



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

Playground Markings

I am delighted to share news that our new playground markings are due to be installed tomorrow; I would therefore again like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to fundraising for this project. Contractors are expected tomorrow and Wednesday this week and there may be some minor disruption to the path from the pedestrian gate, as well as the playground, whilst they are working. Thank you in advance for your patience.

End of Year Reports and Parents' Appointments

Your child's annual report will be emailed to you via our Learning Platform – DB Primary – on Friday 11th July. Please note that all schools in our Trust now share the same report format.

Your child's attendance latest attendance figure can be accessed through your Arbor app. Please do compare this percentage attendance with the colour-coded table below at your earliest opportunity.

As there are no planned parents' afternoon or evening meetings during this Pentecost (Summer) Term, please contact your child's teacher directly should there be anything you wish to discuss. You may either make an appointment to see him/her at a mutually-convenient time or speak briefly when you arrive at school in the morning or afternoon. Thank you.

Reminders – Absence from School

To ensure that our safeguarding and absence procedures are robust, we cannot accept emails as a method of reporting any child's sickness absence. Please contact the school office as early as possible (but certainly before 9am) – by telephone – and speak to a member of the office staff. An absence line answerphone is available for out-of-office-hours messages.

If we only receive an email from you, and you do not telephone or visit to confirm your child's absence, this absence must subsequently show on your child's records as unauthorised. Our office staff must also attempt to contact you after 9am, unless they have received a telephone call, until they have spoken to you. A home visit may then be necessary and the Education Inclusion Officers consulted where no contact has been possible.

If your child normally walks to school on his/her own, please telephone as early as possible if you need to report an absence so that we can ensure that he/she is accounted for and safe.

I would also like to politely remind you that – in the vast majority of cases – I am unable to authorise holidays during term time; unauthorised absences must be reported to the Education Inclusion Service who may decide to issue fines as appropriate. Where both parents have joint responsibility for a child, both parents would be included in any action taken by them.

Please note that should your child be reported as absent due to sickness on a day before or a day after a confirmed holiday period, this absence will not be authorised. These days will show as unauthorised and will therefore be included in the total number of unauthorised absences on your child's records and must be reported to the Education Inclusion Service, where appropriate.

In addition, please be reminded that if you are taking your child out of school for dentist or hospital appointments, you may be asked to provide confirmation of the appointment information. Thank you for your understanding.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Forthcoming Class Collective Worship Dates

Class 5's 'Celebration of the Word'

Friday 4th July

Class 2's 'Celebration of the Word'

Friday 11th July

Leavers' Disco

The Year 6 Leavers' Disco takes place on Thursday 17th July from 7 – 9pm. Please email admin@stnorbertyscrowle.co.uk by Friday 4th July to confirm whether or not your child will be attending so that food can be organised. Year 6 children may bring a friend along to the disco and Year 5 children are all invited too. Thank you.

Goldstar Out-of-School Club

As always at the end of each full term, our Goldstar Out-of-School Club will not be open on the last day of term, Friday 18th July. All children should be collected on this day at 3pm, please. Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Children Moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals and any meals should be paid through Arbor from September. Full details of the new Arbor payment process will be confirmed before the end of term. Thank you in advance for your patience with this.

Your child may, however, be entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may qualify or just want to check, please apply online through North Lincolnshire Council: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>.

Gym Jam Jog - Wednesday 16th July 2025

Our Gym Jam Jog – for all children from Nursery to Year 6 - will take place on Wednesday 16th July from 8.45am. Each child will participate by running a minimum of one lap around the school field just for fun.

However, we know that many children really enjoy fundraising for our school through this event and - should they wish to obtain sponsorship - we will, of course, be very grateful. As such, a separate sponsorship form has been sent home with all children today. I will personally sponsor any child who wishes to raise money but may not be able to find another sponsor – he/she will just need to come to my office and ask: "Mr Dawson, would you like to sponsor me?"

Sponsorship forms should come back into school on Tuesday 15th July, please.

Children will need to arrive at school in their 'pyjamas', bringing their uniform into school to change later in the morning. They will also need to bring a sun hat, water bottle and have sun cream applied, please.

The Nursery Class will begin the event at 8.45am, following registration; other classes will follow in turn. If you would like to watch the running, you are very welcome to stay by the side of the field. Once children have completed their run, the PTA will provide them with toast or a piece of fruit and a drink.

Thank you.

GDPR – New Consent Form with AI

An updated 'Consent Form' has been prepared by our Trust and it is therefore time for us to request that you review your permissions – regarding photographs, videos and now AI – as required, please. The new form has been added to our school 'Welcome Brochure' but will be sent home for completion before the end of this term, ready for us to start the year in September. We will need a parental response for every child and thank you in advance for taking the time to do this.

Photographs and Videos of Children

I have previously explained that we are unable to allow the taking of photographs or videos during class Celebrations of the Word or other performances; the main reason for this is to avoid unnecessarily distracting children who may have spent considerable time learning parts and may be feeling anxious enough already about their role.

However, there may be other occasions – such as Sports Day – where you may feel you would like to take photographs to capture memories; we understand this. On any occasions like these, I must simply ask you to consider how other families may feel about images of their children being shared on social media, please – especially if they have not been able to consent to it. For a wide range of reasons, parents may not be comfortable with the idea of their child appearing so publicly.

Your understanding and support with this is gratefully appreciated and – as always – I will try to clarify our approach to the taking of photographs and videos before future events on a case-by-case basis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

A Dawson