



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 21st November 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Hope

Value of the Month
Diversity

LET US PRAY

Let us go forth as pilgrims
of hope, rooted in God's
word, living in mission,
confident that the
Kingdom of God is among
us. Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in EYFS, the children have been busy learning and exploring in a variety of exciting ways! In maths, they have been focusing on shapes, and the children have made great progress in recognising circles and triangles. They have also been learning about the important role of a police officer in our community, discussing how they help keep us safe. The children got creative as they wrote medical cards for the animals visiting the vet—this was a fun and imaginative way to practice writing skills. And, of course, the excitement is building as they have started practicing for the nativity!

This week, Year 1 worked hard to prepare and deliver a beautiful Celebration of the Word all about Mary's hope. They shared their learning, sang and signed special prayers and even choreographed their own dance. Miss Whyles was so proud. Also a big thank you to the parents who joined in with our candle prayers, we know it can be daunting being given a job to do!

This week in Year 2, we have been adding two two-digit numbers that cross ten in our maths work, as well as subtracting one-digit numbers from two-digit numbers. In English, we have enjoyed creating sentences using commas and developing our use of adjectives to build extended noun phrases. We have also been learning about the Nativity story and have begun to practise our lines and songs for the performance.

Year 3 have had a fantastic week of learning! In swimming, the children have shown great determination as they practised their backstroke, making wonderful progress through perseverance and effort. In English, the class have begun drafting their poems inspired by The Tower, and their creativity has truly shone through each poem has been fantastic in its own unique way.

This week, Year 4 have been exploring the idea of Christ the King as part of our RE learning. We discussed what it means to be a leader, how Jesus is portrayed as a different kind of king. In History, we have explored the creation of the Roman Empire, discovering how Rome grew from a small city into a powerful civilisation.

In Year five this week we have been learning about the start of William the Conquerors reign. We explored some of the previous Saxon kings of England and how it came to be that William became king.

This week Year 6 have been learning about fractions! They have been drawing on their knowledge of multiples and factors to simplify and find equivalent fractions. This has enabled them to compare, order as well as add and subtract different fractions.

Jubilee for Schools Celebration Day: This event is a day of celebration and reflection on the impact of the Jubilee Year, which has focused on faith, learning, and transformative action. Resources for planning the day are provided to schools by organizations like CAFOD.

Each class has completed an activity centred around different themes including: Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Forgiveness and Healing and Rest and Worship. They have worked together in pairs and groups to explore ways we can work together as a church community to make a difference.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

This weekend, we celebrate World Youth Sunday. In this Jubilee Year of 2025 — a "Jubilee Year 2025" under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" — we gather to honour young people and the gift they are to the Church and world. The readings speak of God's word being rooted in hope, of being a people on the move, ready to serve. They provide a perfect foundation for reflecting with our young people and for the whole community to renew its commitment to accompany them.

In this Jubilee Year, we are invited to be pilgrims of hope—moving forward, encountering God, opening new horizons. For young people: You are already on a journey. Perhaps you feel at a crossroads, discerning your vocation, seeking your way. The call is to walk with Christ, to let hope guide your steps.

"What step of your journey do you sense right now? What is God inviting you to leave behind? What is He inviting you to move towards?"

This week, each young person might choose one "pilgrim step": e.g., invite a friend to Mass, join a service group, spend 10 minutes in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.



Discipleship - Kingdom

Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the kingdom of heaven.

Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is not just a distant promise, but something we can experience here and now. It's a place where love, justice, and peace reign. We build this kingdom through our actions, our relationships, and our commitment to living out Christ's teachings. The Kingdom is a place of belonging, where everyone is valued and loved. When we work together, we can create a glimpse of heaven on earth, a place where God's love shines through in all we do.

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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Discover Your Child's Digital World

Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an online safety event designed for parents.

Learn the latest on:

- ✓ Age-appropriate apps and games
 - ✓ Online trends and social media
 - ✓ Parental controls and practical tools
- Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore online.

