



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 March 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term

Patience

Value of the Month

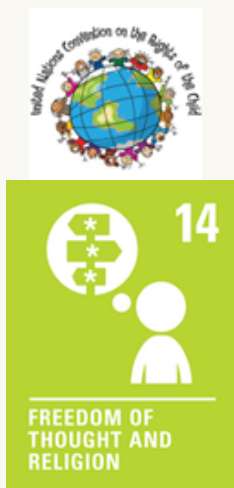
Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Lord, you walked the path of suffering with love and patience. You were betrayed, denied, and abandoned, yet you remained faithful. Help me to follow your example. Give me strength in hard times, courage to stand by you, and a heart willing to serve others. Teach me to love as you love. Amen.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week in EYFS, the children have explored Africa, broadening their understanding of diverse cultures and landscapes. They have had a wonderful time with Handa's Surprise, singing along with a song, matched animals to fruits, engaging with the story's sequence. They also focused on recognising 3D shapes, making connections between shapes in the world around us.

This week year 1 have made their amazing waterproof coats in DT. They consulted last week's designs, cut and used their own templates, added pockets and then a waterproof layer over the top. Next, the children joined their pieces together with staples or running stitch. They all turned out amazingly! Well done.

This week Year 2, in History, we've been learning about the Spalding Flower Parade. The children are excited to design and make their own cardboard box floats, and we'll be parading around the playground next week—we can't wait to see their fantastic ideas! In RE, we've been thinking about forgiveness and how we can practise Fast, Give and Pray in our everyday lives. In Maths, we've been learning about capacity and measuring liquids. If you can, please let your child have a go at measuring at home—can they read the scale on a jug?

This week in Year 3 has been an extremely busy week we have been practising for the Easter Play, writing using subordinating conjunction to help support our story writing. In maths, the children have been getting to grips with measuring mass using grams and kilograms and in RE the children were learning about the key events of Holy Week our children who are due to receive their first Holy Communion in June shared some wonderful insights and showcased their wonderful knowledge. Well done Year 3! We look forward to welcoming you to the Easter Performance on Wednesday.

Year 4 have been busy with lots of exciting learning! In outdoor learning, the children worked brilliantly in teams to design and build their own dens, developing problem-solving and teamwork skills. In history, we explored Lindum Colonia and discovered what life was like when it was an important Roman port. In computing, pupils showed great creativity by designing their own games using the Scratch program. Meanwhile, in DT, we stepped back in time to make an authentic Viking stew, where everyone enjoyed learning new cooking skills (and tasting the results!). Well done, Year 4, for your enthusiasm and hard work!

This week in year five we have been working hard on our Easter play practise. We have enjoyed learning the songs and thinking about how to improve our acting skills and are looking forward to putting on our performance next week.

Year 6 visited the Baptist Church in Spalding for their Easter Cracked Workshop. The children learnt some interesting facts about Easter as well as reflected on the true meaning of Easter and the significance of why Jesus died on the cross. The children participated in songs, drama and made an Easter card.

This Sunday, we celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem. He didn't arrive on a giant warhorse or in a gold carriage; he chose a humble donkey. This reminds our students that being a leader isn't about being the loudest or the strongest—it's about being kind and serving others. As we hold our palm crosses, let's think about how we can be 'Humble Heroes' in our own playground this coming week."

P – Peace: Jesus came riding a donkey, a symbol of peace.

A – Acceptance: The crowds welcomed him with open arms.

L – Loyalty: A reminder to stand by our friends even when times get tough.

M – Mission: Each of us has a purpose to spread kindness.

Let us look ahead to spending Holy Week together reflecting next week and our term draws to an end.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Palm Sunday invites people to respond to Jesus personally. He looks at them, just as he looked at his followers long ago, and asks them to walk with him. He does not promise comfort, but he promises his presence. Each person must choose whether to stay in the background or step forward in faith. Jesus' suffering was not just a past event—it is a call to stand with him, to follow him, and to remain close even when it is difficult.

Let us consider this week how we will walk with Jesus and follow in his footsteps by showing our love for others.

Source: Young Catholics

Missionary Discipleship - Passion

Think of a difficult situation you are facing at the moment and ask Jesus to be with you and to give you courage.

Passion

The passion of Jesus Christ is the story of his suffering and death - a story of love, sacrifice, and redemption. Jesus' courage and perseverance give us hope, strength and inspiration to carry on during difficult times. It reminds us that he truly understands us when we struggle and encounter hard times.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 2 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week **95.83%**

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 - 93.87%
Year 1 - 94.05%
Year 2 - 98.15%
Year 3 - 96.83%
Year 4 - 96.18%
Year 5 - 96.39%
Year 6 - 95.19%

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: Titas**Year 1: Alyssa****Year 2: Juliana****Year 3: Aadith****Year 4: Isaac****Year 5: Rocco****Year 6: Jack****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 group of work experience students who have joined us in supporting pupils learning this week, we hope you enjoyed your time with us.

