



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
Friendship

Value of the Month
Respect

LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
Thank You for our school family and the exciting new year ahead. Help us to "Live Well Together" every single day. When we disagree, give us the patience to listen. When we are hurt, give us the strength to forgive. Bless our pupils, teachers, and families, and keep our school a safe place of kindness and respect.
Amen.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Subsidiarity and Solidarity CST



A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

It has been a wonderful week in EYFS! In maths, our children are mastering matching and sorting objects. Through delightful role-play, they brought the story of A Squash and a Squeeze to life. They also explored how "God made me and my family," celebrating what makes everyone special. Finally, they have been practicing writing their names and learning their first phonics sounds: s, a, t, p.

We have had another busy week of learning in Year 1! In English, we have been exploring sentences and beginning to build our own sentences for writing. We have been especially impressed with some of the interesting vocabulary choices the children are beginning to use. In Maths, we have started comparing numbers and amounts. Please keep practising the words more, fewer, less, same and equal at home – perhaps when comparing toys, snacks or objects around the house! In Art, we have had lots of fun exploring how colour can be used to show mood and feelings, inspired by the work of Pablo Picasso. The children enjoyed experimenting with different colours and thinking carefully about the emotions they might represent.

It has been another busy and exciting week of learning in Year 2! In PE, we have been developing our running, looking and avoiding skills through lots of fun team games. We have also been learning how to use different equipment safely and confidently, including practising our hockey skills with a hockey stick. In Art, we have been exploring landscapes and creating our own paintings inspired by the famous artist Claude Monet, looking carefully at how he used colour and light in his artwork. In RE, we have been learning about Psalms and how they celebrate and praise the Word of God through beautiful verses and songs. In Maths, we have been learning how to partition numbers up to 100, exploring how numbers can be split into tens and ones. We have been working hard and showing lots of enthusiasm across all of our learning!

Year 3 have had a fantastic couple of weeks of learning! In English, we have been delving deeper into The First Drawing and the children have now begun planning their own stories, inspired by the text. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value and the value of digits within numbers, comparing and ordering those numbers. In Geography, we have been learning about the counties surrounding Lincolnshire and comparing the East Midlands with Tuscany in Italy. In RE, we explored the Jewish faith and the importance of the synagogue and community, making comparisons with our own faiths. This week, we have continued exploring the Creation Story and have begun thinking about what it means to be Good Stewards of God's creation, linking our learning to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Stewardship and how we can care for our world and others.

It has been a busy and exciting week in Year 4! In Maths, we have been learning how to compare and order numbers up to 10,000, using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. In RE, we explored the story of Abraham and Isaac and discussed the important lessons it teaches us. In Science, we discovered the different layers of the rainforest, including the emergent layer, canopy, understorey and forest floor. In French, we practised using simple phrases to describe people's appearances, such as hair colour, eye colour and height. Well done, Year 4, for your hard work and enthusiasm this week!

Year 5 have settled into being a part of Upper Key Stage 2 and have embraced the opportunities to be part of different pupil voice groups- it is great to watch them flourish. In Art they have really been enjoying their learning focused on Street Art and this week they took the playground with chalks and created positive messages as part of the Forest Schools learning.

In year 6 this week we have been enjoying our residential trip to The Briars. On Wednesday we went caving, where we had a great time exploring some old lead mines. It was really fascinating and I was really impressed with how enthusiastic the group were. On Thursday and Friday we spent the days completing a range of team building activities and focusing our attention on building our faith. We all had an amazing time!

- Create a "Peace Poster" or "Prayer Tree": Following the theme of the International Day of Peace, cut out paper leaves or doves. On them, write or draw a family pledge for peace (e.g., "In our home, we will listen kindly") or write prayers for people around the world.
- The Multi-Lingual Kitchen: In honour of European Languages Day, choose a continent or country and learn how to say "Please", "Thank you", and "Hello" in that language. You could even cook a traditional dish from that culture together!
- A "Wonder" Poem Hunt: For National Poetry Day, step outside into nature or look around your living room. Ask your child to spot something that makes them wonder (like a changing autumn leaf or the stars) and write a short, three-line poem about it together.
- Storytime Exploration: Ahead of Black History Month, visit your local library or look up a story online celebrating influential black figures, innovators, or traditional African and Caribbean folktales. Discuss what qualities made these individuals inspiring.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in guiding our children to walk in the footsteps of Christ. I wish you all a peaceful, restful, and blessed weekend.

