



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

Aspirations

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

This week, in EYFS the children have explored our RE topic of Human Dignity and Solidarity, discussing how everyone deserves respect and how we can care for one another. In maths, they created and followed pattern rules. In science, they sorted and classified minibeasts, developing our observation and grouping skills while having lots of fun.

This week in year 1, the children completed a knowledge capture in RE, showcasing everything they have learnt about the Church, Christianity, Judaism and how these faiths connect with Catholic Social Teaching. We were so impressed with how much they remembered and the thoughtful links they made. In English, the children proudly completed their fantastic non-chronological reports all about rhinos, using their new vocabulary and facts brilliantly. In Maths, we have been developing our money skills and have begun learning to tell the time. Please continue practising both of these important life skills at home. In PSHE, we have enjoyed getting to know each other even better as part of our class community work, celebrating what makes us unique. We also evaluated our delicious cupcakes, reflecting on what went well and what we could improve next time. Well done, Year 1!

This week, Year 2 have been busy with lots of exciting learning! In Design and Technology, we have been sewing our own Squishy Fluffy Itty Bittys, using a running stitch to carefully join our fabric. We have also been evaluating our work by writing about our ideas and explaining the changes we made to our original designs.

In English and History, we have continued learning about Mary Seacole and have been creating our own non-chronological reports, using facts to explain why she is remembered as such an important historical figure.

In PE, we have enjoyed taking part in a variety of team games, where we have been developing and applying our throwing, passing and teamwork skills. It has been wonderful to see the children encouraging one another and working together so positively.

Year 3 have had a super last full week of term, they've been finishing off their fantastic shadufs I. DT, writing about Tutankhamun in English, they write some super non-chronological reports. The children showcased their fantastic knowledge of the Jewish and Islamic traditions, beliefs and festivals. They all thoroughly enjoyed watching the year 6 end of year play. Well done year 3 for a wonderful last full week of term!

We've had another busy and exciting week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have been exploring symmetry. The children have been identifying lines of symmetry in different shapes and creating their own symmetrical patterns. In English this week the children have been completing their non-chronological reports based on The Girl Who Stole an Elephant. They have worked hard to organise their ideas clearly, use subheadings, and include interesting facts and descriptive language. We are very proud of their finished pieces!

In History, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons, focusing on their conversion to Christianity. The children explored how and why this change happened and discussed the impact it had on people's lives at the time.

In RE, we have been thinking about how Christians work together for the common good. The children discussed ways communities support one another and looked at examples of teamwork, charity, and kindness in action.

In year five this week we have been learning about why the Bible is important to Christians. We have considered the importance of both the Old and New Testaments and have looked into how we can find our own truth in scripture. We have also explored links with Judaism and the Torah and found it interesting learning about the Shema prayer and how it is at the forefront of everything Jews do and believe.

This week Year 6 shared all their hard work and performed their Leavers Play- School Daze! They sang captivating songs and acted out scenes from school life such as: PE lessons in Year 6 and EYFS, life in the classroom, the plight of SATs revision and getting a dose of nits! They all worked so hard to learn their lines, follow stage directions and remember the dance routines. What a fantastic performance- not a dry eye in the house at the end.

As the gates close on another academic year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our entire school community. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements, growth, and joy. Our children have consistently demonstrated our school values, working hard and supporting one another every single day. To our wonderful pupils, thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication. To our staff, thank you for your tireless commitment to nurturing and inspiring our young learners. And to you, our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering partnership and support—we could not do this without you!

Celebrating Our Achievements

Academic Progress: Pupils across all year groups have made fantastic strides in their learning.

Creative Arts: Our recent school performances and art exhibition showcased incredible talent.

Sporting Success: Teams represented us brilliantly in local tournaments, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Community Spirit: Our charity events and summer fair raised vital funds and brought us all together.

