



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

Kindness

Value of the Month

Co-operation

LET US PRAY

Lord, you give us the gift of the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with your love. Help us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him, and share this love with them.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week, the children in EYFS enjoyed two exciting visitors to school. Millie's grandad taught them fascinating facts about bees, showed them beekeeping clothing and equipment, and they tasted delicious honey. They also welcomed farm animals, including a Shetland pony, sheep, lamb, tortoise, and guinea pig, which the children touched and held.

Year 1 have been very busy this week! In RE, the children have been writing beautiful prayers to the Holy Spirit. In Art, they have enjoyed putting together their weaving and printing skills to create their final project pieces. In Geography, we have been using world maps to locate the Equator and learning about hot and cold climates. The children have also been identifying countries that are found in these different regions. We have been so impressed with the fabulous writing the children produced for their letters this week – their hard work and creativity really shone through!

We will also be sending home some phonics challenge QR codes to help the children prepare for the Phonics Screening Check in June. Thank you for your continued support at home.

This week, Year 2 have been busy exploring the wonderful world of animals and their habitats. The children enjoyed a long nature walk around the school grounds where they carefully surveyed different habitats and searched for mini-beasts and creatures living in each area. Back in the classroom, they used their maths skills to tally the animals they found and created their own pictograms to present their results.

In English, the children have been reading the beautiful story *If All the World Were...*, which tells the story of a girl remembering special times with her grandad. This inspired thoughtful discussions about family memories, special moments and the people who are important to us. Alongside this, the children have been developing their spelling knowledge by exploring words ending in -er and -est within the text and in their own writing.

Year 3 have had a fantastic final week of term! They have begun writing their own stories inspired by Leon and the Place Between, using some wonderful vocabulary. Mrs Hibbert and I were very proud of their work.

In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract amounts of money, developing our confidence with real-life calculations. As part of our Geography learning, the children carried out fieldwork to explore different types of ground, including grass, soil and concrete, and investigated how each surface filters water.

In RE, the children learned about how the Holy Spirit helped the disciples. They also explored the idea that the Church is not just a building, but a community of people who come together.

Well done to all of Year 3 for their hard work this term! Mrs Hibbert and I wish you all a happy and restful half-term holiday.

This week, Year 4 have shown fantastic progress across a range of subjects. In music, the children have been carefully polishing their performance of *Jasmine Flower* on the glockenspiels, developing their confidence with the pentatonic scale and improving both accuracy and teamwork in their ensemble playing.

In science, we have been exploring the water cycle, learning about evaporation, condensation and precipitation, and understanding how water continuously moves through our environment. The class have enjoyed linking this learning to real-world examples and discussions.

Meanwhile, in our wider curriculum work, the children have been getting creative by designing and producing authentic French menus. They have practised their language skills while thinking carefully about traditional foods and presentation, resulting in some wonderfully imaginative and well-presented outcomes.

Well done, Year 4, for your enthusiasm and hard work this week!

This week in Year 5, we have been learning to be sports leaders. We enjoyed our sports leader training day with Mr Hipwell on Thursday. We learnt about what makes a good leader and considered how we can show the skills of good leaders. We explored how to create games for younger children and enjoyed having a go at making our own games and trying them out with some children from key stage one. Applications for the sports leader roles have been given out, and we are excited to read the applications for next year's sports leaders. Good luck to all our applicants.

This week Year 6 have been learning all about fossils in Science. They have learnt how paleontologists use fossils to generate theories about different animals from the past, using knowledge of animals today, the depth of the fossils in the layers of sedimentary rock and the bones in the skeleton. The children then had a go at being paleontologists themselves: studying some photographs of fossils.

As we close for the final half-term break of this academic year, I want to say how proud I am of the incredible efforts of our pupils and staff. In particular, our older year groups have approached their SATS and formal assessments with admirable maturity, focus, and drive. At the other end of the age spectrum, we are eagerly preparing for our upcoming transition work. We look forward to welcoming our new intake of families into the school community during the final weeks of the summer term. When we return, we hope to welcome warmer weather. Please ensure your child comes to school equipped with a refillable water bottle, a sun hat, and sun cream so they can safely enjoy their outdoor break times. Thank you for your continued support of our school community. I hope you have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break with your families.

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



This Sunday is a special feast for the Church. It is called 'Pentecost' which takes its name from the feast the Jews celebrated fifty days after their Passover. We celebrate it as the feast where Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples in a special way just as he had promised to do. How was the Holy Spirit to help the disciples? Pentecost is sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. Can you think why this is so?

When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How has the Holy Spirit changed your life? How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in service of others? What fruit of the Spirit are manifest most in those closest to you? This week work on those gifts that are most neglected in yourself.

Missionary Discipleship - Pentecost

Find out how to say something nice in a new language this week and take opportunities to share good news with others.

Pentecost

Pentecost is where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This day is often referred to as the Church's birthday as it marks the moment when the disciples were inspired to go out into the world to share the good news, and to bring people to Christ.

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: Ivaani**Year 1: All Year 1****Year 2: Aron****Year 3: Emily****Year 4: Neitanas****Year 5: Max****Year 6: Katie****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 Adam and Family for his donation of games to school this is much appreciated. Thank you to several different families this week for uniform donations this is greatly valued by our entire school community.

