



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Principal: Mr A Dawson
Tel: 01724 710249
Fax: 01724 711436
e-mail: admin@stnorbertscrowle.co.uk
website: www.stnorbertscrowle.co.uk

Address: Fieldside
Crowle
Scunthorpe
DN17 4HL

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

12th December 2025

Dear Families,

Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival

Despite us not having even pulled our first Christmas cracker yet, the time has come to share news of next year's Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival, which will take place between Monday 2nd and Saturday 7th March!

If you are not already aware, pupils from Saint Norbert's have a long and successful record of involvement in the Scunthorpe Festival; this work is a key component of our English 'spoken language' curriculum. We really value our participation in the event and believe that – whilst creating lifelong memories for children – it has a profoundly positive impact on self-esteem and wellbeing.

Our weekly Monday evening Drama Club, beginning again on Monday 12th January, will enable any KS1 and KS2 children wishing to participate in the Festival to practise individual, paired or group entries. If you have not yet given permission for your child to attend the club, please do so through Arbor.

There are many ways in which children can participate in the Festival. Firstly, please do take a look at the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival website for the syllabus (<https://scunthorpemusicalfestival.co.uk/s-d-syllabus-2025/>). If you would like a paper copy, please ask for one at our office. Competition entries must be with the Festival Committee early in January so it would be helpful if children could decide categories in which they would like to compete, if any. The Festival Committee do not allow any late entries.

The Friends of St Norbert's will, once again, kindly sponsor one individual entry besides Choral Speaking. If your child would like to recite a poem in the competition, as set by the Committee, please complete the slip attached; if he or she would like to be entered into *other* classes during the competition, payment can be made separately for these (please see the slip below).

This year's venue will be Frodingham Parish Hall, Church Lane, Scunthorpe. As soon as the timetable is published, I will inform you of the dates and times of individual classes, so that you can arrange transport for your child. The Choral Speaking events will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026. The venue will be confirmed when this has been arranged and families can attend to watch the performance.

Please note particularly:

- Classes 20 – 25 – Humorous Verse – Own Choice – please send a copy of your child's poem in with your entry form
- Class 34 – if your child would like to compose their own poem for Class 34, the poem must be sent in with the entry sheet

Unfortunately, school staff will be unable to transport children to Scunthorpe. I will arrange for the programme to be sent out to you as soon as it is released so that you have time to organise transport. Furthermore, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and this might prevent your child from participating in any way, *please* feel able to see me – in confidence – and I will do what I can to help. I would far rather try to find a solution than accept that a child might miss out.

Please return the entry form and your payment, if needed, as soon as possible. The deadline for all entry forms and poems to be returned to school is Monday 12th January 2026. Please note that video or still photography is not allowed at the Festival because of Copyright Law.

As usual, we will be entering both KS1 and KS2 Choral Speaking groups. All children from Class 3 will be entered into the Festival for this; children from Classes 4 and 5 will be given the option – nearer the time – to take part if they wish, but all will be learning the poems during curriculum time anyway. There will be a 'Celebration Concert' on Saturday 7th March for any participants available.

Thank you and, if you would like any more information, do please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson

Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Entry Form

PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026 TOGETHER WITH POEMS FOR HUMOROUS OWN CHOICE AND CLASS 34 ORIGINAL POEMS

Name of Child _____

Date of Birth _____

Age Years/Months _____

Payment for 1st entry free. Payment for other classes – I enclose £_____. (Cheques to be made payable to Scunthorpe Musical Festival Association.)

Entry to Class Number _____ (Number from Programme) Entry to Class Number _____

Entry to Class Number _____ (Number from Programme) Entry to Class Number _____

Entry to Class Number _____ (Number from Programme) Entry to Class Number _____

Please note Choral Speaking is free but permission is required. Please sign the slip at the end of this letter to allow your child to take part.

Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival

I/we give permission for our child _____ to take part in the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival as detailed above and enclose our payment of £ _____

Signed _____ Print _____

Choral Speaking

I/we give permission for our child _____ to take part in the Choral Speaking Group at the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival.

Signed _____ Print _____

Permission for Photographs

I give permission for my child's photograph to appear on the Scunthorpe Music Festival's website.

Name of child _____ Signed _____