



# St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



**Start your child's learning journey with us.**

**We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus**

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## Early years Foundation Stage



**Indoor Classroom**

## Outdoor Classroom



## School Dinners

All children in our Reception class are encouraged to have our healthy school dinners. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free healthy school lunch with a choice of menu.

## Curriculum

At St. Augustine's, we deliver a curriculum based on the framework for the early years Foundation Stage. This describes the seven areas of learning and development which **“must be implemented through planned, purposeful play.”**

The framework also states that **“Practitioners must respond to each child's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through warm, positive interaction.”** We have an experienced and dedicated Early Years team who put this into practise every day.

In addition, the framework describes “Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning;

- playing and exploring
- active learning
- creating and thinking critically

These describe exactly the approach we take to learning in our foundation stage at St. Augustine's.



Throughout the year, the Reception children play, make friends, develop and learn. They have great fun, exploring and creating, indoors and outside. They gain independence and confidence and their natural curiosity is encouraged at all times.

## Your Child's Learning Journey



As a Catholic school, we offer your child the opportunity to take part in daily prayers and collective worship in their class and with the whole school including mass in school or in our local parish church of St. Mary and St. Augustine's on Broad Street, Stamford. We ensure that topics we teach in Religious Education lessons and themes in liturgies, are relevant to the children's lives and is presented in a way that is easy for them to understand.



Our skilled staff will help your child to learn to read and write and gain mathematical understanding starting from your child's unique starting point. Using photos, videos and diary entries, teachers, along with the parents, 'weave' the story of the child and how they are growing and developing.

The Tapestry platform enables these memories to be kept as a permanent record of your child's own journey. All information held in the platform is stored securely, and can be downloaded and shared as required. Parents are able to view online their child's progress and how much fun they're having, whilst also uploading their own comments and media.

The communication between staff and parents that Tapestry enables, helps build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential whilst in the Early Years Foundation Stage at St. Augustine's.



Take a virtual tour of our wonderful school here <https://www.st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk/index.asp> to see our school in action or contact us to visit in person: 01780 762094



