



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, you tell us that you are with us always and we need never be afraid. Help us to do your work in the world until you send Jesus back to us in glory.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

The children in EYFS have continued their learning writing about the story Pigs might Fly. They have been counting on from a given number to 100, made farm animals from clay and learnt about Pentecost Day!

This week in Year 1, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning! In Maths, we have started counting in 2s using pairs of blocks and spotting patterns in numbers. In English, we began our new book Pip and Egg. We analysed a letter from Egg and used prepositions and adjectives to make our own writing more interesting and detailed. In Science, we have been exploring the changes we can see as we move from spring into summer, including changes in trees, clothing and the amount of daylight. We are also very excited for our upcoming trip to Ferry Meadows, where we will become plant scientists for the day! In Art, we have enjoyed weaving with paper and ribbons to create colourful designs.

This week in Year 2 we have been revising and recapping on our addition strategy; using and applying our times tables to find half, quarters and thirds of numbers and using our Fraction knowledge to solve problems. In English we have been learning how to improve and extend our sentences with adverbs and adjectives - we have even learnt some abstract nouns! Finally we have been enjoying our swimming this week and developing our love of water whilst learning how to use our legs and arms to propel ourselves across the pool.

This week, Year 3 have had another fantastic week of learning! In Geography, the children explored flooding, learning about its causes and the impact it can have on communities.

In RE, we discussed the importance of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and looked closely at the Hail Mary prayer, exploring its meaning together as "prayer detectives."

In Maths, the children have been applying their knowledge of fractions to solve a range of word problems.

In English, we have been focusing on using prepositions, with the children practising writing their own sentences.

Well done to everyone for another fabulous week!

It has been an incredibly busy and productive week in Year 4!

In our Maths sessions, we have been exploring the relationship between fractions and decimals. The class has been working hard to understand how numbers can be broken down into smaller parts, using Tenths and Hundredths.

Our reading journey took us to the coast as we explored *The Baker by the Sea* by Paula White. This beautifully illustrated book sparked wonderful discussions about community, heritage, and the "unsung heroes" of the past. Creativity has been flowing in the classroom! We have experimented with Splatter Painting our Mod Roc sculptures, exploring movement and colour through the energetic techniques of abstract artists.

In Geography we took our learning outside to master the points of a compass. Using North, South, East, and West, the children successfully navigated the school grounds. They worked in teams to identify the precise locations of various landmarks around the school, proving themselves to be excellent mini-cartographers!

In year five this week we have been researching countries across Europe. We have made comparisons between the UK, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine. We compared both the human and physical features of the countries and were surprised by some of the facts we found out. Next week we will be continuing to explore the differences between human and physical geography across Europe.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. They have shown fantastic determination, resilience and a positive attitude throughout the tests, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work they have put in. Well done, Year 6—you should all be very proud of yourselves!

From 11–17 May 2026, our school has been celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week to spotlight the importance of emotional wellbeing for staff and pupils alike. This year's focus, set by the Mental Health Foundation, is "Action"—encouraging everyone to make mental health a daily priority through small, impactful steps. In School: We have hosted assemblies, active playground sessions, and daily mood check-ins. At Home: You can support your child by keeping predictable routines and talking openly about feelings. Together: Small movements, spending time in nature, and acts of kindness build a healthier community. If you are looking for guidance on how to support your child's mental health, charities like Mind provide brilliant parent toolkits. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any wellbeing concerns and in the meantime I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



Has someone you cared about ever gone away and left you? How did it feel? Jesus was returning to his Father and he knew that his friends would be feeling really lost when he went. But he had finished the work that he was to do. Now it was time to leave the disciples with a mission, with some work to do.

What was that work? Who does this work today?

Most of us don't have a mission to go to the ends of the earth, but our mission field is the place where we are, those whom we come in contact with in our day to day life. Be aware this week of the practical ways that you can witness to Christ in your life – by your hospitality, your treatment of others, your response to their needs, the way you share your faith, your joy.

Missionary Discipleship - Communication

Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.

Communication

Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 3 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week 96.86%

Remember our school target is 92.16% 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 - 98.89%
Year 1 - 96.83%
Year 2 - 97.03%
Year 3 - 98.81%
Year 4 - 96.18%
Year 5 - 92.11%
Year 6 - 98.52%

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: Laila**Year 1: Myles****Year 2: Kiara****Year 3: Antonia****Year 4: Amira****Year 5: Marcel****Year 6: All of Year 6****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.

Chance and Family for their kind donation of a range of resources and craft for the school this is greatly appreciated-Thank you for your generosity.

SAFEGUARDING

We want to remind our school community about the importance of road and vehicle safety. Safeguarding our PUPILS extends beyond the school gates, and ensuring safe travel in cars is a vital part of keeping our children protected.

Check the Seats: Children must use a car seat until they are 12 years old or 135 cm tall.

Belt Up: Ensure every passenger clicks their seatbelt before the engine starts, no matter how short the journey.

