children with tender
love. Help us to trust you
more and never give up even
when the going gets tough.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in Foundation, the children had lots of fun bringing stories and learning to life! The children loved performing The Three Billy Goats Gruff – taking turns to be the goats and the troll, using fantastic voices and actions to retell the story. In maths, they have explored measuring heavy and light through lots of hands-on activities, comparing different classroom objects and using balance scales to see which items weighed more or less. They have also developed their fine motor skills with a creative leaf haircut activity, practising how to hold and control scissors safely while giving our leaves some stylish trims!

Year 1 have been learning about instructions. They had to follow steps to make a funny bear face mask using instructions that they heard as well as followed pictorially. They worked very hard and have been identifying the correct 'bossy' imperative verbs to give their own instructions. This week in Science, the children also enjoyed learning about taste, and tried many different flavours, identifying and then sorting them based on if they were sweet, salty or sour.

This week in Year 2, we have been reflecting on our instruction writing in English which we developed in Year 1 and focusing our skills on time conjunctions like Next, Firstly, After that. We have been learning about Animals and Humans in Science carrying out exercise to change our heart rates and improve our understanding of how this is good for our body. We have also begun to think about adding two digit numbers and how this looks when we count on or back for subtraction.

Year 3 have had another fantastic week! The children worked incredibly hard preparing for their worship and performed beautifully today – we're so proud of them. In English, they've been gathering fascinating facts from 'The Street Beneath My Feet' and planning their own pieces of writing. In maths, they've been practising column addition and subtraction with great focus and determination. To top it off, they had another brilliant swimming session, showing how well they're using the skills they've been learning. Well done, Year 3!

This week Year 4, have exploring The Explorer by Katherine Rundell – an exciting adventure story about courage, friendship, and survival in the Amazon Rainforest. As we journey alongside the characters, we have been discovering the wonders and dangers of the rainforest, and compare this amazing habitat to our very own Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire. We have been think about the similarities and differences between these two forests – from their wildlife and climate to how people interact with them today. In Science, we have been learning how to build electrical circuits and adding switches to make them work in different ways

In Year 5 this week, we have been designing stencils in Art to create our own piece of artwork inspired by the work of Banksy. We have been considering what message we would like to deliver and how we can do this through a mixture of images and text. We are looking forward to creating our final piece next week.

This week Year 6 have been exploring their learning through outdoor learning with Mrs Simons. They are developed their Geographical knowledge of mountains and explored den building. Outdoor learning has been a great way for the children to develop their oracy skills through explaining and giving instructions clearly when working as a team. It was great to see the children developing their skills further in a different learning environment.

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our family showcase on Monday 13th October it was so lovely to see how many of you attended and how excited the children were to show you our vibrant school, classrooms and most importantly their learning. So many of you took the time to speak with teachers and myself and Mrs Hibbert which make these events such a joy to put on for you. If you have not yet emailed or called the school to book a SEND review for your child please do so; I can book you in for next term, thank you to all those that have booked so far. As we prepare for this final week of school let's embrace Autumn with our Cosy Comfies Non-Uniform Day on Monday, I look forward to seeing a cosy collection of pupils Monday morning, I am sure I have a Stitch Snoodie I shall be digging out!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

What do you call someone who gives up when things don't go right? Have you ever pestered someone when you really want something badly? What happened? In the story that Jesus tells us today, he is showing us that we should not give up when we pray. We need to be persistent in our prayers for what we need. Even when it seems that God is not answering or giving us what we want, we must trust God and not give up praying.

Prayer is a regular part of the church's life. Is this so with you? If you look at the things in your life that you persistently pay attention to, what does that show you about your commitments and priorities? Do you feel that you cannot put your needs before God in prayer? Why?

During this week make a particular effort to bring your needs before God with simplicity and persistence.



Discipleship - Piety

Try and visit a Church or sacred space this week and spend some time with God.

