



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 13th March 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Patience

Value of the Month

Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Lord, open our eyes to see as you see. Help us to look beyond appearances and to trust in your purpose. Lead us out of darkness and into your light. Give us faith to follow you and courage to share your love.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in EYFS, the children have been immersed in learning about the continents through song, with a particular focus on Antarctica and the wonderful penguins that inhabit it. The children enjoyed discovering interesting facts about these creatures. They also practiced subitising numbers 9 and 10. To celebrate Mother's Day, they learned a lovely song and created beautiful cards to share with their special person.

This week in Year 1 we have been busy learning lots of new things! In Design and Technology, the children tried sewing for the first time, learning how to use a running stitch. They showed great concentration and perseverance as they practised carefully threading the needle and stitching through the fabric.

In English, we explored emperor penguins. The children enjoyed finding and sharing interesting facts about these amazing animals, including where they live and how they survive in the cold Antarctic climate. In RE, we talked about the season of Lent and discussed ways we can try to be kinder and more thoughtful. The children reflected on this and made their own Lenten promises, thinking about small positive changes they can make each day. Well done, Year 1, for your fantastic effort and enthusiasm this week!

Year 2 we have been very busy with our learning. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure using centimetres (cm) and metres (m). We practised measuring different objects around the classroom and comparing their lengths. In English, we have been writing our own statements about trees and improving statements we have read, inspired by the story The Last Tree by Emily Howarth-Booth. In Science, as part of National Science Week, we have been investigating which materials are waterproof. We tested different materials to see which ones would keep things dry and talked about why this might be useful in real life.

We have had a busy week this week in year 3, the children wrote their first draft of their diary entry based on our wonderful book 'Ocean Meets Sky', they also had a go at looking at making improvements because we have been learning that authors and poets review their work lots of times before they publish it. Year 3 have been fabulous with their fraction work in Maths grasping new concepts really well! In RE we compared the Mass to the Last Supper and made links between the two, the children offered very thoughtful contributions and created lovely tracings of the Last Supper. Well done Year 3!

This week Year 4, have been exploring the meaning of the word worship during our class worship. Children shared thoughtful ideas about how worship can include prayer, singing, reflection, and acts of kindness. In Music, the children have been listening to examples of country music identified its key features, such as storytelling lyrics and distinctive rhythms.

During Computing, Year 4 used the program Scratch to create loops and repeated patterns. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of fractions. They explored how fractions represent equal parts of a whole and practised identifying and comparing different fractions using visual models and practical activities.

It has been a busy and engaging week in Year 4, and the children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity across all their learning.

In year five this week we have been learning about the Ancient Maya. We have explored different architecture within Mayan civilization and were interested to explore how different buildings were made and their purpose. We are looking forward to finding out more about the Maya next week.

This week in Year 6 the children have been developing their woodworking skills in Design Technology. They have been measuring accurately to the nearest millimetre and using saws to cut wood for a picture frame. They learnt about the importance of using the equipment safely and the best techniques to use. They will be using their finish picture frames as part of their Stations of the Cross project.

It has been wonderful to have you join us in school this afternoon for our whole school celebration if you were able to attend we hope you enjoyed the children's expressions of gratitude and appreciation. On Sunday, 15th March, we celebrate Mothering Sunday. It is a special time to pause and say "thank you" to the wonderful mums, grandmothers, and mother figures who fill our lives with love and support. Whether it's through a handmade card, a long walk, or a simple "I love you," we hope all the special women in our community feel deeply appreciated this weekend.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year A focuses on light and darkness, making it perfect for a GLOW (God Lights Our Way) theme. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind, showing that faith brings light to those in spiritual darkness. The second reading calls us to live as children of light, leaving behind sin and following Christ. These readings remind us that God's light guides us and helps us see the truth.

Glow in the dark activities can symbolize how faith brightens our lives. Just as light overcomes darkness, Jesus leads us out of confusion and fear. This theme helps us reflect on how we can carry God's light into the world and invites us to open our hearts to Christ's light and live with faith and hope.

Source: Young Catholics

Missionary Discipleship - Sacrifice

Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take moment to thank them for what they do this week.

Sacrifice

During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants. Sacrifice is a way to show our love for God and our commitment to living a life that reflects His values.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 3 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week **94.29%**

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 - 90.77%
Year 1 - 95.24%
Year 2 - 91.11%
Year 3 - 98.8%
Year 4 - 96.88%
Year 5 - 93.28%
Year 6 - 94.07%

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: Finnegan**Year 1: Esther****Year 2: Lucas****Year 3: Isla****Year 4: Leo****Year 5: Igor****Year 6: Thiohfi****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 the Zilli Family who have donated some beautiful books this week to add to our collections we really appreciate it.

SAFEGUARDING**Safeguarding Spotlight: The PANTS Rule**

We use the NSPCC's PANTS (Underwear Rule) in school to help children understand that their body belongs to them. It's a simple way to start a conversation about boundaries without using scary words.

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

You can find more resources and a catchy sing-along video on the NSPCC website to help reinforce this at home.

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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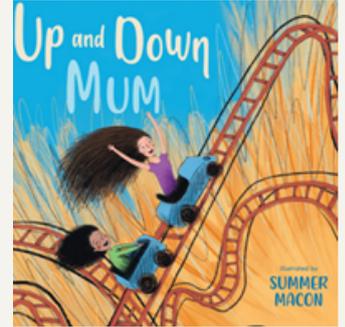
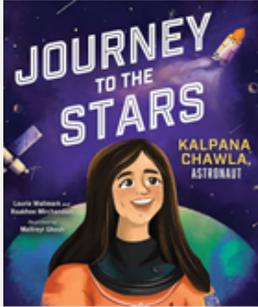
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READING CORNER

Happy International Women's Day!

This week we celebrate the strength, resilience, and brilliance of women everywhere—from global icons to the "everyday heroes" in our own families and classrooms. International Women's Day is a time to honor the contributions women make to our community every single day!

The story follows Kalpana from her childhood in India, where she was fascinated by flight despite being told that girls don't study aerospace. It chronicles her move to the United States, her perseverance through years of study, and her ultimate achievement of flying on the space shuttle Columbia.



The theme for 2026 is "Fair Futures for Young Carers". This is a call to action to ensure every young carer has the same opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive as their peers. It highlights the need for:

- Recognition in Schools: Ensuring teachers and staff identify and support young carers early.
- Access to Opportunities: Providing the same chances for training, higher education, and employment as those without caring roles.
- Meaningful Breaks: Advocating for the time and support needed for young carers to rest and focus on their own wellbeing.
- Wellbeing Support: Addressing the mental and physical health challenges that can result from caring responsibilities.

A vibrant children's picture book designed to help young readers understand how a young carer might support a parent with their needs.

STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 5

Gold: George
Platinum+3: Igor

CHURCH APPEAL

We are excited to be launching our new PST Community Market & Table Top and would love to invite stallholders to join us.

Our first event will take place on:

Saturday 25th April
10:30am – 2:30pm

St Norbert's Church Hall, St Thomas' Road, Spalding

Tables are £7 each and spaces are limited to keep the event comfortable for both sellers and visitors.

The event will include tombola, refreshments, and a children's clothing rail, and we hope it will become a regular monthly community market held on the last Saturday of each month.

If you would like to book a table please see the school office to complete a booking form.

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website
Events Calendar

Wednesday 18th March
Reconciliation Service 1.30pm

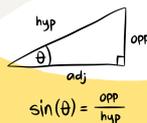
Friday 20th March
Other Faith Day

Tuesday 31st March
Year 1 Final Swimming Session

Thursday 2nd April
Last Day of Term



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](#)

