



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 3rd July 2026

VIRTUES AND VALUES

Virtue of the term
Love of Learning

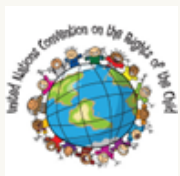
Value of the Month
Courtesy

LET US PRAY

Lord, you care for us and want us to know you. Help us to share what we know about you with others just as Jesus did.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Our EYFS children have enjoyed releasing their butterflies and celebrate this special milestone. They also led a beautiful prayer service with Father Paul and their parents. During our transition day, the children confidently practised being Year 1 while welcoming our new Reception children.

Year 1 have had another fantastic week of learning! In PE, the children enjoyed playing a variety of sharing games, developing their teamwork skills by taking turns, keeping score and encouraging one another. In DT, they designed their own cupcakes, carefully planning their ideas ready for the exciting baking session next week. In Maths, we have continued our work on numbers to 100, learning how to count, compare, order, write and quantify numbers with increasing confidence. In RE, we explored Judaism, learning about some of the similarities and differences between Judaism and Christianity. In English, we had great fun using a board game to help us practise a range of different sentence openers while writing interesting facts about rhinos. Well done, Year 1, for another week of brilliant learning!

Our Year 2 children have been busy learning across a range of exciting subjects this week! In Design and Technology (Textiles), the children have begun designing their own Squishy, Fluffy, Itty Bitty creations. They have enjoyed exploring different fabrics, planning their designs and, most importantly, learning the valuable life skill of threading a needle. The children have shown fantastic perseverance as they practised this new skill and are looking forward to bringing their imaginative creations to life.

In Religious Education, we have been learning about different faiths and discussing how we can show respect for everyone within our school and wider community. The children have enjoyed sharing their understanding of different cultures, learning about how people live, celebrate and worship, while recognising the importance of kindness, acceptance and respecting the beliefs of others.

In Mathematics, we have been developing our data handling skills. The children have been collecting information and representing it using tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs. They have learnt how to organise data clearly, interpret information and answer questions by reading different types of graphs with increasing confidence.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity Year 2 have shown in all of their learning this week. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3 have had a wonderful week! They wrote fantastic adventure stories inspired by Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx, using exciting vocabulary and imaginative ideas. In both English and History, they have begun learning about Tutankhamun and were fascinated to discover more about Ancient Egypt. They especially enjoyed exploring hieroglyphs and even had a go at writing their own names using this ancient writing system.

In RE, the children learned about Islamic beliefs and festivals, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout their learning.

Well done, Year 3, for another super week! Keep up the fantastic work!

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

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of time. The children have been learning how to read, write and convert between analogue and digital times.

In English, we have been focusing on writing non-chronological reports based on our class text *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*. The children have explored the features of this type of writing, including headings, subheadings, and factual language.

In Science, we took our learning outdoors and carried out a local habitat survey within the school grounds. The children carefully observed and recorded the different plants and animals they could find, discussing how living things depend on their habitats. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and teamwork in action.

In RE, we have been learning about the life of St Paul. The children explored his journeys and the impact he had in spreading Christian teachings. They have engaged thoughtfully in discussions and reflected on the importance of his work.

Well done to all of Year 4 for their hard work this week!

In year five this week we have been learning about our families in our French lessons. We have learnt how to name our siblings, parents, grandparents and cousins and have worked hard putting them into sentences. We have been learning about how the word my changes when it is masculine or feminine and have enjoyed having French conversations.

This week Year 6 have started learning the songs for their Year 6 leavers play and reading through the script: next week rehearsals will start in full! This year the Leavers Play is called *School Daze* and is series of flashbacks from two grandparents in the year 2048, reminiscing on what life was like in primary school in the 2020's.

A Weekend of Determination and Drive!

As we look ahead to an incredibly exciting weekend of sport, there are fantastic lessons for our pupils to take from the world stage. On Sunday, the F1 British Grand Prix kicks off at Silverstone, showcasing the peak of engineering, split-second teamwork, and determination. Following that, late on Sunday night (technically 1am Monday BST), our England squad faces co-hosts Mexico in a massive World Cup knockout match. Whether it is drivers pushing for the podium or the Three Lions demonstrating resilience under pressure, these events remind us of the power of hard work and staying focused on our goals. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful, sport-filled weekend together—and don't worry, we will make sure there is plenty of energy in the classrooms on Monday morning!

Mrs Withers x

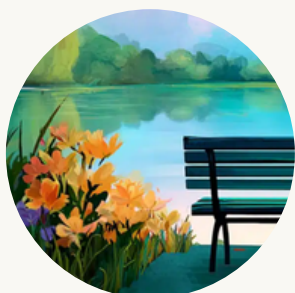
GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

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.



Commission

Try and work as part of a team this week. Where you face a problem ask others to help you with it.

Comission

Christ calls us to be part of his mission in the world. All people are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to share in his work. We are called to make a positive difference in the world and bring Christ to others through our words and actions.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to our Year 3 class for this week's highest scoring attendance!
School Average this week 96.33%

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 - 98.52%
Year 1 - 93%
Year 2 - 97.78%
Year 3 - 99.21%
Year 4 - 96.53%
Year 5 - 94.27%
Year 6 - 94.98%

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: Angelina****Year 2: Rayan****Year 3: Lavinia****Year 4: Aynur -Maria****Year 5: Chance****Year 6: Elsa****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 all who have continued to donate pre loved uniform. Please continue to do so as this means we can keep well stocked and available to families.

