



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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VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Patience

Value of the Month

Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Lord, help us to be salt and light in the world. Give us the courage to act with love and kindness. Help us to trust in You, even when we feel weak. May our actions bring hope to others and lead them closer to You.

Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in EYFS, their Forest School day was a highlight, with the children immersing themselves in nature and learning through exploration. They also enjoyed locating famous landmarks in London on a map, helping to strengthen their geographical skills. The Palm Sunday story was shared with great enthusiasm, and they focused on composing numbers 9 and 10.

This week in Year 1, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and bravery in their learning. In swimming, they impressed us all by confidently jumping into the pool, showing both courage and a sense of fun! In DT, we have been busy designing waterproof coats for our class teddy. The children explored different colours, decorations, and ways of joining materials, thinking carefully about how to make their designs both practical and creative. In Science, we have been learning about garden plants and what they need to grow. The children also enjoyed designing their own gardens, using their imagination alongside their new knowledge. We have also been learning about Eid, helping the children to understand this special time for many people around the world. Well done, Year 1, for a wonderful week of learning!

This week in Year 2, we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning!

As part of National Science Week, the children will be making their own waterproof houses at home. We will then test their waterproof features in school to see which materials keep water out best. We are very excited to see their creative designs! In English, we have been writing thoughtful reports about The Last Tree, thinking carefully about the message of the story and sharing our own opinions. We have also been learning how to use possessive apostrophes to show that something belongs to someone. In Maths, we have been exploring measurement, including length, height, capacity and weight. The children have been using practical resources to compare and measure different objects. In Design Technology, we have been learning about food in Kenya, exploring different foods and how they are grown and eaten in other parts of the world.

Well done Year 2 for your fantastic effort and enthusiasm this week

Year 3 have been cooking soup this week as part of their design and technology project. They did a fantastic job of working together sensibly and safely, when using equipment such as hobs, knives and peelers. They also demonstrated great skill in using the bridge and claw grip to chop and dice their vegetables. In RE, they have been considering the actions used during mass, particularly the litany of the Eucharist, giving reasons for the actions and prayers used.

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting week! The children have been working hard rehearsing and learning songs for our upcoming Easter play, showing great enthusiasm and confidence as they prepare. In computing, they have been developing their skills by learning how to modify games, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving. In PE, the focus has been on improving dribbling skills, with everyone showing determination and progress. Meanwhile, in science, the class has been exploring why animals have different types of teeth, linking this to their diets and discovering how this helps them survive. Well done, Year 4, for all your hard work this week!

Year 5 have been busy and enthusiastic across a range of exciting learning opportunities. In PE, the children have been developing their teamwork skills through a variety of team games, showing great cooperation, communication and sportsmanship. In music, they have been learning about the composer Frédéric Chopin, listening carefully to his pieces and exploring how music can express different moods and emotions.

We were also delighted to attend the Poprox concert, which was a fantastic experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children represented the school brilliantly. Alongside this, they have been working hard rehearsing their lines and songs for the upcoming Easter play, showing confidence and creativity as they prepare for their performance. Well done, Year 5, for your continued effort and enthusiasm!

This week Year 6 became a Samba Band! In their Music learning with Mrs Carr the children had been tasked to make their own percussion instruments at home using recycled materials. The children were very creative and made a variety of shakers, drums and plucked instruments to play in their music lesson. Leonard really impressed everyone with his homemade drum kit!

As we enter the fifth week of Lent, our school community continues its journey toward Easter. This week, we have been reflecting on the themes of waiting and trust. In a world that moves so quickly, Lent invites us to slow down and find 'hope in times of frustration or uncertainty'. It has been wonderful to see the children demonstrating these values in their daily interactions, showing patience and kindness toward one another as we approach the final stages of this holy season especially during our Lenten Reconciliation Service this week.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls people to live out their faith through action. The readings focus on being a light in the world, helping others, and trusting in God's strength. Jesus tells his followers to be salt and light, showing kindness and love in all they do. Paul reminds people that faith is about relying on God, not on human wisdom. Isaiah teaches that caring for those in need is part of true worship. These reflections explore how these messages apply to daily life.

It also reminds us that faith is not just about personal belief. It is also about action. The reading from Isaiah shows that caring for those in need is a key part of following God. Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and helping those who are suffering are all ways to bring light into the world.

Source: Young Catholics

Missionary Discipleship - Journey

Spend some time in prayer thinking about your lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.

Journey

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 3 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week 96.62%

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 - 93.49%
Year 1 - 97.62%
Year 2 - 97.41%
Year 3 - 97.22%
Year 4 - 96.88%
Year 5 - 97.07%
Year 6 - 96.67%

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: Adam
Year 1: Mira
Year 2: Francesca
Year 3: Zakhar
Year 4: Joya
Year 5: Gustas
Year 6: Othula

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 PTA for their work organising the Mother Day Shop which proved to be a great success last Friday.

A huge thank you again to all our families that support transporting pupils to and from sporting events such as the Hockey Tournament last Friday this is greatly appreciated.

SAFEGUARDING**Online Content**

The UK government's "You Won't Know Until You Ask" campaign (2026) aims to help parents tackle toxic online content—such as misogyny, body-shaming, and misinformation—by encouraging regular, open, and non-judgmental conversations. Parents are encouraged to explore social media alongside their children to build critical thinking skills, using questions to help them identify harmful content.

