



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 28th November 2025

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Hope

Value of the Month

Diversity

LET US PRAY

Lord, you sent your Son,
Jesus, to be our Saviour.
Help us to prepare for
Christmas as we hear
God's Word.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

EYFS children have been busy preparing for the Nativity! They've learned the songs, explored positional language, and discovered the story of Jesus' birth in a stable. They've also been practicing a special music piece with instruments for the showcase!

This week, Year 1 have been working hard on their bridge decks in DT, learning how to fold, add layers and struts to strengthen. They planned, experimented and tested to see if their bridge decks could hold a heavy toy adapting as they went. Fabulous engagement and application of knowledge.

Year 2 have had a wonderful and very busy week! The children have been working hard rehearsing their Nativity, learning their songs, practising their actions, and bringing the story of the birth of Jesus to life with great enthusiasm. They have really enjoyed acting out their parts and celebrating this very special story together. Alongside all the festive excitement, the class has also been busy completing their assessments in Spelling, Punctuation, Reading, and Maths. We are very proud of how sensibly and confidently they approached their work. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3 have had a fantastic week of learning. In English, we began exploring our new book *The Pebble in My Pocket* and looked at the features of letter writing. The children were fascinated in History as we learned more about Stone Age life—especially the fact that there were no shops, TVs or computers! In Maths, the class have started their new unit on multiplication and division and are working very hard. We also had another great swimming session, revisiting important water-safety skills and practising swimming on both front and back, with some even trying treading water in the deep end. Well done on another brilliant week, Year 3!

This week, Year 4 have been busy exploring low and high sounds in Science. Students investigated how sound is made and experimented with different materials to discover what affects pitch. In Maths, the class practised solving multiplication problems using their 3, 6, and 9 times tables, building confidence and speed through games and challenges. During Design & Technology, pupils began designing their own torches to meet a specific design brief. They sketched ideas, considered suitable materials, and explored how simple circuits work to bring their designs to life. It's been a fantastic week of creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving!

In Year 5 this week we have been learning about fractions. We have been finding equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering fractions less than one. We have been very successful and have learnt some good tricks for ordering fractions.

This week Year 6 have been hard at work experiencing SATs test. It has been a good opportunity for them to practice exam technique and find out the different areas of knowledge that they need further revision on. Everyone has tried really hard and taken a positive and mature attitude to the tests. They now wait in anticipation for their results.

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 centered 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

Jesus came to earth the first time as a baby - we remember this and celebrate it at Christmas. We know that one day he will return, but we don't know when. During Advent we think about the second coming of Jesus - we must be ready. Jesus tells us what sort of lives we must lead in preparation for this time. The Advent wreath helps us to focus on these things - its circle of greenery represents God's unending love, and the candles represent Jesus, the Light of the World. There are three violet and one pink one. The four candles are lit consecutively on the four Sundays of Advent. Today we light the first violet one.

Reflect this week on the needs of others, and how we can respond to these; your own self - where you are in life and what things need to change; where God is in the ordinariness of your daily life. Make time each day to watch and listen. Engage in times of silent prayer.



Discipleship - Hope

Think of a reason that you have to be hopeful. Share that hope with someone this week.

Hope

We believe that even in the darkest of times, God's love and light shine through. This hope isn't just wishful thinking, but a confident expectation of God's promises. Hope is a powerful virtue that can give us strength to persevere, even when things get tough, and to trust that God is always with us, guiding us towards a brighter future. In the season of Advent, we hope for the coming of Jesus and that he will bring peace, joy and love to the world.

Participation CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done Year 3 for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week 99.2%

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 - 97.5%
Year 1 - 97.3%
Year 2 - 97.4%
Year 3 - 99.2%
Year 4 - 94.1%
Year 5 - 97.8%
Year 6 - 97%

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: Kamile

Year 1: Kevin

Year 2: Greta

Year 3: Lavinia

Year 4: Luca

Year 5: Natalia

Year 6: Elsa

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 big thank you to the Dalton family who have purchased lot's of items from the Amazon wish list for our school.

**SAFEGUARDING****Discover Your Child's Digital World**

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

Learn the latest on:

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- ✓ Parental controls and practical tools

Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore online.

3rd December 6pm-7:30pm

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<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1929114>

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

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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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.



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

Tuesday 16th December

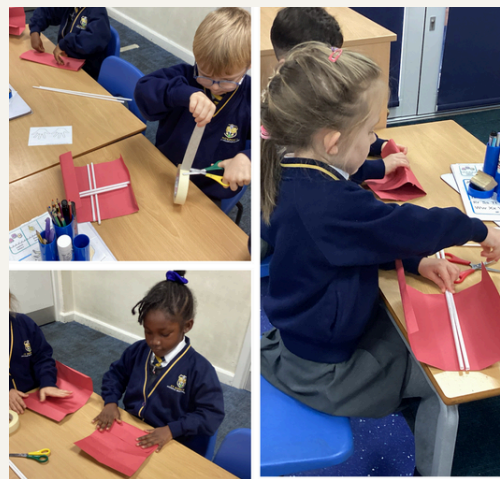
Christmas Concert KS2
5pm start - St Norbert's Church

SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

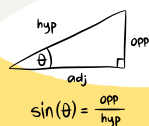
SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

THIS WEEK YEAR 6 WENT TO SPALDING BAPTIST CHURCH TO FOR A 'CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED' WORKSHOP. THE CHILDREN GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECORATE A BISCUIT, COMPLETE A QUIZ ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH DIFFERENT RETELLINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND HAD A GO AT A CHRISTMAS RAP.

YEAR 1



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](#)

