



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 27th February 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

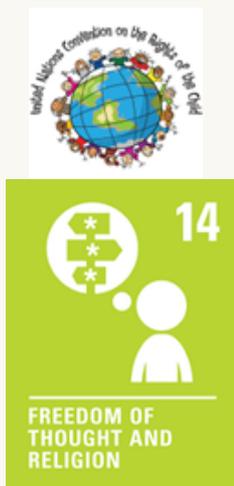
Value of the Month
Self-discipline

LET US PRAY

Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Help me find You in the quiet and in the dark. Teach me to listen and trust. Take away my distractions and help me focus on You. Thank You for always being with me, even when I can't see clearly. Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Our EYFS children have been exploring the theme "Around the World," sparking curiosity about different cultures and countries. They've been singing a beautiful song about the oceans and learning about marine life. Our recent Lent Retreat encouraged reflection and spiritual growth.

Year 1 have been busy exploring different fabrics and learning about their properties. We've handled and compared materials such as denim, silk, chiffon and cotton, discussing how they feel, how strong or stretchy they are, and what they might be used for. The children have loved becoming "fabric detectives" and using new vocabulary to describe what they notice.

We also enjoyed a magical Narnia-themed retreat day with the Chaplaincy team and Mrs Wright. Through storytelling and reflective activities, the children were encouraged to think about courage, kindness and making good choices, inspired by the world of Narnia, making links between Aslan and Jesus.

In RE, we have been learning about Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, exploring what this story teaches us about perseverance, trust in God and making the right choices, even when things feel difficult. The children have shared some thoughtful reflections during class discussions.

Year 2 have been exploring The Last Tree and thinking carefully about what a world with only one tree left might be like. We have written our own thoughtful statements about the story and then practised changing them into questions. The children have enjoyed using their imaginations and asking deep questions about the world around them.

In Maths, we have been working hard on using and applying our times tables and division facts to solve different problems. We are becoming more confident at spotting patterns and explaining how we know our answers. We also took part in a special retreat day in the school hall. The children created beautiful crosses on our classroom windows. We talked about how the tissue paper represents sin – the messy side reminding us of our mistakes – and how the neat cross shows God's love for us and how He brings light and hope into our lives. It was a calm and reflective day that the children really engaged with.

Year 3 have started their new History topic on the Bronze and Local study of Flag Fen. I was really impressed with the knowledge they remembered from our Stone Age topic. In computing we began looking at yes and no questions to start us on the journey of developing branching databases. In science, the children have begun their topic on forces and magnets. They all tried really hard with finishing their newspaper reports based on Pompeii. Well done for a super week year 3!

It's been another fantastic beginning to a new term in Year 4! In Maths, we have been learning about perimeter and practising how to calculate the distance around different shapes. In Science, we explored the parts of the digestive system and discovered how food travels through the body.

In Design Technology, we have been researching ingredients that Vikings might have used in their stews – we were surprised by how different their diets were from ours today! We're also thoroughly enjoying our class book, The Brightstorm Chronicles by Vashti Hardy, and are excited to see what adventures lie ahead for the characters. Well done, Year 4, for your enthusiasm and hard work!

In year five this week we have been exploring the meaning of Lent and how we can live good lives this season. We learnt about the time Jesus spent in the wilderness and considered what we can learn about temptation and how not to give in to it. We also thought about different ways we can pray, fast and give this Lent.

This week Year 6 have been exploring their new topic in Science and exploring the different ways that they can group living things based on observable characteristics. They also looked at how scientists use observable characteristics to classify animals of the same type.

This week, our school community began the 40-day journey of Lent. In our celebration's of the Word, we reflected on the Gospel story of Jesus being led into the desert—a time of testing, but also a time of deep preparation. Just as Jesus used those 40 days to focus on his mission, we are encouraging our pupils to use this first week to "get their minds right" and think about the person they want to become.

It is a time for us all to refresh our ambitions and look forward with positivity. We are trying to walk more this Lent as part of our CAFOD Lenten fundraiser using that time to connect with nature but also build time and space for quiet prayer and reflection. I hope you are able to enjoy a walk this weekend and find time to reflect peacefully.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



The 2nd Sunday of Lent focuses on listening to Jesus and trusting God's plan. In all three years, the Gospel tells the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus is shown in glory to a few disciples, and God says, "Listen to him." This moment helps the disciples understand that Jesus is more than a teacher. It prepares them for the hard times ahead.

Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus. The 2nd Sunday of Lent reminds us that even when we don't understand everything, we should follow Jesus and listen to his words.

Source: Young-Catholics

Missionary Discipleship - Fasting

What can you go without this Lent? Think of something that you can give up to leave more time and space for what's important.

Fasting

Fasting is a way of showing self-discipline and of focusing on our relationship with God. Fasting can also be a way of expressing solidarity with those who are less fortunate.

Fasting is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to follow the example of Jesus in the desert, and to grow in our compassion for others.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 5&6 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week 94.7%

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 - 89.7%

Year 1 - 92.9%

Year 2 - 94.4%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 96.2%

Year 5 - 96.7%

Year 6 - 96.7%

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: Maja

Year 1: Arina

Year 2: Juliana

Year 3: Shazil

Year 4: Hazel

Year 5: Magor

Year 6: Antoni

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.

Thank you to our new PTA committee duly elected this week we look forward to planning future events.

A huge thank you to Project St. Thomas whose committee are kindly funding an opportunity for our school to have workshops around food and healthy living...more information to follow in coming weeks. Watch this space!

