



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 10th July 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Love of Learning

Value of the Month
Courtesy

LET US PRAY

Lord, we gather to listen to your words, so that we can learn to follow your ways. Help us to understand so that our hearts and lives are filled with your love.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Our EYFS children have had a wonderful time embracing new experiences. They proudly took part in Sports Day races, joined in our Pentecost retreat exploring how we can care for our world, and created beautiful sunflower artwork using printing techniques.

This week in Year 1, we have started learning about money in Maths, focusing on recognising, naming and counting different coins. Please help your child to practise recognising and valuing coins at home or when you are out and about this weekend – every little bit of real-life practice makes a big difference! In DT, we finally brought together all of the skills we have been learning this term to make our delicious cupcakes. The children carefully measured ingredients, mixed a sponge, used their chopping, grating and zesting skills safely, and finished their creations with some wonderful decorations. They were incredibly proud of their finished cakes – and they tasted fantastic too! We also had a brilliant Sports Day! The children showed excellent behaviour throughout the day, encouraged one another with kindness and enthusiasm, and demonstrated fantastic teamwork and resilience. We were so proud of the way they supported each other and celebrated everyone's achievements.

In Year 2 we thoroughly enjoyed our Retreat Afternoon, taking time to think and reflect on our wonderful world and how we can be good stewards of God's creation. We also explored how we can be kind, caring neighbours to the people in our families, school and wider community by showing love, respect and compassion each day.

In Design and Technology, we have been busy bringing our creative ideas to life. After carefully designing our very own Squishy Fluffy Itty Bitty characters, we have begun cutting, shaping and sewing our fabric pieces together. We are becoming increasingly confident at threading needles, using a running stitch and showing great perseverance as our creations start to take shape.

In Maths, we have been learning all about statistics. We designed and carried out our own surveys before collecting, recording and interpreting the data using tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. We have loved asking questions and discovering what the results tell us!

We also had a fantastic Sports Day! It was wonderful to see every child taking part with enthusiasm and encouragement. Throughout the afternoon, the children demonstrated the School Games Values brilliantly, showing Honesty, Determination, Respect, Self-belief and Passion in every event. We were incredibly proud of the teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship shown by everyone.

Year 3 have had a wonderful and slightly hot and sticky week, but they have all powered through and done some fantastic learning. We have been learning about different types of punctuation and using it in our writing. We also had lots of fun looking at all the Ancient Egyptian Gods and trying to pronounce their names. They all were absolutely amazing on sports day, demonstrating such good sportsmanship trying their best and supporting each other. We had a lovely retreat afternoon on Wednesday taking some time to reflect our minds and think about our pledge to 'Live Simply', they each created some beautiful art work. Well done Year 3 for a fabulous week!

This week in Year 4 has been full of creativity and discovery! The children have been developing their sewing skills by learning how to appliqué, designing and creating their own unique cushions. In maths, we have been exploring angles, identifying and comparing them in a variety of practical activities.

In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying our class text, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, with lots of thoughtful discussions and imaginative responses to the story. We also spent a special afternoon taking part in our Live Simply Pentecost 2 retreat, where the children reflected, collaborated, and enjoyed time together in a calm and meaningful way.

It has been a wonderful week of learning, creativity, and reflection—well done, Year 4!

In Year 5 this week we have been writing our eye witness accounts based on the book 'The Whale' by Vita and Ethan Murrow. We have been writing in first person considering how the children would have felt on their adventure to find the whales. We have carefully considered the descriptive vocabulary we could include and have focused heavily on our use of commas and semi colons. We have produced some fantastic pieces of writing that we are very proud of.

This week Year 6 have been working hard on their Design Technology project making mobile phone cases. They have carefully measured and created a pattern which they used to then cut out the felt pieces. It has taken a lot of patience and careful stitching to then join the pieces together alongside adding fastenings and decorations.

It has been another action-packed week at school with Sports Day, and the excitement is set to continue right into the weekend with the Tennis and World Cup. Today myself, Mrs Beavis and Mrs McMurray with Year 4 pupils depart for their highly anticipated residential trip to Hilltop Norfolk. These residential trips offer invaluable experiences that build independence, confidence, and lifelong memories outside the traditional classroom. We look forward to tracking their outdoor adventures, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff team joining me whose hard work behind the scenes makes these overnight weekend experiences possible.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend and keep cool!

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Together as One Team in Christ

Whether it is the split-second teamwork of an F1 pit crew or the unity of a football team on the pitch, great sports events show us what can be achieved when people work together. Saint Paul reminds us that we are all part of a much bigger team:

"For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

God has given each of our pupils unique gifts. Some are wonderful listeners, some are creative, and others are full of energy and joy. When we bring these gifts together, our school becomes a bright reflection of God's love. As a family this weekend, let us thank God for the unique talents He has given us, and reflect on how we can use them to serve our community and build each other up.



Gratitude

Make a special effort to say thank you this week to those people in your community who love and support you.

Gratitude

Gratitude is being thankful for what we have. It is about being grateful for the good things in our lives. We have a lot to be grateful for and it is important to take time to appreciate the good things in our lives. Having gratitude helps us to be truly happy and to live a fulfilling life.

Participation CST

ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Year 3 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week 94.73%

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 - 93.33%
Year 1 - 92.98%
Year 2 - 95.19%
Year 3 - 96.83%
Year 4 - 95.83%
Year 5 - 94.6%
Year 6 - 94.27%

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: Millie
Year 1: Ella
Year 2: Leah
Year 3: Marcel
Year 4: Sinead
Year 5: Evie
Year 6: Dragos

THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD

PTA Staff and Volunteers for hosting the Summer Fair and all the Families and pupils that attended and contributed to the fundraising efforts.

**SAFEGUARDING**

With the continued hot weather we are experiencing you can keep your children safe and comfortable at home during hot weather by following these essential health guidelines.

Keeping the Home Cool

Close blinds: Keep curtains shut during peak daylight hours.

Block heat: Open windows only when outside temperatures drop.

Turn off devices: Unplug unused electronics to reduce ambient heat.

Hydration and Clothing

Drink regularly: Encourage frequent sips of water, not sugary drinks.

Cool snacks: Offer hydrating foods like watermelon or ice lollies. ★

Loose clothing: Dress children in lightweight, light-coloured cotton clothes.

Safe Sleep and Outdoor Play

Cool bedrooms: Use fans to circulate air safely before bedtime.

Limit peak sun: Avoid outdoor play between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Sunscreen always: Apply SPF 30+ even for short backyard play.

Please monitor young children closely for signs of heat exhaustion, such as extreme tiredness, headaches, or intense thirst.

**Useful Websites**

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

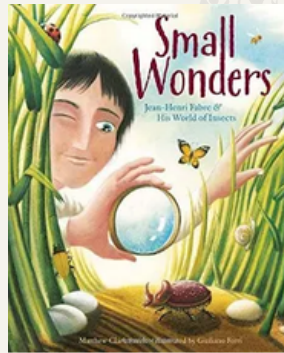
If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs.

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Last week was the British Grand Prix so why not explore the story of our Greatest British Driver. In this inspiring entry from the Little People, BIG DREAMS series, the story of Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton is chronicled for young readers. It follows his journey from a young boy obsessed with remote-controlled cars to a record-breaking racing icon and advocate for change



Watch Your Step! Don't Step on a Bee Day – 10th July

Did you know that July is peak season for our fuzzy, buzzing friends? This Friday is Don't Step on a Bee Day, a reminder to look down when running on the grass. Bees are hard at work pollinating our flowers and growing our food. Let's give them some space, watch where we walk, and keep our school ecosystem thriving!

'LIFTING CHILDREN'S HOPES'

I am delighted to share the following message from 'Lifting Children's Hopes' I am so proud of how our community comes together to support those in need-Thank you to each and every one of you.

I wanted to personally thank you and your whole school community. You should be incredibly proud St Norberts CVA raised an amazing £2,096 including Gift Aid, through your Colour Dash. It is a real reflection of the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment shown by your pupils, families and staff.

Schools like St Norberts CVA are what we consider Meaningful Impact Schools. Your fundraising plays a vital role in strengthening our charity's ability to support children where need is greatest, while also giving your pupils a powerful, real-world opportunity to demonstrate compassion, generosity and great citizenship. As always, you also have access to our support whenever it's needed. That balance is incredibly valuable to us, and it's something we truly appreciate.

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website
Events Calendar

Tuesday 14th July

Parent/Child Reading Picnic Event

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers Play 5.30pm

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Year 6 Leavers Play

Friday 17th July

End of Year Disco

Year 6 Leavers BBQ

Monday 20th July

Whole School Transition Day

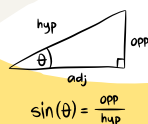
Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of Term



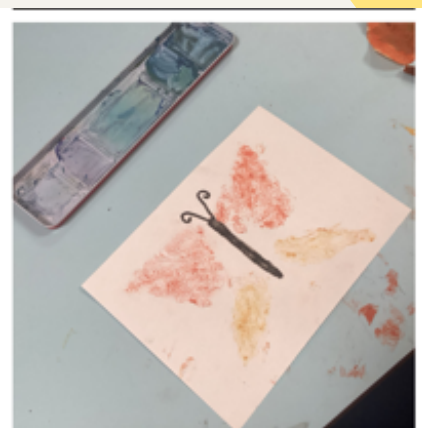
Children can access maths activities at home that we use in school. Follow these links to find out more.