Piety

Piety is about living a life of devotion to God. It's about nurturing our relationship with Him through prayer, worship, and study of His Word. It's about recognizing His presence in our lives and responding with gratitude and love. Piety isn't just about outward actions; it's about an inner disposition, a heart turned towards God. When we live with piety, we allow God's love to transform us and make us more like Him

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 - App Safety Settings

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important; they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. So this feels like a good time to either send a reminder out to parents or to take a look at the links on your school website to some of the more popular social apps which I've shared below, all from the Internet Matters website:

- Discord app settings - [HERE](#).
- TikTok parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Snapchat parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Instagram parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- WhatsApp privacy guide - [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: Joseph

Year 1: Oliwia

Year 2: Antonia

Year 3: Rosie

Year 4: Nico

Year 5: Liljana

Year 6: Joseph

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.

A huge thank you to all our families that have been steadily donating Tins for our Harvest Collection for 'Hub In Hub Out' at Project St. Thomas. Your donations make a difference in our wider community.

ATTENDANCE

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.

Well done EYFS for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 96.26%

EYFS - 99.16%
Year 1 - 95.4%
Year 2 - 98.15%
Year 3 - 97.53%
Year 4 - 95.56%
Year 5 - 95.15%
Year 6 - 93.33%

**Optimistic October
Human Dignity CST****WELLBEING****Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

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Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

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Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

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Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

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Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

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Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

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Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

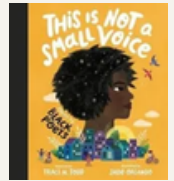
Frank is a Butterfly- Alex Latimer

An adorable book about looking beyond the physical and being grateful for what we have, Frank is a Butterfly is a lovely picture book that blends gentle humour, butterfly facts, and a lovable hero into a delightful read.



This is not a Small Voice -Traci N. Todd

A stunning collection of poems that are warm, funny, thought-provoking and dazzling in their evocation of what it is to be Black. Accessible to all, with beautiful illustrations, this is an absolute delight.



The Poisoned King (Impossible Creatures 2)- Katherine Rundell

Princess Anya must avenge her grandfather and save her world from her evil uncle in this fabulous fantasy sequel. Truly wonderful.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 4

Gold Star - Nathan, Tiago, Leo and Blanka

Year 3

Platinum +1 - Jack
Gold - Aidens

Year 5

Platinum +2 - Gustas

Year 6

Platinum +2 - Levon and Othula
Platinum - Antoni
Gold- Toby



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Thursday 24th October

End of Advent Term 1

Friday 25th October

Staff INSET - No children in school

Monday 3rd November

First day of Term 2

Open Evening for New Reception

Starters 2026-27 – 5:00pm

Monday 3rd - 6th November

Bike Ability Y5/6

Tuesday 11th November

Individual School Photographs

Remembrance Day Service in School

– Parents Welcome 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th November

Year 1 Class Worship – Parents

Welcome 2:50pm

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

History

1. The Great Fire of London happened in 1666 it started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and lasted for four days!
2. The Romans built long, straight roads all across Britain some of them are still used today!
3. The Ancient Egyptians wrote using hieroglyphs, little picture symbols that told stories and recorded history.
4. Vikings didn't actually wear horned helmets that's a myth made up many years later!
5. Queen Victoria was only 18 years old when she became queen and she ruled for 63 years!
6. The first flight by the Wright brothers in 1903 lasted just 12 seconds, but it changed the world forever.
7. In prehistoric times, people used stone tools to hunt and build that's why we call it the Stone Age.
8. Castles often had moats filled with water to keep out enemies and sometimes even had drawbridges!
9. Before alarm clocks, people called knocker-uppers used to tap on windows with long sticks to wake people up for work!
10. The Titanic, a famous ship, was called "unsinkable" but sadly, it sank on its first voyage in 1912.

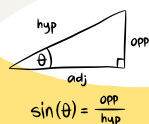
From various sources

Maths Challenge

Do NOT use a calculator!

Nice and easy	Bit more to it	Challenging
30	37	15
÷ 6	+ 29	Times itself
+ 9	5/6 of it	Double it
Double it	x 4	30 % of this
÷ 7	5 % of it	+ 8
x 8	Times by itself	÷ 11
Double it	+ 19	Times by itself
Double it	25 % of it	Minus 1
- 100	5/7 of it	÷ 12
¼ of this	x 16	x 5 ½
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](#)



LOOK!

PARENT WEBINARS



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum: What's Coming Up?

