



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,

Harvest Celebration – Classes 2 (Reception), 3, 4 and 5 – Friday 23rd October – Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start
Tickets for our Harvest Celebration have been sent home with your child today. Please look out for the brown envelope in your child's book bag.

If you have any queries about the tickets you have been allocated, please contact our school office as soon as possible.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you on Friday afternoon, as these show your allocated seat numbers. Once seated, we ask that you remain in these seats rather than moving elsewhere. This is important as it allows our staff to check that everyone has arrived and to account for any empty seats.

If you are no longer able to attend, please do return your tickets to the school office as soon as possible. There may be other families who have not been allocated tickets and who would be very grateful for the opportunity to attend.

Doors will open at 1.30pm, with our Celebration beginning promptly at 2pm. Please ensure that you arrive in good time as, once the Celebration has begun, we will not be able to admit anyone. This is to avoid disrupting the children, who have worked so hard to prepare for the afternoon.

Our wonderful PTA, the Friends of St Norbert's, will be serving refreshments from 1.30pm.

May I also remind everyone of the importance of respecting other families' wishes regarding photographs and videos. Please do not share any photographs or videos containing other people's children on social media. Some families have understandably chosen not to consent to images of their children being shared online, and we ask everyone to respect these decisions. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, our collection for the local Foodbank will open in the school Reception area on Monday morning next week. If you are able to donate any items, these would be very gratefully received. However, please do not feel under any obligation to contribute. We know that family finances can be stretched, and your support for our school community is appreciated in so many different ways.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Please note that the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) role at Saint Norbert's will now be undertaken by Mr Walker. Mrs O'Neill will continue in her role as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). As Headteacher, I continue to bear overall responsibility for the operational leadership of safeguarding.

PGL Visit May 2027

A reminder that the next instalment of £100 towards the cost of our PGL residential visit is due by Monday 30th November. Please make your payment through Arbor by this date. Thank you.

Class 5 Celebration of the Word

Families of children in Class 5 are warmly invited to join us for their Celebration of the Word on Friday 6th November.

Doors will open at 2.20pm, with the Celebration beginning promptly at 2.30pm. As usual, we will not be able to admit anyone once the Celebration has begun, so please do arrive in good time.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Half Term Holiday

School will close for the half-term holiday on Friday 23rd October, reopening on Monday 2nd November.

Goldstar Out of School Club will remain open as usual on Friday afternoon. However, before making a paid booking, please could I ask families to consider carefully whether they will still require their child's place. In previous years, some families have booked places at Goldstar but then decided to take their children home following the Harvest Celebration, ready to begin the half-term holiday.

Whilst we completely understand this, staffing and activities have to be planned in advance based on the bookings we receive. Unfortunately, we are unable to refund payments for places cancelled on the afternoon itself. We therefore ask that you only book a place if you are confident that it will be needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson