



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

Love of Learning

Value of the Month

Courtesy

LET US PRAY

Lord, You are our hope and our strength. Help us to follow Jesus and do the work you call us to.
Amen

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Our EYFS children have been captivated by nature's wonders this week. Five ducklings have successfully hatched and are thriving, with children carefully observing, holding, and caring for them. Caterpillars have also arrived and are already growing rapidly, providing wonderful opportunities to learn about the fascinating butterfly life cycle

This week in Year 1, we have continued our learning about everyday materials in Science, identifying different objects and discussing the materials they are made from. In DT, the children enjoyed developing their food preparation skills, learning how to safely grate, chop and zest a variety of fruits and vegetables. In RE, we created beautiful artwork inspired by the Christian symbol of the cross, reflecting on its importance to Christians. We have been incredibly impressed with the amazing progress and effort shown in Phonics, with the children working hard to apply their growing knowledge and confidence. In PE, we have been learning how to create and take part in fair games, demonstrating excellent teamwork, fairness and good sportsmanship throughout.

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the Squishy Fluffy Itty Bitty and composing our very own extended noun phrase sentences to describe the creature. In our Maths learning this week we have been telling the time for O'Clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and also for some, we have shared 5 minute intervals! Telling the time is such a wonderful life skill - if you'd like to practise at home that would be amazing! In our history this week we have been learning about Significant people and how they have changed the world.

Year 3 have had a great week! In History, we continued learning about the Ancient Egyptians, focusing on the importance of the River Nile. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of time, particularly a.m. and p.m. In English, we have been learning about speech, identifying it in texts and using inverted commas correctly.

We also enjoyed a fantastic Outdoor Learning Day, where we built shadufs, went on an animal hunt to identify endoskeletons and exoskeletons, and worked together to build dens. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day.

Well done, Year 3, on another super week!

This week in Year 4, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum!

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of fractions and decimals. They have been exploring how fractions relate to decimals and practising converting between the two. We have also been solving problems to deepen their confidence and reasoning skills.

In French, we have been learning about different music genres. The children enjoyed discovering how to say and describe styles such as pop, rock, and classical music in French, and even shared their own musical preferences.

In English, we have been reading Roar by Jenny McLachlan. Inspired by the story, the children have been writing their own playscripts, focusing on dialogue, stage directions, and character expression. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and teamwork shine through.

In Art and Computing, we combined our skills by designing cushion covers using the Paintz app. The children experimented with colours, patterns, and digital tools to create unique and imaginative designs.
Well done to everyone for a fantastic week of learning!

In year five this week we have been learning about The Tempest by William Shakespeare. We have explored some Old English language and enjoyed acting out some of the early scenes in the play. Next week we will be having a go at writing our own modern day versions of the script, which we will then have a chance to perform in class.

This week Year 6 have been learning how characteristics have been passed onto offspring through genes, which is why they may have some similar characteristics to their parents. They had great fun using Mr Men and Little Miss characters to create offspring that had a combination of characteristics from parents.

The excitement is building across the school as the World Cup gets underway! This global celebration of sport brings a fantastic energy into our classrooms and playground. It also provides us with a brilliant opportunity to teach our children about global citizenship, diversity, and the rich cultures of the participating nations. Football is about much more than scoring goals. It teaches our pupils vital life skills that align perfectly with our school values: Teamwork: Working together to achieve a shared goal. Resilience: Bouncing back stronger after a difficult match or mistake. Respect: Celebrating diverse backgrounds and playing fairly on and off the pitch. So have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all next week!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

This week, we find ourselves settled into Ordinary Time. In the Church, "ordinary" does not mean boring or plain. It comes from the word ordinal, meaning we are simply counting the weeks. It is a beautiful season meant for steady spiritual growth, turning our everyday routines into opportunities to love like Jesus. In the Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, we see Jesus looking out at the crowds. Scripture tells us that "his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd". Jesus did not just feel sorry for the people; he took action. He called his disciples together, gave them strength, and sent them out as a team to heal, comfort, and help. He reminded them: "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few."

Dear Lord,

Open our eyes to see the people around us who need comfort. Open our hearts to feel compassion for those who are struggling. Send us out into our classrooms, workplaces, and homes as modern-day disciples. Help us to work together to bring your peace and kindness to the world.

Amen.



Missionary Discipleship

Find a way to put your faith into action this week to help others to Encounter Jesus

Missionary Discipleship

Missionary Discipleship is the call to share our faith with others. Missionary Discipleship reminds us that we must go out and share the love of Christ with others, to make the world a better place. Missionary Discipleship is a way of life that is full of joy and hope and in living our life in this way we can bring others to encounter Christ through us.

Participation CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Year 2 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week **93.36%**

Remember our school target is 9% 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 - 96.3%
Year 1 - 94.24%
Year 2 - 99.26%
Year 3 - 96.43%
Year 4 - 97.92%
Year 5 - 92.75%
Year 6 - 91.76%

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: Hanna

Year 1: Bohdan

Year 2: Dominic

Year 3: Rosie

Year 4: Oscar

Year 5: Fabian

Year 6: Signe

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 local B&Q who have made a very kind donation of paint to our PTA team!

SAFEGUARDING

While the World Cup brings massive excitement, major sporting events can also bring unique pressures into the home. Match tension, heightened emotions, and late-night viewing routines can affect family dynamics and children's well-being. As a school, our priority is always the safety and emotional health of our pupils.

We want to ensure all families feel supported during this busy tournament period:

Routines & Sleep: Late-night matches can lead to overtiredness. We notice this quickly in the classroom through low concentration or changes in mood. Please help your child maintain consistent bedtime routines where possible.

Online Safety: Children are using group chats and social media more frequently to discuss scores and highlights. Please monitor their digital activity to protect them from inappropriate content or toxic online comments.

A Safe Space: We know that the high emotions of tournament football can sometimes increase stress at home. If your family is experiencing challenging times, or if you need a confidential chat, our safeguarding team is always here to listen and help without judgment.

**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

This week, our school community is proudly celebrating Empathy Day!

Empathy is the wonderful ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. It is more than just being kind; it is about pausing, listening with our hearts, and trying to see the world through someone else's eyes. In our busy school days, empathy helps us build a safer, more welcoming environment where every child feels seen, heard, and valued. Throughout the week, our children have been participating in special activities designed to stretch their empathy muscles. From reading stories that explore different perspectives to practicing deep, active listening with their peers, we are learning how small acts of understanding can make a massive difference.

How to join in at home: You can keep the conversation going at home with a few simple steps:

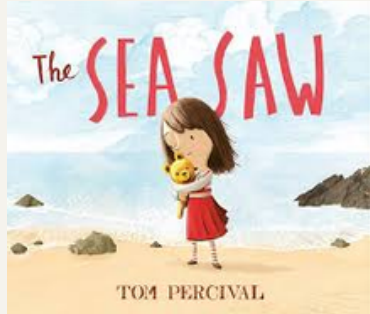
Ask open questions: Instead of just asking "How was your day?", try asking "What made someone smile in your class today?" or "Did anyone need a helping hand?"

Read together: Stories are the ultimate empathy tools. Talk about how the characters in books or films might be feeling and why.

Name the feeling: Help children label their emotions and notice the body language of others. Thank you for partnering with us to raise empathetic, compassionate, and resilient young people!

A Better Best Friend is a humorous and thoughtful children's picture book written and illustrated by Olivier Tallec that tackles a common childhood dilemma: can you have more than one best friend?

Sofia is heartbroken when she accidentally loses her beloved teddy bear—a precious family heirloom—during a stormy day at the beach. While Sofia grieves at home, the Sea steps in to help. Personified as a caring force of nature, the Sea takes the bear on an epic, decades-long underwater journey powered by ocean currents and friendly marine life. This moving story offers a comforting message about patience, resilience, and the reassuring idea that nothing is ever truly lost if you keep it in your heart.



STAR BADGE AWARDS

WORLD CUP COMPETITION

To celebrate the start of the World Cup 2026, we have some exciting competitions for your child to get involved in!

EYFS/KS1 – Children will be coming home with a 'Colour the Flag' sheet. To enter, children need to colour as many of the flags in to match the different countries flags. Don't forget to write your name on the sheet, pay £1 on Arbor to enter and hand the sheet back to the school office!

KS2 – Children will be coming home with a 'Name the Flag' sheet. To enter, children need to name as many of the flags with the correct country as possible. Don't forget to write your name on the sheet, pay £1 on Arbor to enter and hand the sheet back to the school office!

All sheets must be handed in by Friday 26th June 2026.

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website
Events Calendar

Friday 19th June

Fathers/Special Person Event 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd June

Year 4 Class Mass - Parents Welcome 9am

Tuesday 1st July

EYFS Prayer Service - Parents Welcome 9am

Tuesday 1st July

Parents Learning/Book Showcase
3.20pm - 5pm

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 5 Class Worship - Parents Welcome
2.50pm

Tuesday 7th July

Sports Day - KS1 AM / KS2 PM

Penalty Shoot Out!!!

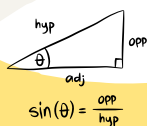
On Friday 26th June, children have the opportunity to try and score as many goals as possible with Mr Withers as goalkeeper!

To enter, all you need to do is pay £1 on Arbor.



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](#)



MOULTON BULB FARM

On Monday, Year 6 visited Moulton Bulb Farm to take part in a Farming and Countryside Day. During the visit, the children learned about crop development and the production processes behind rapeseed oil, bread, cereals, sugar, and vegetables, exploring how these products grow from seed to plant.

The children discovered the importance of organic nutrients in the soil and learned about the mini-beasts that support crop growth, as well as those that can have a negative impact on the production process. They were also introduced to a variety of livestock, including cows with calves, lambs, and chicks, and enjoyed valuable hands-on experiences with the animals. In addition, the children learned about the wide range of careers that support the farming industry, including scientists, agronomists, engineers, environmental advisers, and software developers.

Despite the weather, the children had a thoroughly enjoyable and educational day. We are extremely grateful to Moulton Bulb Farm for providing this fantastic opportunity free of charge for local schools.



★ ROLL UP, ROLL UP! ★

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY
4TH JULY 2026
≡ 10AM - 1PM ≡

★ RAFFLE

★ STALLS

FUN FAIR GAMES

SMALL ANIMALS

LEGO® BUILDING

GLITTER TATTOOS

TOMBOLA

TICKETS £1
NO FOOD

TICKETS £3
INCLUDES A
★ BBQ BURGER
★ OR SAUSAGE



VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