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



During the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July, the whole school came together in celebration of all of our efforts towards obtaining the CAFOD Live Simply award, for which we will soon be assessed. Pupils from Year 6 and the Chaplaincy Team helped Mrs Wright to plan meaningful and reflective prayer stations which parishioners and Y6 parents were invited to come in and engage with. During the afternoon, pupils undertook art projects and enjoyed meditations and opportunities for Visio Divina. The day concluded with a whole school Celebration of the word during which we sang a new worship hymn called 'Let Everything That Has Breath' which our Lead Lay Chaplain Hannah Leech taught us. It was joyful occasion for everyone to take part in!

A huge thank you to Mrs Wright for putting together such a spiritual, reflective and thought provoking afternoon linked to Catholic Social Teaching and Living Simply.



TESCO GRANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are delighted to share that, following a successful application to the Tesco Community Grant scheme, our setting was awarded £1,000 through the Tesco in-store voting system. This fantastic funding has enabled us to purchase a wide range of new play and physical activity equipment, creating exciting opportunities for our children to learn, play and develop together.

The grant has made a wonderful impact on our setting, providing resources such as chess, dominoes, hoop throwing, Jenga, soft balls and strategy games. These activities encourage children to communicate, collaborate, problem-solve and develop important teamwork skills through purposeful and engaging play.

We have seen a significant positive change in our playground environment, with children becoming more involved in creative and collaborative activities. Playtimes are calm and purposeful, with pupils talking, sharing ideas and working together across a variety of activities that support different interests, strengths and abilities.

The new equipment also complements our PE curriculum by supporting the development of fundamental movement skills, strategic thinking and a positive approach to physical activity. It has broadened children's experiences of sport and active play, helping to build confidence, resilience and a healthy competitive spirit.

We are incredibly grateful to Tesco and everyone who voted for our project. This generous grant has provided enriching opportunities that support children's wellbeing, development and enjoyment, helping to create a happier, more active and connected school community.



SPORTS DAY KS1

What a fantastic EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day we had! The weather was kind to us, and the children enjoyed a fun-filled morning of races, activities and teamwork.

Throughout the event, the children demonstrated the School Games Values brilliantly: Determination, Passion, Self-belief, Respect and Honesty. They showed determination by always trying their very best, passion through their enthusiasm and enjoyment, self-belief as they approached each challenge with confidence, respect for their teammates, competitors and adults, and honesty by competing fairly and celebrating everyone's successes.

As a Catholic school, we were especially proud to see our children living out our Gospel values through their kindness, encouragement and compassion. They supported one another with cheers, celebrated each other's achievements and showed that taking part, doing your best and treating others with love and respect are just as important as crossing the finish line first.

Every child participated with enthusiasm and resilience, making the day a huge success. Whether competing in a race or proudly cheering on their team from the sidelines, the children represented our school beautifully and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our staff, volunteers and families for their support and encouragement. Your enthusiastic cheering helped to create such a joyful atmosphere and made the day a wonderful celebration of teamwork, perseverance and community.



SPORTS DAY KS2

What a fantastic Key Stage 2 Sports Day we enjoyed! The atmosphere was filled with excitement, encouragement and teamwork as the children took part in a range of races and activities, giving their very best from start to finish.

Throughout the day, the children truly embodied the School Games Values of Determination, Passion, Self-belief, Respect and Honesty. They approached every event with enthusiasm and resilience, celebrated one another's successes and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. As a Catholic school, it was wonderful to see our pupils living out our Gospel values through their kindness, encouragement and care for one another, reminding us that supporting others and giving our best are just as important as winning.

A huge thank you goes to our fantastic Sports Leaders, who played an invaluable role throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, organisation and willingness to help ensured that every event ran smoothly, and they were wonderful role models for our younger pupils.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs McMurray for all of her hard work behind the scenes. From organising the House Teams to preparing the wristbands and stickers, her careful planning helped make the day such a great success.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated staff team for their continued support in developing Active 60 throughout the year. Their commitment has provided opportunities for children of all sporting abilities to be active, build confidence and enjoy taking part in physical activity. It has been wonderful to see this reflected in the enthusiasm and participation shown during our sporting events.

Finally, we would like to give a huge cheer to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they took part in their very last primary school Sports Day. It was a memorable occasion, made even more special by the fun-filled water balloon send-off they gave Mr Morton—a moment that certainly brought lots of laughter and smiles! We wish our Year 6 children every success as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their journey and thank them for the wonderful memories they have created during their time with us.

Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this year's Key Stage 2 Sports Day such a joyful celebration of teamwork, perseverance, friendship and community.