Driver Focus: Avoid distractions like mobile phones, and always adhere to speed limits around residential and school zones.

Safe Drop-offs: When arriving at school, please park legally and safely. Avoid mounting pavements or blocking crossings/Driveways.

For detailed guidance on choosing and fitting the correct child car seat, please review the official safety advice on the GOV.UK Child Car Seats Page.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our children safe on every journey.

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.

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READING CORNER

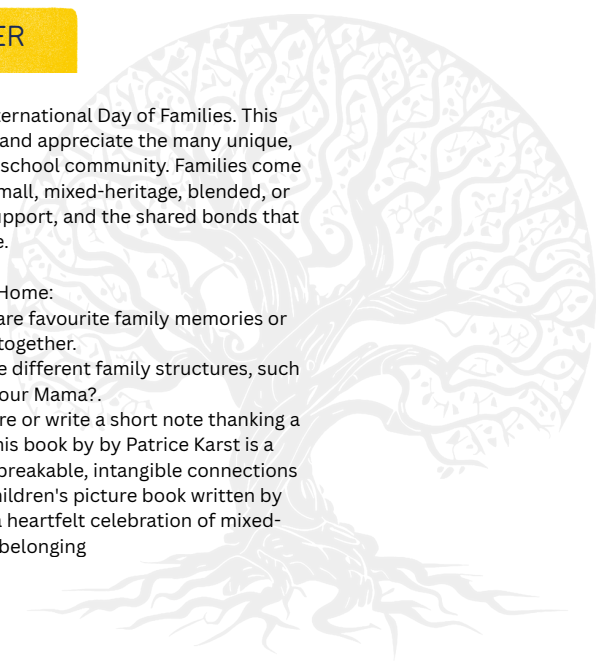
On Friday, 15th May, our school will be celebrating International Day of Families. This special global day is a wonderful opportunity to honor and appreciate the many unique, diverse, and loving families that make up our wonderful school community. Families come in all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds—whether big or small, mixed-heritage, blended, or multi-generational. What truly connects us all is love, support, and the shared bonds that help our children thrive.

How You Can Participate at Home:

Share Stories: Take a few moments this weekend to share favourite family memories or look through old photographs together.

Talk About Diversity: Read books together that celebrate different family structures, such as *The Invisible String* or *Is That Your Mama?*.

Express Gratitude: Encourage your child to draw a picture or write a short note thanking a family member or caregiver for everything they do. This book by Patrice Karst is a bestselling children's picture book that explores the unbreakable, intangible connections of love between people. This book is an empowering children's picture book written by Patrice Lawrence and illustrated by Diane Ewen. It is a heartfelt celebration of mixed-heritage families, diversity, and belonging.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 3 - Silver: Ivania
Platinum: Aadith
Platinum+2: Aidens

UNIFORM REMINDER

Summer Uniform

White or polo shirt or shirt
School coat with logo (optional)
Blue checked Summer dress in Summer months (Pentecost Term, following Easter holiday – July)
Grey trousers, shorts, or skirt, or grey pinafore
Grey or white socks or tights
Black shoes or trainers

PE Kits

School blue T-shirt with school logo preferably or plain t-shirt
Plain shorts
Suitable trainers
Suitable sports footwear, e.g. football boots
Plain navy/black joggers are permitted to be worn in winter months.
Navy school logoed hoodie or jacket

Footwear

Black shoes or plain black trainers should be worn. Boots are permitted in Winter but they must be black and have a low level heel.

Jewellery

One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are acceptable.
Pupils are not permitted to wear any other jewellery in the school grounds, due to health and safety risks and must be removed for PE lessons and swimming lessons.

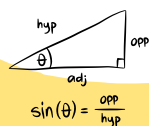
Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Tuesday 19th May
Happy Shoes Day

Friday 22nd May
Colour Dash Fundraiser
Last day of Term

Monday 1st June
First day of Term

Friday 19th June
Fathers/Special Person Event 2.30pm



[Mathematics Shed](#)
[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
[Top Marks](#)





Happy 100th Birthday David Attenborough

Earlier this month, Sir David Attenborough celebrated his 100th birthday!

Sir David is a world-famous British broadcaster and naturalist known for making incredible nature documentaries about animals and the environment. He has spent over 70 years exploring the planet to teach people of all ages to love and protect the natural world. This links in well to our Live Simply award journey and this special year dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi which we are currently in as a worldwide church community. We are called to live simply and to live sustainably to do our part to look after God's wonderful world, just like St. Francis did!

This May half term, we are running a photography competition in honour of Sir David's special birthday entitled 'Celebrating Our Common Home'.

How to take part:

- Children may use any device available at home with a parent or guardians permission.
- Photo should be taken by the child, not an adult.
- One entry per child.
- Please ensure the child's name and class is on the back of the photo.
- Please bring in the photo for the attention of Mrs Wright or e-mail l.wright@lolcatholicmat.co.uk by Friday 5th June.
- Prizes will be awarded for the best KS1 and KS2 entries!