Saying Goodbye to Year 6 We say a very special goodbye to our Year 6 cohort. They have been fantastic role models for the younger children. As they transition to secondary school, we wish them the absolute best of luck. Remember to work hard, stay curious, and always aim high—we are incredibly proud of you.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and sun-filled summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for a brand-new school year. 😊

Mrs Withers x

GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

This Sunday, Jesus shares a wonderful parable with his disciples about a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and scattered weed seeds among the wheat. When both began to grow together, the servants asked if they should pull up the weeds. The wise farmer said no, explaining that pulling the weeds might damage the good wheat. He told them to let both grow together until the harvest.

Reflection for Families:

God's Patience: This Gospel reminds us of God's incredible patience and mercy. Just like the farmer, God gives all of us time to grow, change, and choose goodness.

The Good Seeds Within Us: We all have "good seeds" (kindness, love, helpfulness) and "weeds" (selfishness, impatience, cross words) growing inside our hearts. God doesn't give up on us when we make mistakes or act like a "weed." Instead, He gently helps us nurture our good qualities so we can shine like the sun.

Nurturing Others: In our school community, we are called to look for the good in everyone, showing patience and forgiveness when others are having a difficult day, just as God does for us.

Dear Lord, Thank You for Your endless love and patience with us. Help us to plant good seeds of kindness, forgiveness, and joy wherever we go. When we make mistakes, guide our hearts back to Your goodness. Bless our families and our school community this week.
Amen.



Celebration

Take time to celebrate this week and find an opportunity to praise someone else for something they have achieved.

Celebration

A celebration is when we come together to rejoice in the things that are good. It is a time to give thanks to God for all his blessings and to recognise what he's given to us in love. We should always look for things we can celebrate, and though our celebrations, we can share happiness and joy with others.

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: Lauraynas

Year 1: All Year 1

Year 2: Theodore

Year 3: Makar

Year 4: All Year 4

Year 5: Sofie

Year 6: All Year 6

THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD



I would like to thank all our children, families, staff and governors you are the hearts that see, you make our thriving school community what it is: a place I am incredibly proud to work within; a real community. We have achieved so much this year lets recharge and see what we can achieve together next year- You are the beating hearts of our wonderful school- Thank you from Mrs Withers x



SAFEGUARDING



1. Online Safety and Screen Time: With more free time, children naturally spend more time on phones, tablets, and gaming consoles. Review Privacy Settings: Ensure location sharing is turned off on apps like Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram. Check Age Ratings: Verify that the games and apps your child accesses are age-appropriate. Keep Devices in Shared Spaces: Avoid letting children use internet-enabled devices privately in their bedrooms, especially late at night. Talk About Online Friends: Remind your child that people online are not always who they say they are. They must never agree to meet up with an online contact.

2. Water and Outdoor Safety: Warm weather draws families to local waterways, swimming pools, and coastal trips. Local Water Risks: Remind children of the serious dangers of swimming in open fenland drains, rivers, and canals around South Holland. The Water Safety Code: Teach children to stop and think about dangers, stay together, and look for lifeguards. Float to Live: If your child gets into trouble in water, teach them to lean back, extend their arms and legs, and float rather than thrash around. Sun Protection: Apply high-factor sun cream regularly and keep children hydrated, especially during peak afternoon sun.

3. Contextual Safeguarding (Peer Groups and "Out and About"): Older primary children often request more independence to go out with friends. Know the Details: Always ask exactly who they are going out with, where they are going, and when they will be back. Charged Phones: Ensure your child carries a fully charged mobile phone with emergency contact numbers saved. Stranger Danger: Revisit the rules about never accepting lifts, gifts, or invitations from strangers.

4. Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme: If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, they can access free holiday clubs this summer. Free Fun and Food: Clubs provide enriching sports, active games, arts, crafts, and a nutritious meal. St Norbert's Spalding HAF Camp: Families can book spots for the BtP HAF Camp at St Norbert's Catholic Primary School operated by Beyond the Physical. It runs for ages 4 to 12. How to Book: Use the HAF booking code sent to you to secure your places on the official Lincolnshire HAF Booking Platform on Eeq. Paid places can also be booked via the Pebble Booking Portal.

5. Where to Get Help If You Are Worried: If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of any child during the holidays, local and national support is always available: Lincolnshire Children's Services (Daytime): Call 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) to report any child safeguarding concerns. Lincolnshire Emergency Out of Hours: Call 01522 782333 for urgent social care emergencies at night or on weekends. The NSPCC: Call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk for free, confidential advice. Childline: Children can call 0800 1111 at any time for free support. Emergency: Always call 999 if a child is in immediate danger.

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

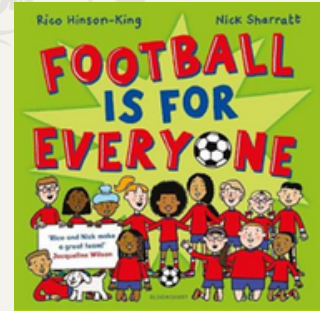
The Wonder of the World Cup & The Pride of Supporting England

There is nothing quite like the magic of a World Cup summer. Every four years, the entire planet stops, united by a shared language of passion, hope, and beautiful drama. It is a spectacle of pure wonder and awe, where underdogs rise, legends are written in seconds, and millions of hearts beat in perfect synchronisation. For me, that global magic becomes deeply personal whenever England takes the pitch. Following the Three Lions is an emotional rollercoaster unlike any other—a beautiful blend of nervous anticipation, unbridled optimism, and fierce national pride. From the tense silence of a penalty shootout to the explosive, lemonade-swirling joy of a last-minute winner, supporting England connects us to something bigger than ourselves. It is about community, shared history, and that timeless, undeniable belief that this time, just maybe, football is finally coming home and regardless of the result this time; we will all be ready to do it again in four years!

Let's Play Football! is a lyrical, uplifting non-fiction picture book written by travel and children's author Ben Lerwill and beautifully brought to life with soft, textured illustrations by Marina Ruiz. Published by Welbeck Children's Books, this inspiring story celebrates the universal magic of the world's most accessible sport for readers aged 3 and above.



Football is for Everyone is an empowering, heart-warming children's picture book written by Junior Premier League footballer Rico Hinson-King and vibrantly illustrated by the legendary Nick Sharratt. Shortlisted for the Charles Tyrwhitt Children's Sports Book of the Year Award 2025, this story delivers an essential lesson in empathy, diversity, and belonging for young readers aged 3 to 5.



STAR BADGES

Year 3
Platinum +3 - Aidens

Year 5
Platinum +3 - Kacper
Platinum +1 - Sofia

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school
website Events Calendar

Monday 20th July
Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 21st July
Year 6 Leaver's Mass 1:30pm

Wednesday 22nd July
Leaver's Assembly 1:30pm

Wednesday 22nd July
Last day of Term

**Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd
September** - Inset Days

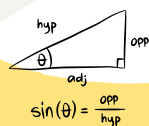
Thursday 3rd September
Children return to school

'LIFTING CHILDREN'S HOPES'



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](#)



BOOKNIC ON THE FIELD

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our annual Reading Event. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends and children coming together to celebrate the joy of books and reading, and once again the event was a great success thanks to your fantastic support. Our Reading Ambassadors as always did a fantastic job in ensuring everything ran smoothly and in distributing, collecting and marking our quizzes.

The glorious weather provided the perfect backdrop, with families enjoying time together and sharing their love of stories. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and encouragement you continue to show towards reading. Many of the books we have been able to share have been directly purchased as a result of your support of our book fairs and Amazon Wishlist.

At school, we strongly advocate for reading for pleasure and believe that developing a love of books from an early age has a lasting impact on children's confidence, imagination and learning. Events like this help to reinforce the message that reading is not only an important skill but also something to enjoy and share.

Thank you again for making the event such a special one. We look forward to welcoming you all back next year for another wonderful celebration of reading!





BE SAFE HAVE FUN!

If you are in and around the water
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

1

STOP AND THINK

2

STAY TOGETHER

3

FLOAT

4

CALL 999 OR 112

FIND MORE FUN
AND SAFETY TIPS AT
RNLI.org