A big thanks to those who have worked tirelessly planning/making/buying all things ready for tomorrows exciting Summer Fair! We cant wait to see you all there!

SAFEGUARDING**Moving to Secondary School: Staying Safe & Confident**

Over the next few weeks the Safeguarding feature will focus on supporting our Y6 pupils and transition:

The move to secondary school is an exciting step toward independence. More independence brings new safeguarding and safety considerations for parents and children. Travelling Safely Practice the route: Walk or bus the new school route together multiple times before the first day.

Identify safe spaces: Point out shops, libraries, or friend's houses where your child can seek help if needed.
The buddy system: Encourage your child to walk with friends or older students from the same neighborhood.
Road awareness: Remind them to keep headphones off and phones away while crossing roads.

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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International Plastic Bag Free Day (03.07)

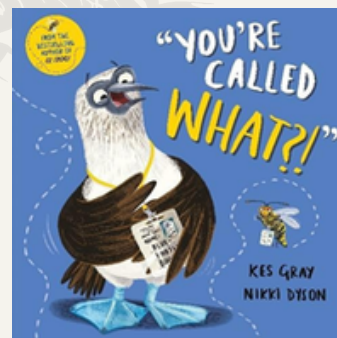
Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts, illustrated by Hannah Peck, tells the poignant story of a discarded plastic bag mistaken for food by various sea creatures. After being passed around by a whale, a seagull, and a turtle, the bag is finally rescued from the choking turtle by a child on the beach. The story concludes with the boy transforming the dangerous item into a fun kite, offering an educational message about ocean pollution

Join Our Plastic-Free Challenge!

Did you know that a single plastic bag can take up to 500 years to break down? To mark International Plastic Bag Free Day on 3rd July, our classes will be discussing sustainability and designing eco-friendly alternatives. You can support our eco-mission at home by:

- Swapping plastic shopping bags for reusable tote bags.
- Using reusable water bottles and beeswax wraps.
- Helping your child spot and recycle single-use plastics at home.

The humorous, tongue-twisting story features animals complaining about their ridiculous monikers and the laughter they cause among other creatures. Despite sounding entirely made up, all the animals featured in the book are real, and the book concludes with a section of genuinely amazing animal facts



STAR BADGE AWARDS

Year 4

Platinum+2: Luca, Neitanas

'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.



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](#)



DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Saturday 4th July

Summer Fair 10am-1pm

Tuesday 7th July

Sports Day - KS1 AM / KS2 PM

Tuesday 7th July

Parents Learning/Book Showcase
 3.20pm - 5pm

Friday 10th - 12th July

Year 4 Hilltop Residential

Tuesday 14th July

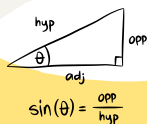
Parent/Child Reading Picnic Event

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers Play 5.30pm

Monday 20th July

Whole School Transition Day



On Monday, our Year 6 netball team welcomed Tower Road Academy for the league final, and what an incredible match it was! We are immensely proud of our fantastic team, who have gone from strength to strength throughout the year, winning every game to earn their place in the final.

St. Norbert's made a brilliant start, taking a one-goal lead at the end of the first quarter. Tower Road Academy fought back well, and by half-time the scores were level, setting up a thrilling second half.

Throughout the match, our outstanding defensive play led to numerous interceptions, keeping us firmly in the contest. Excellent shooting from Elliott, Othula and Thiohfi ensured we stayed neck and neck with our opponents, with the teams finishing regular time level and leading to extra time.

The excitement continued as the match went into three periods of extra time. Both teams showed incredible determination, resilience and teamwork, refusing to give up. Sadly, Tower Road Academy scored the decisive goal just before the final whistle, leaving the final score at 9-8.

Although we finished as runners-up, we could not be prouder of what this team has achieved. Reaching the final after an unbeaten run is a fantastic accomplishment, and every player should be incredibly proud of the progress, commitment and sportsmanship they have shown throughout the year.

A huge well done to Sydney, Rayyan, Elsa, Othula, Elliott, Thiohfi and Amanda for representing St. Norbert's so brilliantly. Congratulations on a fantastic season!



★ 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



PRE LOVED

SCHOOL

UNIFORMS

♥ WANTED ♥



GOOD
CONDITION
PLEASE



ALL ITEMS
GREATLY
APPRECIATED



HELP SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY



ST NORBERT'S
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YOU ARE INVITED TO SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Please join us for our Pentecost Term
retreat afternoon on Wednesday 8th July 2026.

From 2:15 - 2:45 enjoy light refreshments and visit
prayer stations planned by our young people.

From 2:50-3:10, we invite you to share in our
closing Celebration of the word in joyful recognition
of our journey towards the CAFOD Live Simply
Award which we are working hard to achieve.

We hope to see you there!



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LIVE SIMPLY JOURNEY SO FAR
BY SCANNING THIS CODE.

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