



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,

Religious Education this term

Please see the attached newsletter regarding our RE curriculum for the advent term.

New Term Mass

Mass to celebrate our new school year will take place at Saint Norbert's Church, tomorrow afternoon, at 2pm. Families are most welcome to join this parish Mass if you would like to. If you felt able, there will be the usual collection during Mass so please do consider sending your child with a small amount if you can.

Education Sunday

Next Sunday (14th September), we will be celebrating 'Education Sunday' - a special day in the Church calendar on which we give thanks for the gift of education and pray for all those involved in learning.

All families are warmly invited to join the celebration of Mass at 8:30am in Saint Norbert's Church, where our school community will come together in prayer and reflection. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate Catholic education and the values we share as a school rooted in faith. It would be very special indeed to see many of you there as we give thanks for our pupils, families, staff and the wider community who support the mission of Catholic education here in Crowle.

If you *are* able to come to Mass on Sunday, and your child would like to take part in some way (e.g. by doing a reading, greeting people at the door, taking part in the offertory procession), please do let me know using the link so that I can inform Canon Matthew.

It is also my pleasure to share details of a similar celebration taking place at Saint Oswald's Church, on the same day, at 9:15am. We have been warmly invited to attend this service too, and - though you are unlikely to be able to participate in both - you may instead wish to join with our friends at Saint Oswald's. Either way, it is a joy to know that our local faith communities will be giving thanks for education at the same time.

Should you be available for a short time on Sunday morning, do please encourage your child to attend Mass in his/her school uniform, no matter which church you visit.

Homework Reminder

I explained in my previous letter that children will receive their first homework from Friday this week (12th). I would also like to remind you that we are no longer using DB Primary and will, instead, be using a new platform. Further details will be shared with you this week.

WOW – Walk to School Challenge

Our school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW - the walk to school challenge - is delivered by Living Streets (the UK charity for everyday walking) to help as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking or 'wheeling' to school.

If pupils travel to school actively (walk, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride') at least once a week, for a month, they will be rewarded with a badge. It's that simple! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026, each made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: www.livingstreets.org.uk/recycling.

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier.
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn.
- There is reduced congestion and pollution at the school gates.

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, you might choose to 'Park and Stride' to help your child to earn his/her WOW badges. Try parking at least ten minutes away from the school and walk or 'wheel' the remaining journey.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Dawson".

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