



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 14th November 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Hope

Value of the Month

Diversity

LET US PRAY

Lord, we thank you for the
gift of faith. Help us to
share it with everyone we
meet.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week, our Foundation class have been busy and engaged in a variety of exciting activities! In role play, they stepped into the shoes of veterinarians, practicing writing medical cards and writing on the booking form. In honour of Remembrance Day, they learned about its significance and crafted beautiful poppies as a tribute. In maths lessons, they explored the composition of numbers up to 3, building a strong understanding of basic number concepts and relationships. Outdoor learning was also a highlight, as children embraced nature and teamwork by building their own dens. It was a great opportunity to develop problem-solving skills while enjoying the fresh air.

In Year 1, there was great excitement when learning about frame structures. The children learned lots of new skills such as making shapes, measuring sides for stability and joining in different ways. There was lots of perseverance and teamwork as they made their very first structures, most of which were free-standing. Loud, messy, fun and big challenge- it was well worth it! There will be some amazing designers and engineers in the future. Well done.

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week of learning! In History, we have been thinking about The Great Fire of London, exploring how it started and how people worked together to stop it. The children have loved comparing life in 1666 to life today! We have also started learning our Nativity songs, and the children are already singing beautifully. There's a real buzz of excitement in the classroom as we begin to prepare for our Christmas performance!

Year 3 have been demonstrating their sewing skills this week, rehearsing their running stitch from last year and learning the overlap stitch in preparation for their finger puppet making this term. They have also written some beautiful poetry, creating imagery through their use of similes, prepositional phrases, alliteration and rhythm and rhyme.

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! In RE, the children have been exploring the story of John the Baptist, discovering his important role in preparing the way for Jesus and noticing his similarities with Elijah the prophet. In Science, we've been investigating how sound travels, experimenting with vibrations and exploring how we can change pitch and volume. The classroom has been full of curiosity (and a few fun noises!). In Maths, the children have been working hard to master their 3, 6, and 9 times tables, using games and challenges to build speed and confidence. We've also started our exciting new class book, Frogspell by C. J. Busby, and everyone is already captivated by its magical adventures and mischievous spells.

In Year 5 this week we have been exploring textiles. We have learnt about running stitches and back stitches and practised hemming using them. We are looking forward to creating our own aprons over the next few weeks.

This week Year 6 have been exploring how things that we see online and in the media can be enhanced and changed to create a false impression. They discussed how these images can make us feel about ourselves and our bodies and strategies that we can use to protect ourselves from those images and negative emotions they can generate.

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Power for Good' which encourages everyone to use their influence to stand up for each other. We can all play a part in creating a safer, more inclusive community by supporting one another and choosing kindness over everything else. It's important to raise awareness and make a positive change together on and offline. The theme this year is about understanding that everyone can make a difference, this can be as simple as offering a kind word and supporting each other. The children learnt that message this week through the book I shared with them called, 'Peggy the always sorry Pigeon'. The whole school enjoyed the tale and especially Joan the seagull who helps Peggy find her voice.

World Kindness Day also fell this week on Thursday 13th a mission going forward for us all could be to show someone a random act of kindness this weekend. Please tell me about them next week if you do I would love to hear all about it.

Stay safe in this rather wet and stormy weather and have an amazing weekend.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus expects each of us to share his message with others. He gives us the Holy Spirit to give us strength, courage and wisdom so that we can do this. What does Jesus mean when he talks about the stones being knocked down? Jesus is talking about the end of time, but he tells us not to be afraid. He will remember our faithfulness and reward us at the end of time.

Many times Jesus promises the gift of his peace to his faithful followers. This peace does not avoid challenge or conflict, or seek its own comfort, but responds to the demands of the gospel - endurance in faith and sharing the good news. Can you reflect on some of the upheavals in your life? The gospel today calls us to a very specific response. In what ways have you begun to join in the building up of the Kingdom of God? During this coming week be aware of being cheerful as you face the tedious tasks in your life with greater faith - particularly those things that you cannot change.



Discipleship - Youth

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

Youth

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership to help it grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full..

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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sarah.hibbert@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

For Parents - Should I Use Screen time as a Reward?

It's such a difficult one for parents, we're living in a time where screen use starts at a very early age. But should we use screen time to support positive behaviours or even take away screens as a punishment? The answer is that there is no single answer, it very much depends on individual circumstances, but it was a question posed to some experts on Internet Matters which will hopefully give parents some food for thought.