17 3rd December 6pm-7:30pm

Sign up now:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stay-safe-partnership/1929114>

**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: Theodore

Year 1: Joshua

Year 2: Aya

Year 3: Ivania

Year 4: Leo

Year 5: Eleanor

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.

Our Year 6 pupils who supported Year 1 in their class celebration of the word this week.

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 95.81%

EYFS - 97.04%
Year 1 - 93.45%
Year 2 - 98.33%
Year 3 - 93.33%
Year 4 - 97.67%
Year 5 - 95.33%
Year 6 - 95.33%

WELLBEING**Human Dignity CST**

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way
27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card			

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

The Mushroom of Doom! - Becky Davies

When a mushroom is rejected as a pizza topping and thrown in the compost bin, he raises a mushroom army to take revenge! A totally hilarious picture book perfect for fans of Supertato.



Cosmic Cadets and the Universal Uni-Korn - Ryan Crawford

Gloria is thrilled to be the first human student at the Cosmic Cadet Academy, where she starts her training as a Cosmic Crusader, protecting the galaxy from space sorcerers and galactic monsters. A funny, colourful chapter book for middle-grade readers.



The Game I Will Never Forget - Onjali Q Raúf

10-year-old Zak must give up his room when his Nani comes to stay. At first the pair lock horns, but as Nani begins to lose her memory, Zak uses her love of chess to remind her of her glory days. A beautiful, poignant book which explores the challenges of dementia and celebrates familial bonds.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 1

White: Arina, Ella

Red: Oliwia

Year 2

Bronze: Emilie, Lucas,
Dominic

Silver: Natalia, Adrianas

Year 3

Bronze: Emma

Year 4

Platinum: Tiago
Platinum +3: Dilanas

Year 5

Platinum +2: Evie

Year 6

Platinum: Natan
Platinum +1: Caroline

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Friday 28th 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

Last week I wrote about how you can make small changes to help our world, I wrote about climate change, so what is climate change?

Climate Change some facts

Climate change or global warming, is the process of our planet heating up.

Scientists estimate that since the Industrial Revolution, human activity has caused the Earth to warm by approximately 1°C. While that might not sound like much, it means big things for people and wildlife around the globe.

Unfortunately, rising temperatures don't just mean that we'll get nicer weather. The changing climate will actually make our weather more extreme and unpredictable. As temperatures rise, some areas will get wetter and lots of animals and humans! could find they're not able to adapt to their changing climate. These things impact our wildlife, vegetation which in turn impacts us. Governments are all trying to tackle climate change, but we can take action too. Small changes in your own home can make a difference, too. Your grown- ups could try switching to energy-saving lightbulbs, if possible walk instead of using the car, turning off electrical items when you're not using them, recycling and reducing your food waste. We can also do our bit in school which myself and our Eco school councillors will be doing.

[Source](#)

Maths Challenge



Maths

Maths Challenge of the Week



Can you solve this week's puzzle?

There are 24 apples to be shared equally between some children.

Each child must get the same number of apples, and there

must be none left over.

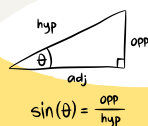
How many different group sizes could there be?

(Tip: Think about all the numbers that divide exactly into 24!)

Extra challenge:

If each apple is cut into quarters, how many quarters would there be altogether?

Children can access maths activities at home that we use in school.
Follow these links to find out more.