SAFEGUARDING**Keeping Safe Over the Half-Term Break**

As we approach the half-term holiday, we want to wish all our families a restful and happy break. While holidays are a fantastic time to relax, they also mean a change in daily routines and less structured supervision. Safeguarding is a shared partnership between home and school. We encourage parents and carers to stay mindful of their children's safety during the week off.

Please take a moment to discuss community awareness and personal safety rules with your child. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child's well-being during the holidays, please remember that services remain available. You can report concerns about a child at risk directly to the NSPCC or local children's social care. Young people can also reach out to Childline for free, confidential support at any time. Have a wonderful and safe half-term!

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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READING CORNER

Supporting Dementia Action Week: 18th–24th May

This week marks Dementia Action Week, a national campaign to raise awareness, challenge stigma, and encourage community action. With around one million people living with dementia in the UK, it is a cause very close to the hearts of many families within our school community. This year, the Alzheimer's Society is running its Forget Me Not Appeal. Every badge worn tells a story and represents a movement of hope and unity. At school, we are discussing the importance of kindness, understanding, and how small actions can help build a more dementia-friendly society. If your family is affected by dementia and you are looking for guidance or resources, the Alzheimer's Society Support Service offers excellent, free resources and a dedicated support line (0333 150 3456).

Grandad's Star

Is a tender, sensitive children's picture book written by Frances Tosdevin and beautifully illustrated by Rhian Stone. Published by Rocket Bird Books, it gently explores the complex, emotional themes of memory loss, aging, and dementia through a child's eyes

The Tide

Is a moving and beautifully illustrated children's picture book written by Clare Helen Welsh and illustrated by Ashling Lindsay. Published by Little Tiger Press, it uses the natural metaphor of the ocean tides to gently explain dementia, memory loss, and aging to young children.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 3
Silver: Diego

BEE WORKSHOP

A huge thank you to our special visitor that came into school on Thursday 21st May. Mr Ken Williams who the children refer to as 'Bee Man', very kindly came to spend time with us in school. Ken has been keeping bees for 15 years and is the Treasurer for Boston District Beekeepers, who are also members of the Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association and the British Beekeepers Association. He kindly came to see us to give an interactive talk about Honey Bees, bringing along an observation hive that had glass panels so the bees could be seen. Some of us also got to taste some honey-Yum! Mr Williams is a family member of one of very own St. Norbert's pupils and we as a school community are incredibly grateful to him for giving up his time to spend time educating us about bees! Thank you



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website
Events Calendar

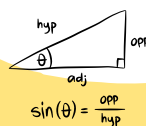
Friday 22nd May
Last day of Term

Monday 1st June
First day of Term

Friday 19th June
Fathers/Special Person Event 2.30pm

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](#)



SNAG TEAM



Fueling Healthy Minds

Meet Our New SNAG Team! George, Liljana, Dilanas and Sinead are excited to introduce our School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) working alongside Mrs Withers. This student-led working group brings together pupils, staff, and our catering team to review our school food culture and promote healthy, energetic lifestyles. From evaluating lunch menus to launching fun food events, SNAG ensures that our children's voices directly shape their school lunch experience. Keep an eye on this section in future newsletters for healthy recipes, menu updates, and tips for nutritious packing!

A huge well done to the team who on Tuesday of this week led a whole school assembly and a parent workshop on the importance of nutritious diets.



ROUNDERS

On Tuesday, our Year 6 Rounders Team played their first league match against Wygate Park Academy and made an incredible start to the season with a fantastic 35 rounders to 14 rounders victory! Captain Thiohfi chose to field first, and the team quickly showed brilliant skill through accurate throws, clever dobbling, and excellent catching. Oskars' strong fielding supported Joseph at Post 2 to stop half-rounders, while Elliott at backstop and Thiohfi on 1st base worked together brilliantly to get players out with quick catch-and-throw tactics. Hunor's "glue-like hands" secured crucial catches throughout the match, and Othula and Amanda showed determination whilst batting, challenging every ball to score rounders. Ethan and Hunor also demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and respect by sharing batting and fielding equally. Our new addition Maria took part valiantly and is ready to play in our next match. The whole team encouraged each other from start to finish and should feel incredibly proud of such an exciting opening performance. Well done, Rounders Team!



NETBALL

On Wednesday, our Year 6 netball team played a thrilling semi-final match against Moulton John Harrox Primary School. The game was incredibly closely matched and full of tension from start to finish. After four quarters, the score was tied at 3-3, and even an additional quarter could not separate the teams, leaving everyone on tenterhooks heading into a final deciding period.

In an exciting finish, we just managed to pip Moulton to the post, winning 7-6 overall.

We are extremely proud of our fantastic team and the progress they have made throughout the year, especially in developing their skill, teamwork, and shooting accuracy.

Well done to Elsa, Amanda, and Thiohfi for their exceptional passing and interceptions during the final quarter and congratulations also to Othula, Sydney, Elliott, and Rayan for their excellent defence, spacing, and passing throughout the match.

An outstanding team effort from everyone involved – well done!



FARM ANIMALS VISIT





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!