Mrs Withers x



GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE WEEK



As we settle into the rhythm of the autumn term, our school community has been alive with reflection, celebration, and learning. Over the past few weeks, we have marked several key milestones that remind us of our shared humanity and our call to love one another as God loves us.

In light of the International Day of Peace and European Languages Day, our classrooms have been filled with the beautiful diversity of God's world. We have explored different cultures and languages, celebrating how our unique differences enrich our school community. This learning directly connects to the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)—specifically The Dignity of the Human Person and Solidarity. We are reminded that we are all one human family, called to actively build peace and understanding in our world.

Looking ahead, we are excited to dive into National Poetry Day (with this year's beautiful theme of Wonder) and begin our reflections for Black History Month. Both offer us wonderful opportunities to marvel at the diverse voices, histories, and gifts that shape our global community.

A Prayer for the Weekend

Let us pray:
Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the beautiful tapestry of cultures, languages, and stories that enrich our world. As we enter this weekend, fill our hearts with the desire to be true peacemakers in our homes, our school, and our community. Grant us the curiosity to wonder at your creation and the humility to learn from one another. Help us to live out the values of Catholic Social Teaching by treating every person we meet with love, dignity, and respect.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Listen

Spend some time in prayer and listen to what God might be calling you to do for those around you.

Listen

Listening is an important part of dialogue. It means paying attention to what others are saying and trying to understand their point of view. Listening is not just about hearing words; it is about hearing the heart. We are called to be good listeners and we should make sure to listen to those who are different from us. Above all we should listen to what God is calling us to do in our lives.

Participation CST**ATTENDANCE**

Best Class Attendance Last Week:
Y2 - 98.08%

Best Class Attendance This Week:
EYFS - 98.99%

Remember our school target is 96% 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.

THE HEART THAT SEES AWARD

The Burton Family, Miss Quince and Mrs Probert for some wonderful book donations thank you so much!

**SAFEGUARDING****Spotlight on Wellbeing: Healthy Smiles, Happy Children**

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and child welfare, we want to remind families about the importance of good oral hygiene. Dental health is a vital marker of a child's overall wellbeing. Untreated tooth decay can cause chronic pain, disrupt sleep, and impact a child's ability to concentrate and learn in school.

We encourage all parents and carers to help children brush their teeth for two minutes, twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste, and ensure they visit a dentist regularly. Routine dental care is completely free for children under 18 in the UK. If you are struggling to access a local dentist or need support with healthcare appointments, please reach out to our school's pastoral team who will be happy to help.

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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Useful Websites

[Young Minds](#)

[Place 2 Be](#)

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

[Our Time](#)

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.

On Sunday 27 September 2026, communities globally are coming together to observe the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This international day is a vital opportunity for us to pause, reflect, and celebrate the incredible diversity, resilience, and contributions that families from all walks of life bring to our school and wider community. This year, the global theme is "Even just one of these children," focusing our hearts and minds directly on the youngest and most vulnerable people on the move. It reminds us that every single child—regardless of where they were born or how they arrived here—deserves to feel safe, loved, valued, and welcome.

What Does This Day Mean? At primary school age, we focus on universal values that children understand best: empathy, sharing, and friendship. It is an ideal time to help children understand the difference between two concepts they might hear about in the news:

Migrants: People who choose to move to a new country or place, often to build a better life, find work, or be closer to family.

Refugees: People who have been forced to flee their homes very quickly because it is no longer safe due to conflict, danger, or natural disasters.

How We Are Marking the Week in School

Throughout this week, our classrooms will focus on building a true culture of hospitality. Our activities include:

Storytime Explorations: Teachers will read beautifully illustrated picture books that gently explore themes of journeying, finding a new home, and the power of welcoming a new friend.

Circle Time Discussions: We will ask children to think about what makes them feel safe and included, and how they can be a "good neighbour" to someone who might be new to our school or feeling lonely.

Small Ways to Participate at Home

Kindness starts with simple conversations. Here are a few ways you can mark this day with your child this weekend:

Look at a Map: Open an atlas or a digital map together. Talk about the different countries your family roots come from, or places you know people have travelled from.

Practice Active Inclusion: Talk to your child about noticing if anyone is playing alone at break time, and encourage them to invite those children into their games.

Explore Free Learning Resources: For child-friendly videos and explanations about these global themes, you can look through the BBC Newsround Guide on Refugees which breaks down big world events in an age-appropriate way.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a compassionate, safe haven where every child can thrive!