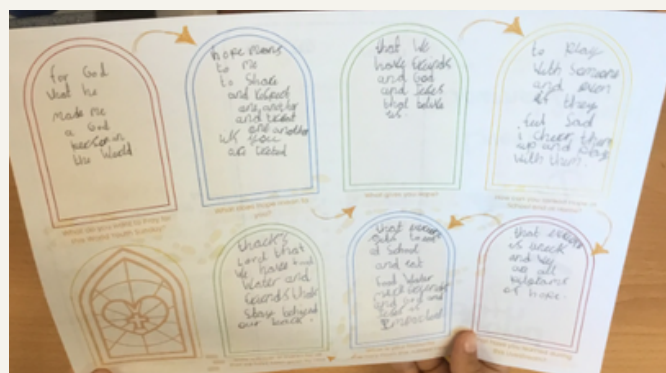


[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)





Today, we joined schools across the country to celebrate the closing of our Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Year through a live-streamed session. As a school community, we took part in activities that helped us reflect on the work we have undertaken over the past year, both locally and within our diocese. We also spent time considering how we will continue the legacy of being Pilgrims of Hope in the years ahead, growing in our faith as a Catholic school community and trust.



YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Our Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football team put on an outstanding performance at the Small Schools Football Tournament. They held a strong defence throughout, showed fantastic team spirit in every match, and demonstrated respect for all players across the competition. Their amazing results saw them storm through the group stages, into the semi-finals, and then into a hard-fought final play-off... and they won the cup! What an incredible achievement for a brilliant team — well done, boys!

RECOMMENDED READS

It's Maths Week across the country this week and schools just like ours are focusing on making maths accessible and fun, highlighting creative problem solving or showcasing the practical and real-world applications of Maths. We want our young people to feel confident exploring maths challenges, games and realising maths can be for everyone it's not just a subject but a way for your brain to have fun!

Websites to explore include:

[Official Maths Week Website](#)

[BBC Bitesize Daily Maths Puzzles and Problems](#)

[White Rose Maths Problems of the day](#)

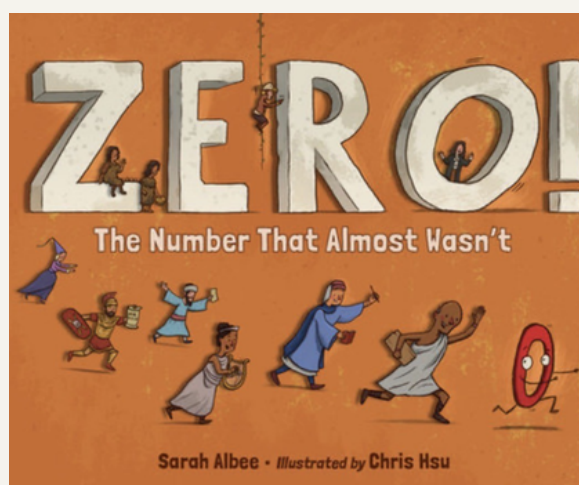
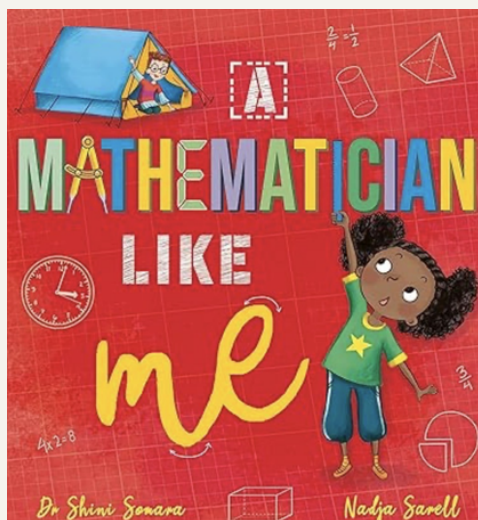
Books to Explore:

Zero the number that almost Wasn't

A STEM nonfiction book that unpacks a fascinating history of a number we can't imagine our current world without. From place value to being created and destroyed before being created again, zero has had quite a journey

Mathematician like me!

A Mathematician Like Me tells the story of Aliyah who sets off on a camping trip with her cousin and on her journey discovers a world full of mathematics, problem solving and creative thinking. At each part of her journey – Aliyah has a problem to solve, working on topics such as measuring, angles, fractions, 3D shapes, time, data collection, Fibonacci numbers, height and trajectories.



LOOK!

PARENT WEBINARS

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum: What's Coming Up?

November

- 🧑🏽 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](#)