SAFEGUARDING

The NSPCC Helpline is a national service staffed by trained professionals who provide expert guidance to any adult with a parenting concern.

Helpline (0808 800 5000): Available for advice on everyday issues, such as the right age to leave a child home alone, as well as reporting serious concerns about child abuse or neglect.

Online Safety Hub: Comprehensive resources for setting up parental controls on broadband, consoles, and mobiles. They also offer free online safety virtual workshops for parents.

Topic-Specific Guides: Information on handling difficult conversations, supporting a child with mental health issues or self-harm, and talking about drugs or alcohol.

Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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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World Water Day 2026: Where Water Flows, Equality Grows

This Sunday, 22 March, we joined the global community in celebrating World Water Day. The 2026 theme, "Water and Gender," reminds us that the global water crisis affects everyone—but not equally. When safe water is easily accessible, girls are more likely to stay in school and women have more time to pursue their goals.

At St. Norbert's we're committed to teaching our pupils how to be responsible water stewards. This week, we encourage families to discuss how they can save water at home and support universal access for all. For more information and resources, visit the UN World Water Day website.

The Ocean Gardener by Clara Anganuzzi is an inspiring, beautifully illustrated picture book that follows a young girl named Ayla and her mother, a marine biologist, as they work to save their island's reef.

Firefly Song follows Lynn, who spends her childhood summers in the Great Smoky Mountains watching fireflies that blink in perfect unison. As an adult, she discovers that scientists believe synchronous fireflies only exist in Southeast Asia. Despite not being a trained scientist, Lynn uses her lifelong observations and a "musical score" she composed to represent their patterns to prove their existence in the Western Hemisphere.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 3

Silver: Makar
Platinum+3: Jack

Year 4

Platinum: Oscar

Year 5

Platinum+2: Zuzanna

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

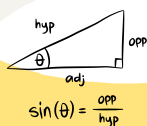
Inset Day
No children in school

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](#)



NETBALL

The netball team delivered an outstanding performance on Tuesday, in their home match against Pinchbeck East C of E Primary Academy, securing an impressive 12–1 victory.

From the very start, the team demonstrated excellent defensive skills. Players showed great awareness and timing, making numerous interceptions that prevented the opposition from advancing and quickly turned defence into attack. Their ability to read the game was a key strength throughout the match.

In attack, the team moved effectively into space, creating strong passing options and maintaining possession with confidence. Passing was carefully considered, with players using a variety of techniques, including well-executed bounce passes, to successfully navigate around defenders and keep the play flowing.

Shooting skills continue to develop, with players showing increased accuracy and composure under pressure. This improvement was reflected in the final score, as the team consistently converted opportunities into goals.

Overall, it was a fantastic team performance, highlighting strong teamwork, communication, and growing confidence across all areas of play.

FOOTBALL



What a fantastic game for our Year 5 and 6 boys last night! Playing for a place in the final, St. Norbert's took on Eye Primary in a match that had everything – energy, determination, and plenty of drama.

We got off to a brilliant start thanks to an early goal from Elliot F, putting us 1–0 up and giving the team a real boost. The boys worked incredibly hard to hold onto the lead, showing great teamwork and resilience right into the second half.

Eye Primary came back strongly after the break and managed to level the score, setting up a nail-biting finish. With everything still to play for at full time, the match went into sudden death – and you could feel the tension!

It was a fiercely contested ending, and despite a huge effort from our boys, Eye Primary just edged it with a winning goal to take their spot in the Super League final.

A massive well done to our St. Norbert's team – you played with heart, spirit, and determination throughout. We're really proud of you all!





Rose Fitness

Free



HEALTHY ROOTS

Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Get Ready for an egg-citing adventure at our Egg Hunt Extravaganza

This isn't your usual Easter egg hunt.. its packed with fun, movement, teams work and a sprinkle of chocolate too!

Kids and grown ups- you will love getting active together while discovering how healthy food helps us feel strong and energised .

From zooming through a banana split relay race to working as a team to crack clues and find hidden eggs, there's something for everyone to enjoy

Its an easter event with a twist- full of laughter, learning and egg-stra special activities you won't want to miss

10th April

Limited spaces- book now!

2 Amazing
FREE sessions
Project St Thomas
10am-12pm
Pinchbeck Hub- 1-3pm



Pinchbeck
Community
Hub & Library

To book in or for more information please contact-
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