



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 6th February 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Compassion

Value of the Month
Self-discipline

LET US PRAY

God, we became your children at our baptism. Help us always to walk as children of the light, touching the lives of others with your love and your truth.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week, our EYFS class put on a heartwarming worship for the whole school and our parents. The children shared stories of kindness and compassion, reinforcing the importance of being kind to one another. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their learning and values.

In Year 1 the children did a fantastic job in English, where they received a letter from Beegu and have started drafting their own thoughtful replies. In art, they enjoyed practising line work inspired by Starry Night and produced some lovely work. In maths, they showed great effort while working on number bonds to 20. In geography, they confidently used maps of London to find and locate famous landmarks.

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been building confidence with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using number charts to help add and subtract numbers and spot patterns. In RE, the children have been learning about Jesus' miracles and how he shared important messages through stories, using drama to help recall and remember key Bible messages. In PE, we have been focusing on connecting with others and improving our sequencing of jump movements, practising pike, star and tuck shapes. In Art, the children have been developing their observational drawing skills, carefully capturing objects and shapes by looking closely at detail.

Year 3 have enjoyed another fantastic week of learning! In Art, the children have been practising their pointillism techniques as they prepare to create their own paintings inspired by the artist Georges Seurat. In Computing, they've continued exploring Scratch, designing and programming algorithms to make their sprites move in different and exciting ways.

Our Geography lessons have focused on earthquakes, a topic that captured the children's curiosity and sparked lots of thoughtful discussion. In English, we have continued our work on Escape from Pompeii, which will inspire the newspaper reports the children will be writing next week. Well done, Year 3!

Year 4 have been busy with lots of exciting learning this week. In science, they have explored how fizzy drinks can damage our teeth and learned ways to keep their smiles healthy. For National Storytelling Week, the children had great fun learning to perform a rap, building confidence and creativity. In art, they designed and made clay tiles inspired by the seabed, showing fantastic detail and imagination.

In year five this week we have been creating dances in our PE sessions. We have listened to the beat of the music and created a four part dance. We have worked well as part of a team and explored ways to move in sync or in a cannon effect, working at different levels.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had their Class Mass with Fr. Paul: it was a lovely time spent together, reflecting on the theme of listening to God and taking the time to have quiet moments in our lives, away from the noise and pressures life can bring. Fr. Paul also told the children about St. Blaise- the patron saint of throats- whose feast day it was. He then carried a special blessing on everyone's throats using a special blessing and two crossed candles- it was a very spiritual experience.

Racial Justice Sunday 2026: Love Your Neighbour

The Catholic Church and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have dedicated this Sunday to the theme of "Love Your Neighbour". As a school community, we are following the call to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).

- Our Pledge: We continue to review our curriculum to ensure it reflects the "image and likeness of God" in every person.
- Upcoming Activity: We invite pupils to wear red socks, hair accessory if they can on Monday 9th February if they wish to.
- Prayer: We pray for a future built on justice and healing, where all can fulfill the hope God has for them.
- Have a wonderful weekend and love your neighbour.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



What would happen to life in our world if there was no light? In Antarctica the sun does not shine for six months of the year, and the other six months it does not set. But we order our days by the setting and rising of the sun – often when Daylight Saving comes in or finishes it can take some time for us to adjust. Jesus reminds us of the importance of 'light' to our vision, and 'salt' to our taste buds. At our baptism we were given the light of Christ. When we share this with others we help them to 'see' more clearly, and make our world a better place. Jesus is telling us to be the people that we were made to be. Jesus' words challenge each of us to not lose our 'flavour' or hide our 'light', but to keep the gift of our faith alive and fresh; when we take it for granted we let it become tasteless. In what practical ways can we do this? Are there any areas of your life that have been dull and tasteless and lost their appeal? During this week identify one of your unique gifts and talents and use it for the benefit of someone else.

Missionary Discipleship - Diversity

Think about those people in your community who may feel left out. This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.

Diversity

Diversity calls us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.

Participation CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Foundation class for this week's highest scoring attendance! School Average this week

95.7%

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 - 99.2%

Year 1 - 94.3%

Year 2 - 99.3%

Year 3 - 95.1%

Year 4 - 94.4%

Year 5 - 99.6%

Year 6 - 88.5%

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: Adrian

Year 1: Tommy

Year 2: Melissa

Year 3: George

Year 4: Eliza H

Year 5: Sofia

Year 6: Hunor

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.

Mrs Ford and Mrs Biernacka-Hennessy for all of your relentless hard work and dedication serving the school community running our PTA over these past few years. We are so grateful for all of your hard work, volunteering your time to fundraise and organise events. Thank you!

**SAFEGUARDING****Safer Internet Day 2026 - Tuesday 10th February 2026**

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people and adults to think carefully about how we use the online world and digital technology. It's a useful annual prompt to refresh conversations about online safety, wellbeing and responsible digital behaviour.

Theme for 2026: Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences. The emphasis is on helping young people develop confidence, critical thinking and good judgement when using digital tools, rather than fear or restriction.

For schools, Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to:

- reinforce existing online safety messages
- encourage open, age-appropriate conversations about AI and digital decision-making
- remind staff and families that online safety is an ongoing safeguarding responsibility, not a one-off lesson

Useful resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

Top tips for parents and carers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Top tips for children and young people

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

You can find more information here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

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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**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Join us for Children's Mental Health Week 2025! 🧠🌟

From February 3rd-9th, our school is proudly taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, featuring the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself".

This year, we are empowering students to explore who they are, understand their emotions, and build the resilience needed to grow and thrive. Throughout the week, pupils will participate in special assemblies and classroom activities designed to foster self-awareness and confidence.

How you can help at home:

- Talk about feelings: Ask your child what makes them unique and help them identify their strengths.
- Explore together: Use the theme to discuss how knowing ourselves helps us navigate big feelings. Let's work together to ensure all our children feel listened to and understood!

I'm going to make a friend: is a thoughtful picture book written by philosopher [Darren Chetty](#) and illustrated by [Sandhya Prabhat](#). It explores the social and imaginative process of building relationships.

The bear shaped hole: Is a moving picture book by [John Dougherty](#) and [Thomas Docherty](#) that focuses on pre-bereavement and preparing for the loss of a loved one



National Storytelling Week: Music & Magic: Soundtrack Your Story

This National Storytelling Week, we're exploring how music connects us to words! Following the National Literacy Trust's theme, "Soundtrack Your Story," our pupils will be using rhythms, lyrics, and soundscapes to bring their narratives to life. From creating story sound maps to exploring the emotion behind song lyrics, we are finding new ways to re-engage with the joy of [reading and writing](#). How will you share stories this weekend as a family? Enjoy the power of stories together!

STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 5

Platinum+3: Max

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 5th April 2026.

Any money raised will go towards the Church Funds.

Chocolate eggs can be handed in to the school office.

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Wednesday 11th February

Dress Down Day
(Donations for Easter hampers)

Wednesday 11th February

School Disco
Foundation/KS1: 3.30-4.45PM
KS2: 5-6.30PM

Thursday 12th February

Last day of term

Friday 13th February

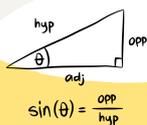
Inset day - no children in school

Monday 23rd February

Children back to school



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](#)