The full article is available for you to read on the Internet Matters website [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: Indie

Year 1: Ishan

Year 2: Natalia

Year 3: Irin

Year 4: Caroline

Year 5: Noah

Year 6: Signe

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 those families who have made purchases through our Amazon Wish list. Your generosity is so gratefully appreciated.

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 Year 2 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 97.74%

EYFS - 96.71%
Year 1 - 99.29%
Year 2 - 99.63%
Year 3 - 98.77%
Year 4 - 98.89%
Year 5 - 94.67%
Year 6 - 96.67%

WELLBEING

Human Dignity CST

14
Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15
Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16
Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17
Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18
Connect with someone from a different generation

19
Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20
Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21
Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Heave Ho - Sally Anne Garland

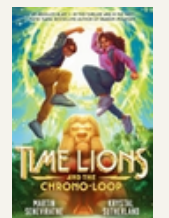
Cub has lots of big feelings. A simple and charming story about how play can help manage overwhelming emotions.

Do Gorillas Eat Bananas? -Huw Lewis Jones

Huw and Sam, the guides for an expedition through wild places, are here to teach readers about chimpanzees, Western and Eastern gorillas, bonobos and Sumatran, Bornean and Tapanuli orangutans.

Time Lions and the Chrono Loop - Martin Seneviratne and Krystal Sutherland

A clever, funny, timeslip adventure in which twins Pearl and Patrick Amarasinghe find out just how complex and destructive it can be to mess with history.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 4

Silver: Layla and Vlad
Gold: Joya and Caroline
Platinum: Natalie
Platinum +1: Olivia, Alexander and Neitanas

Year 3

Silver: Sebastian, Aadith

Year 2

Red: Natalia, Adrianas, Aya, Theodore, Melissa, Jenson, Aron O, Oliver

Bronze: Juliana, Greta, Reggie, Darius, Davina, Hana

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Wednesday 19th November

Year 1 Class Worship – Parents
Welcome 2:50pm

Friday 21st November

Year 6 Take Over Day

Tuesday 9th December

Foundation and KS1 Nativity
Afternoon 2pm

Wednesday 10th December

Foundation and KS1 Nativity Evening
5pm

Thursday 11th December

Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
10:15am start

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Geography

Be an Eco Hero!

Why does our planet need our help?

We have natural disasters like earthquakes, writing volcanoes which occur naturally. However, many problems have been caused by a booming population. Some of the problems are climate change is warming our Earth, humans have created lots of waste such as plastic waste, which is building up, animal and plant species are threatened with extinction because of their loss of habitats, climate change and pollution. It's not all doom and gloom there are some things we can do to help our world like, reduce, reuse, recycle, make sure rubbish goes into the bin, look after our natural environments like our forest area at school, turn off lights when you leave a room and turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth or finished washing your hands. These might sound like little things but they make a huge difference.

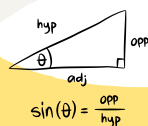
Source Inspired by the book Guardians of the Planet: How to be an Eco-Hero.

Maths Challenge

Great Grandma's will

- Great Grandma Gertie died at the grand age of 100. She had three sons and they are all still alive. Tom is 75, Dick is 73 and Harry is 71.
- Harry married Hilda and they had a daughter Carol, now aged 36.
- Tom married Mary and they had a daughter Ann, now aged 45.
- Dick married Doris and they had a daughter Beverley, now aged 42.
- After taxes had been paid Great Grandma Gertie left £328,500. She divided her money between her three sons in the ratio of their ages.
- Ann married Bill and they had a son Mark, now aged 15.
- Beverley married Ben and they had a daughter Susan, now aged 12.
- Carol married Tim and they had 8 twins Jilly and Billy, now aged 10.
- Tom, Dick and Harry each divided up the money that they received so that each of the husbands kept 30%, each wife had 30% and each of their children had 40%.
- Ann and Beverley each divided up the money that came to them so that their husbands had two-fifths, they kept two-fifths and their children had one-fifth.
- Draw a diagram of the family tree and work out how much money they each received.

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!



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum: What's Coming Up?