The core 5 questions for parents to ask are:

- "What kinds of videos/content do you enjoy?"
- "Who shared this content?" (Encouraging them to identify the source)
- "Why do you think they posted it?" (Encouraging them to consider motivations)
- "How does this post make you feel?" (Focusing on emotional impact)
- "Are there posts that bother you or that you'd like to see less of?"

Other suggested conversation starters include asking about content that makes them feel uncomfortable or happy, or what they think about content their friends like.

Key Advice from the Campaign:

- Keep it Casual: Engage in a friendly, curious manner rather than a judgmental one.
- Co-scroll: Regularly look at their favorite apps with them.
- Build Digital Resilience: Teach children to question what they see—whether it's real, edited, or fake.
- Set Safety Tools: Implement restrictions across social platforms.
- Actionable Advice: The campaign is backed by Internet Matters and the NSPCC.

Further guidance and resources are available at [kidsonlinesafety.org.uk](https://www.kidsonlinesafety.org.uk)

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

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**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

READING CORNER

Celebrating Neurodiversity Week: March 17th – 23rd

This week, we are proud to join schools across the country in celebrating Neurodiversity Celebration Week! It's a time to flip the narrative on learning differences and celebrate the unique strengths of our students with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and more. At St. Norbert's, we believe that different minds don't just think differently—they help our community thrive.



In "Leo and the Octopus" by Isabelle Marinov, a young boy named Leo, who is on the autism spectrum, often feels like he is living on the "wrong planet" because the world is too bright, too loud, and confusing for him

In "Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf" by Craig Barr-Green, a confident autistic girl named Gina decides to take matters into her own hands when she hears the traditional story of Little Red Riding Hood and finds it "full of big mistakes"

Celebrating Sign Language Week 2026: United in Sign

This week (16–22 March), we are proud to celebrate Sign Language Week! This year's theme, "United in Sign," highlights the rich culture, identity, and shared heritage of the Deaf community. It is also a significant year as the [British Deaf Association \(BDA\)](#) launches its #TakingBSLForward movement, aiming to promote and protect British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language (ISL). Join us in celebrating this vibrant language and learning how we can all become better BSL allies.

STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 3

Bronze: Eliza
Silver: Amanda, Oliver

Year 4

Number Bonds: Hazel
Silver: Eliza F

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

Tuesday 31st March

Year 1 Final Swimming Session

Wednesday 1st April

Easter Play 'Amazing Love' 2pm
Years 3,4 and 5

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day of Term

Monday 20th April

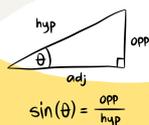
Inset Day
No children in school

Tuesday 21st April

Start of Term 5



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](#)





HOCKEY

Last Friday our hockey teams travelled accross to Surfleet for round 4 of the tournament. Both teams played some superb hockey and showed lots of desire to work hard and show their skills. Our A team stepped up to league A for the first time and despite some tough matches they were a credit to our school. Showing huge improvement in their defensive play. The B team were able to complete their evening unbeaten thanks to some great team work and forward thinking play.

Well done everyone!!

NETBALL

St Norbert's secured a strong 8-3 victory over Wygate Park Academy in their netball match on Monday, overcoming a slow start to take control of the game.

The match began with Wygate Park Academy on the front foot, as St Norbert's took some time to settle into their rhythm. This allowed the opposition to build an early lead, finishing the first quarter 3-0 ahead.

However, St Norbert's responded brilliantly in the second quarter. Excellent shooting from Thiohfi and Amanda turned the game around, with their accuracy and composure helping the team to overturn the deficit and take a 5-3 lead going into half time. The momentum continued into the second half, with Elliott and Sydney adding further goals to extend the advantage. Their teamwork and movement in attack made it difficult for Wygate Park Academy to regain control.

Defensively, St Norbert's were outstanding. Othula, Elsa, and Jack worked tirelessly to intercept passes and limit scoring opportunities, ensuring the opposition were unable to add to their early tally.

Overall, it was a well-earned victory for St Norbert's, who showed resilience and determination to come back from an early deficit and finish the match convincingly 8-3 winners.



LEARNERS CODE

We thought it might be a good time to re-share with you our St. Norbert's Learners Code. You will notice these areas are on our pupil of the week certificates so if your child comes home you can look at what has been ticked on the certificate and what they have been excelling at showing that week being a role model to their peers.



ST. NORBERT'S LEARNERS



RESILIENT - We are brave!

- I am willing to try new things.
- I can bounce back from frustration, failure and mistakes.
- I can use a growth mindset to overcome challenges.

PERSISTANT - We step up!

- I can stay calm and focused.
- I know that when something is difficult I am learning.
- I am determined to reach my goals.

REFLECTIVE - We take time to think!

- I can talk about my learning and where I'm going next.
- I can be flexible and change my approach as I go.
- I can set goals and grow as a learner.

ENGAGED - We are excited to learn!

- I make good choices.
- I can manage distractions.
- I am organised and ready to learn.
- I can work independently and as part of a team.

SELF-DIRECTED -We show initiative!

- I am in charge of my learning.
- I am a role model for others.
- I problem solve and take action