SAFEGUARDING

NSPCC Resources for Parents and Carers of children and young people with a learning disability

The NSPCC published these resources in January 2026. Where relevant you may find these resources useful to share with parents and carers. They may also be useful for staff in your education setting. For more information and to see the resources, visit:

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/navigating-puberty-sexual-development?utm_campaign=20260205_KIS_SIEU_February&utm_content=Navigating%20puberty%20and%20sexual%20development&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Adestra

Safeguarding in Schools Team

Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

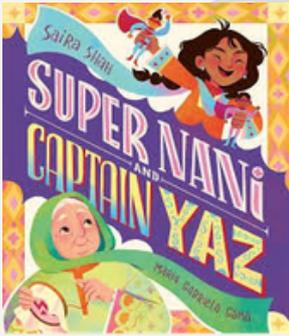
If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs. Withers and Deputy Mrs. Hibbert

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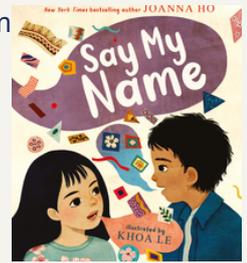
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- **Cultural Identity:** Language is key to preserving traditions and heritage.
- **Cognitive Benefits:** Learning in a mother tongue supports academic success and facilitates the acquisition of additional languages.
- **Global Connection:** Around 7,000 languages are spoken globally, but many are endangered
- We provide opportunities to share and showcase the many languages spoken in our school.

Super Nani and Captain Yaz: Is a heartwarming children's picture book about Yazmin, who meets her Punjabi grandmother (Nani) for the first time. Despite language barriers, they bond through creativity, specifically using Nani's handmade rag dolls and Captain Yaz's superhero imagination



Say my name!: Is a lyrical, empowering picture book that celebrates the cultural, ancestral, and personal significance of names. The story features six children from diverse backgrounds—Chinese, Tongan, Persian, Navajo, Mexican, and Ghanaian—who take pride in their names, emphasizing that learning to say them correctly is an essential sign of respect.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 5

Platinum+1: Augustas

CHURCH APPEAL

If any of our families are able to donate a chocolate egg or two to the church, they would be extremely grateful! You could then try and win them back again after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday 5 April 2026. Any money raised will go towards the Church Funds. Chocolate eggs can be handed in to the school office or church.

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website
Events Calendar

Wednesday 4th March

Year 4 Trip - Lincoln Castle

Wednesday 4th March

Year 1 Celebration of the Word
Parents welcome 2.50pm

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Monday 9th March

Class Photographs

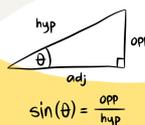
Wednesday 11th March

Year 4 Celebration of the Word
Parents welcome 2.50pm



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](#)



WHOLE SCHOOL LENT RETREAT

On Thursday 26th February, members of the Chaplaincy Team at Saint Norbert's led a beautiful retreat day based on Lenten themes that can be found in the story of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Through three prayer stations each class looked at three themes more closely. Beginning with a visit to the beautiful Narnia section of our school library, the pupils visited 'The Frozen Kingdom' prayer station which looked at sin and darkness in today's world and how acts of kindness and penance during Lent can help 'thaw' the frozen world and bring the light and goodness of Christ into our communities. Next, they visited 'The Stone Table' where we explored how the sacrifice of Aslan can be linked to the sacrifice of Jesus who died for our sins so that we might be forgiven and live. Lastly, they visited the prayer station entitled 'Hear the Lion Roar'. We looked ahead to the joyous celebration of Easter that we are currently preparing for and heard the scripture from the Book of Revelation in which Jesus is called 'The Lion of Judah'. In rising from the dead, Jesus gives us hope in a new and everlasting life. Throughout the day, pupils explored these themes further in their classrooms, with Key Stage One doing art and craft activities linked to the theme of bringing light into the world and Key Stage 2 doing artwork linked to the triumphant victory of the Lion of Judah. We ended the day with a beautiful Celebration of the word during which classes were invited to share what they had learnt and produced throughout the day.



REMINDERS



World Book Day

Don't forget to wear your PJ's and bring a book to share with friends on World Book Day **Thursday 5th March**. If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize create a book in a jar, check your name is on the bottom of the jar and your year group so we can award some prizes for your efforts!

Mothers Day Gifts - PTA

Mothers day gifts are available to purchase via Arbor shop. All orders must be made no later than **Friday 6th March**.

Easter Squares

Easter squares came home with children this week. For your chance of winning an amazing M&S hamper, please return squares and money in a sealed named envelope no later than **Monday 30th March**.



CHOIR COMPETITION

On the last day of last term, our school choir proudly took part in a fantastic choir competition held at Springfields Event Centre. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of term and showcase the incredible talent of our pupils.

There were three choirs taking part, and each group performed two songs. The standard was extremely high, and every group did an amazing job. The audience was treated to a variety of performances, making it a thoroughly enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Our choir performed "Sing" by Gary Barlow and "Hero Is My Middle Name" from SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical. The children sang with confidence, enthusiasm and big smiles, clearly enjoying every moment on stage. They worked incredibly hard in rehearsals leading up to the competition, and their dedication truly paid off.

The two judges gave positive and encouraging feedback to all of the choirs, praising the effort, musicality and stage presence on display throughout the evening. We were absolutely delighted when it was announced that we had won the competition – for the second year running!

As well as bringing home the trophy, we were awarded £200, which will go towards supporting and developing music in our school. We are so proud of every single member of the choir for their commitment, teamwork and fantastic performance.

Well done to you all!