DIARY DATES

Remember to check the school website Events Calendar

Wednesday 30th September

Y6 Class Celebration of the Word
2.50pm Parents/Carers welcome

Tuesday 6th October

Flu Vaccinations in school

Wednesday 7th October

Y2 Class Celebration of the Word
2.50pm Parents/Carers welcome

Friday 9th October

Autumn Disco
Non Uniform Day
(Details to follow shortly)

Wednesday 14th October

Y3 Class Celebration of the Word
2.50pm Parents/Carers welcome

Friday 16th October

Harvest Service
9.30am Parents/Carers welcome

Tuesday 20th October

5pm Parent Showcase

Wednesday 21st October

Y5 Class Celebration of the Word
2.50pm Parents/Carers welcome

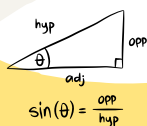
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Why not have a listen to Tom Baptists latest Podcast,
'Word of the Week':
Click [HERE](#) to listen



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](#)



ST NORBERTS OPEN DAY!

We would love for you to help us spread the word about our upcoming Open Day on Tuesday, 20th October 9:00am, 2:00pm, and 5:00pm!

Mrs Withers will be leading dedicated tours for prospective families during these times. If you know any families with children due to start school in September 2027, please encourage them to come along and experience everything St Norbert's Catholic Academy has to offer, providing a fantastic opportunity to see our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) setting in action and ask any questions.

In addition, we are hosting an Existing Parent Showcase from 3:30pm to 4:45pm on the very same day. We warmly invite our current families to bring their children along to explore the classrooms, meet the teaching team, and celebrate our wonderful school community together.

 Lincolnshire Primary Admissions Information

Applications for primary school places for September 2027 are managed centrally by the local authority:

Application Window: Primary school applications open on 16th November 2026.

National Closing Date: The deadline to submit your application is 15th January 2027.

How to Apply: Parents can apply online via the **Lincolnshire County Council Parent Portal** or make an application over the phone by calling **01522 782030**.

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our school community so special!

WRITING COMPETITION!

Unleash Your Child's Imagination: BBC 500 Words Competition is Open!

We are incredibly excited to share that the UK's largest children's story-writing competition, BBC 500 Words, is back for 2026! This famous competition invites young storytellers from all backgrounds and abilities to dive deep into their imaginations and write a completely original fictional tale. The best part? The competition explicitly celebrates pure creativity. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are not marked. Whether your child wants to write an epic adventure about spaceships, a funny tale about talking animals, or an action-packed sports story, the judges just want to read ideas they love!

Key Details to Know:

Age Groups: There are two entry categories: 5–7 year-olds and 8–11 year-olds.

The Rule: The story must be a fictional piece of work and cannot exceed 500 words in length. (The title doesn't count toward the limit!)

Timeline: Entries open at 8:00am on Tuesday 29 September and close firmly at 9:00pm on Friday 6 November 2026.

Amazing Prizes: Finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle hosted by Queen Camilla! Winners can win huge bundles of books for themselves and up to 500 books for our school library.

How to Enter at Home

While we will be talking about the competition and exploring creative ideas in our classrooms, all official entries must be submitted by a parent or guardian from home.

Submitting your child's masterpiece is quick and easy:

Draft the Story: Have your child write or type out their story. We highly recommend typing it into a standard Word document first so you can easily track the word count and keep a saved copy.

Remove Personal Names: Make sure your child's actual name is not written anywhere inside the story body or the title itself.

Submit Online: Once the submission window opens on 29 September, head to the official BBC 500 Words Submission Page.

Create an Submitter Account: Register an adult account, fill in your details, and copy and paste your child's story directly into the online form.

This year's celebrity judging panel includes amazing authors and public figures like Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, and Rose Ayling-Ellis. Let's give them some incredible stories from our school community to read! If your child submits a story online, please encourage them to print a copy or bring it in to share with their class teacher. We would love to celebrate their hard work and feature some of our own home-grown authors in future school displays! For full rules, inspiration, and free learning resources to help get those creative juices flowing, please visit the BBC Teach 500 Words Guide. Happy writing!





Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

LITTLE WAY WEEK

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Give somebody you care about a hug.



MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Do something helpful today.



TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Say a prayer for somebody in need.



WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

THE FEAST DAY OF
SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Smile at or say hello to somebody that you don't usually spend time with today.



THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Ask an adult at home if you can donate an old book, toy or item of clothing to charity.



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER