



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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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Compassion

Value of the Month

Self-discipline

LET US PRAY

God, you gave us laws, commandments, help us to follow them like your Son Jesus as we listen to your Word.
Amen.

This week in EYFS, the children have explored odd and even numbers and doubling. They have enjoyed Paddington Bear's adventures, completing scrapbook writing activities and letter writing! They ended the week with a fantastic "Now Press Play" experience that brought their learning about castles to life!

In Year 1 in Science, we've been exploring animal diets. The children became junior investigators, examining "poo clues" to work out what different animals might eat and which animal the evidence could belong to – lots of curiosity, great scientific thinking, and a few giggles along the way!

We also had a very exciting visitor... Beegu landed her spaceship on our playground! She left us a special letter and some treats, and the children have loved talking, writing, and imagining what it might be like to meet a friendly alien. It's been a magical way to spark creativity and enthusiasm for learning

In Year 2 this week in Maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide numbers up to 100 and beyond. The children have explored how multiplication and division are linked and have been using inverse operations to help them solve a range of problems confidently. In English, we have been enjoying Carnival of the Animals by Michael Morpurgo. Inspired by the text, we have been learning how to use fronted adverbials for time and place in our writing. We have also created our own expanded noun lists, using commas to describe animals and their movements in vivid detail. In Art, we have been studying the work of L.S. Lowry. The children have been learning how to recreate expressions and shapes in his distinctive style, using muted colours to reflect a bleak atmosphere in their artwork.

Year 3 have been journalists this week, reporting on events in Pompeii and taking inspiration from our class text Escape from Pompeii. They have worked hard to incorporate a range of grammatical features including subordinating conjunctions and non-finite clauses.

Year 4 have been busy with some fantastic learning! We worked together to write our Class Charter, thinking carefully about how we can serve others just as Jesus did when He was on earth. For Safer Internet Day, we learned how to use AI safely and responsibly. We discussed how to stay safe online, protect our personal information and use technology in a positive and sensible way. In English, we have been completing our exciting instructions on how to catch the robbers from The Great Food Bank Heist. Using fronted adverbials, prepositions of time and imperative verbs, the children wrote clear and detailed steps. From Before sunrise, quietly hide behind the crates to Carefully creep towards the door at midnight, their writing has been full of suspense and action!

Well done, Year 4, for another brilliant week of learning!

In year five this week we have been creating our stop motion videos. We worked hard to create our backdrops and manipulate our figures, we then took lots of photographs which we put together in the stop motion app to create our final animation. We are very pleased with our work.

This week Year 6 have been learning different strategies to solve problems involving ratio and proportion. They have explored double number lines and bar models to help them recognize the multiplicative relationship between the proportions and whether they should multiply or divide.

This week, we joined the global community in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. With women currently making up less than one-third of the world's researchers, it is more important than ever to show our girls that curiosity has no gender. Our classrooms have been buzzing with innovation. We want to encourage all our pupils to keep asking "why" and "how"—because the next great scientific impact could start right here in our classrooms. So why not explore some science this weekend at home as a family- there are some amazing home experiments you can explore! Have an amazing half term and I look forward to hearing about any scientific discoveries or trips you go on over the break.

Mrs Withers X

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

When Moses was leading God's people through the desert, God gave them ten rules or commandments to help the people to live in God's way. Today we hear Jesus remind his followers of these 'rules for life'. We are reminded to come to Mass with peace in our hearts, with forgiveness for any person who has done wrong to us.

It is really difficult to deal with the kind of feelings that can lead to wrong doing. Leaving your gift at the altar because you are still angry and going back to sort out disagreements with your family is a very demanding challenge. What memories do you have of arguments and hassles as your family is getting ready to go to Mass, especially if you need to leave early because you are leading Children's Liturgy? How does this affect your readiness for ministry? For Eucharist? How do you reconcile or make peace?



Missionary Discipleship - Perseverance

Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you persevere with a difficult challenge that you face this week.

Perseverance

Perseverance is the ability to keep going even when things are tough. We will face many challenges in our lives but the virtue of perseverance will help us to overcome these challenges and to achieve our goals. Having perseverance is not easy but it helps us to grow in discipline and strength and to not give up when it matters most.

Participation CST

ATTENDANCE

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

94.4%

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 - 97.4%

Year 1 - 89.2%

Year 2 - 92.4%

Year 3 - 94.7%

Year 4 - 94.8%

Year 5 - 94.8%

Year 6 - 98.1%

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: Ehaba

Year 1: Angelina

Year 2: Theodore

Year 3: Neitas

Year 4: Erin

Year 5: David

Year 6: Summer

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 our amazing families that did all the transportation for the Cross Country Event this week it is hugely appreciated.
A thank you also to our clerk Mr Peatling who can always be relied upon to support the school and was helping Mrs Withers at the Cross Country!
We have also had some fantastic games, wellingtons and second-hand uniform donations this week from families thank you so much it all helps in these challenging Financial Times.

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**

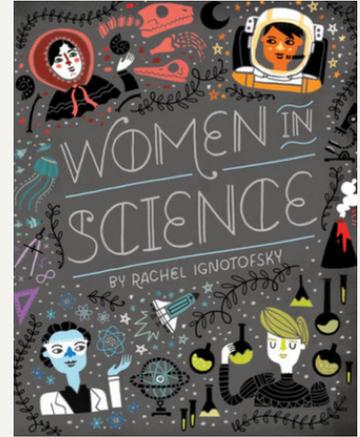
[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World by Rachel Ignotofsky: An illustrated volume highlighting the contributions of 50 notable women in STEM from the ancient to the modern world. It includes infographics on lab equipment and a scientific glossary.



A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space by Libby Jackson: Tells 50 stories of women fundamental to human spaceflight, from 19th-century mathematicians to modern astronauts

STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 3

- Platinum +2 - Jack
- Platinum +1 - Aidens
- Platinum - Sebastian
- Gold - George

Year 4

- Platinum: Layla
- Platinum+1: Olaf
- Platinum+2: Tiago, Blanka, Amira, Cera

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Friday 13th February

Inset day - no children in school

Monday 23rd February

Children back to school

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

SPOTLIGHT

This is My Place – Children’s Mental Health Week 2026

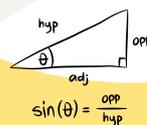
This week, we have joined schools across the country to celebrate Children’s Mental Health Week. This year’s theme, "This is My Place," highlights how a sense of belonging in our families, schools, and communities is vital for our wellbeing. We have explored what makes our school a "place" where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard. You can find free resources and activity ideas to use at home on the [Place2Be website](#).

Research shows that when children feel they truly belong, they are better equipped to manage stress and build healthy friendships. To support them this week, try:

- Talking about feelings: Ask "What made you feel happy today?"
- Finding their 'place': Chat about where they feel most comfortable and why.
- Connecting: Pick a screen-free family activity to strengthen your bond.
- For expert advice and urgent support, visit YoungMinds or the NHS Every Mind Matterspage.

Please remember if you need help or support as Senior Mental Health Lead I can support you and our pupils, in addition we have Youth Mental Health First Aiders Mrs Hibbert and Mrs Barratt. Please see our Mental Health and Well-being support page on the school website.

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](#)



Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Tournament – 3rd February

We were delighted with the excellent response from our children at the Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Tournament held at Pinchbeck West on 3rd February. There were two races, each consisting of four large laps of the running course. Each race team was made up of five boys or five girls.

Despite the cold and damp weather, the children's spirits were high, and they showed fantastic determination throughout.

The girls worked brilliantly as a team, maintaining strong positions across all four laps. Othula pushed the pack forward throughout the race, setting a determined pace. Isabella, Sofie, Jessica and Amanda held their positions well, finding an extra burst of energy as they charged towards the finishing funnel. Well done, girls!

In the boys' race, runners were soon stretched out across the course as the reality of the second lap set in. Thiofi made excellent headway, breaking away from the main pack and showing real determination to challenge for a single-digit finish. Oskars, Dragos, Elliott (Year 6) and Elliot (Year 5) dug deep into their reserves, working hard to overtake competitors and maintain strong positions, resulting in a very respectable overall team finish.

Great job, boys and girls – we are very proud of you all!

Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Tournament - 10th February

Huge congratulations to our dedicated runners who represented St. Norbert's at the Year 3/4 Cross Country races held across at West Pinchbeck. Despite the muddy, cold, challenging conditions, our pupils showed incredible resilience and sportsmanship. They were incredible at supporting and cheering each other on and we had so many comments about our pupils impeccable behaviour. Whether it was their first race or their tenth, every child who crossed the finish line should be immensely proud of their personal achievement. Thank you to the parents who transported and staff who cheered from the sidelines! We had results to be proud of for all 9 runners including a group of our boys who finished consecutively in 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th places out of a very large running field.

Hockey Tournament – 6th February

Our two teams of Year 5 and Year 6 children threw themselves enthusiastically into their matches, determined to seize every opportunity to defend their goal and push forward to create chances to score.

Our Year 6 team truly demonstrated grit and resilience, securing impressive wins against some very challenging opposition. Their ability to play together, trust one another's skills and work as a cohesive team was paramount to their success – and they certainly shone brightly throughout the tournament.

Our Year 5 team showed great determination and growth as the evening progressed. They worked hard to apply the "sticks down" technique to prevent costly errors and stop the ball slipping past them into the goal. As the matches continued, they grew in confidence, defending with increasing composure and passing with greater skill and accuracy to limit the goals conceded.

Well done to both teams for their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship – we are very proud of you all!