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)
- 🧑🧑🧒 Wed 19 Nov | 11.30 – 1pm In person coffee event – Skegness - Parents need to book their place.(see events page)
- 🧑🧑🧒 Thu 27 Nov | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Self-Compassion (19:30–21:00, Online)

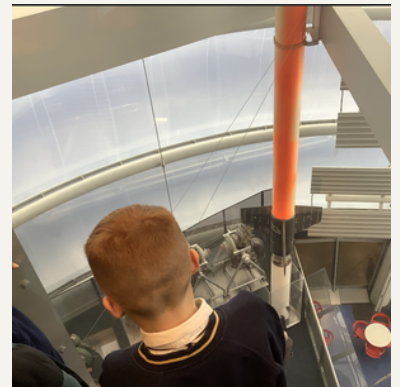
December

- 🧑🧑🧒 Thu 4 December | "Communication" – Juggling the Joys of parenting Workshop (11:00–12:30, Online)
- 🧑🧑🧒 Thu 11th December | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Anticipating Christmas (19:30–21:00, Online)
- 🧑🧑🧒 Mon 15th December | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)

🔗 [Book Events Here](#)



YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE SPACE CENTRE



Year 5 really enjoyed their trip to the National Space Centre last Friday. We took a journey through the solar system in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, where we learned many really interesting facts about the different planets temperatures, moons and orbits. We then had lots of time to explore the different exhibits the museum had to offer. We enjoyed seeing real space suits, a piece of the moon and a real rocket amongst many other things. A particular highlight was having the chance to control a model of the Mars rover and also explore how gravity is different on different planets.

We are really excited to learn more about space this term.



RECOMMENDED READS

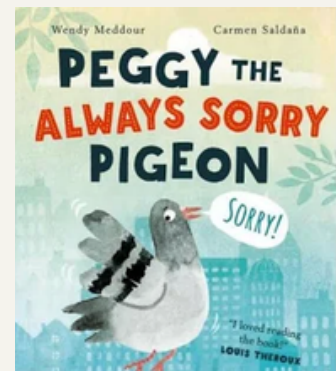
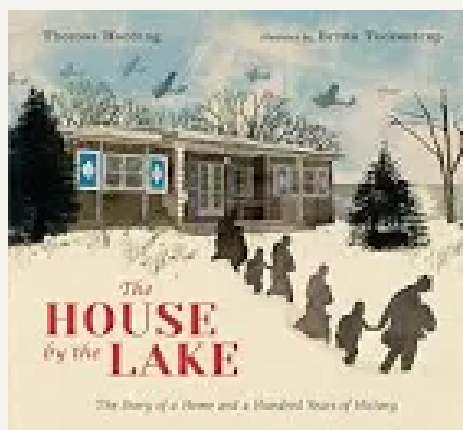
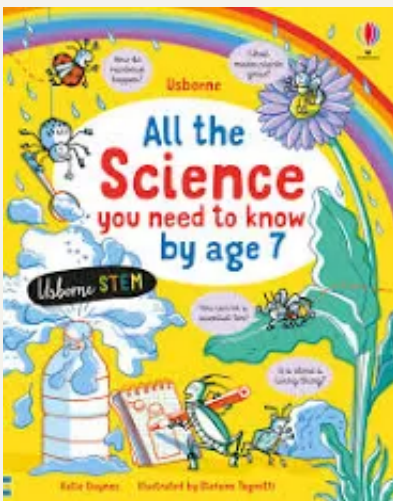
10th November: World Science Day

11th November: Remembrance Day

All the Science You Need to Know by Age 7 is a children's book by Katie Daynes that serves as a perfect introduction to science concepts for young children. The book explores various topics like plants, animals, magnets, and the properties of matter through clear, accessible explanations and hands-on experiments

The children's book *The House by the Lake* by Thomas Harding is a picture book adaptation of his adult biography, telling the true story of a small house near Berlin from just before World War II through the present day.

Today I'm Strong by Nadiya Hussain is a children's book about a girl who uses her inner strength to overcome bullying at school. The story follows a young girl who loves school but sometimes faces unkindness from another student. With the support of a gentle, invisible tiger, she finds courage and confidence to stand up for herself and remember the importance of kindness.



FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

A leaflet has been sent home from our Friends of the school regarding Lego keyrings to raise money for the school. Thank you to all those who have already sent their orders in. Don't miss out! All orders to be in by Monday 17th November.