October

👨‍👩‍👧 Mon 20 Oct | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online) Parents only

🌐 Thu 30 Oct | Discover LPCF (13:00–14:00, Online) – For professionals and parents.

👨‍👩‍👧 Thu 30 Oct | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Navigating Change (19:30–21:00, Online) Parents only

November

👨‍👩‍👧 Thu 6 Nov | “Space for Self?” – Juggling the Joys of parenting Workshop (11:00–12:30, Online)

👨‍👩‍👧 Mon 17 Nov | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)

👨‍👩‍👧 Thu 27 Nov | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Self-Compassion (19:30–21:00, Online)

🔗 [Book Events Here](#)

Dyslexia Outreach Parent/ Carer Workshop, Supporting Your Child at Home, Monday 10th November 2025 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

This is a free on-line workshop for parents and carers. Dyslexia Outreach will share ideas and strategies designed for parents and carers to support children at home with language, reading, spelling, maths, memory and personal organisation. This workshop is aimed primarily at parents/carers of children in KS2-3 but is open to all interested parents and carers. Please share this with parents and carers in your school.

Lincolnshire NHS Partnership Workshops - Click [HERE](#)



500 WORDS COMPETITION



500 Words is open for entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library. 50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.

The official panel of celebrity judges, Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce will return to crown our next winners.
(BBC Official Website)

Take a look at some of the recommended reads [HERE](#) See website for tips and inspiration with a range of videos and prompts to support.

17/10/25 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY.

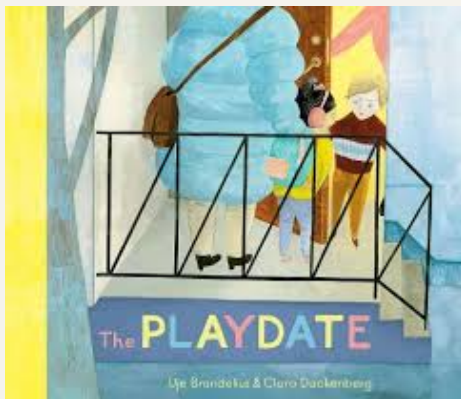
October 17th marks the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – a day of global solidarity, reflection, and hope. It's a call to action to move beyond charity and towards justice; to build systems that listen to, respect, and empower families to shape their own futures. This year's theme, "Ending social and institutional maltreatment by ensuring respect and effective support for families,"

Loving God, you make us in your image. Forgive us when we fail to see your image in each other. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, the ability to work together, and a willingness to share with others our time, our energy, our skills and talents, and our wealth.

RECOMMENDED READS

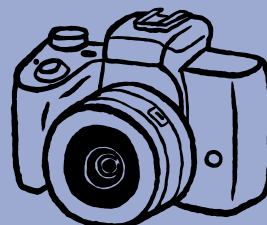
The Playdate: A powerful story about friendship across economic divides that encourages readers to question why we live in a society where those who have and those who have not live very different lives

April's Garden: 'April's Garden' is a lovely Children's story about home and hope. It starts off dark and grey, April is struggling to find a happy place to grow. The pictures reflect the mood and show how grey April and her Mother's life is. But it's a beautiful story of survival and finding hope.



UPCOMING PHOTOGRAPH EVENTS

School Photo Day (11th November) can be an exciting, anxious and over stimulating time. At school we have social story resources that can help you prepare your child for these occasions. If you would like a copy of the social story we use please make contact with the school. The school office will be able to send a copy home.



On Tuesday 14th October our Year 4 Girls represented the School in a football tournament playing many matches against a range of different primary schools. The girls played their first match against Pinchbeck and won 2-0 with two nifty goals by Emily, assisted by Erin and Blanka. The girls got stuck into their tackling and defended their space well. Their 2nd games was against Moulton Harrox which the girls defended more than they attacked resulting in a last minute goal to Moulton Harrox. Their final match of the morning saw them playing against Helpringham. This match was their best of the tournament with Eliza H, Caroline and Blanka all pushing the ball forward for Erin and Emily to kick home the goals, whilst Sofia held off numerous attempts to score in the goal by the opposition. The match ended 5-0 to our girls! They all had so much fun and presented themselves so well as sporting ambassadors for St. Norbert's.

