



St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

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A PRAYER TO WELCOME YOU BACK

Peace Within

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are
exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite
possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you
have received, and pass on the love
that has been given to you
May you be confident knowing you
are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your
bones, and allow your soul the
freedom to sing, dance, praise and
love.
It is there for each and every one of
us.
- St. Therèse of Lisieux and St.
Theresa of Avila

LITTLE STARS WRAPAROUND CARE

Little Stars bookings must now be made via
ParentPay and paid at the point of booking.
All bookings must be paid for within 2 hours
or the system will automatically cancel them.
Only children who have been booked and
paid for, will be accepted into the club.
Any bookings that you wish to cancel must
be cancelled 48hrs before the booked
session to avoid charges.

Bookings close at midday the day before the
required session. You can book as many
sessions in advance as you require.
Please see the attached document with
instructions on how to book and cancel
sessions. The iPad in the school foyer can
also be used by parents to access ParentPay
if required and office staff will be happy to
assist if needed.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome back to you all! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break.
What an exciting week we've had here at Saint Augustine's! It's been wonderful to see the school full of life again after the summer, and to see our newest pupils settling in with wonderful support from all of our older pupils and staff.
Our teachers and teaching assistants have worked so hard during the summer to get all of the classrooms ready for the return to school. I would like to thank them all for their amazing ideas, hard work, and all of the planning that has gone into our new term. You can keep in touch with your child's learning on both the Seesaw app and the Class Dojo app.

GEORGE'S FOOD HUB

You may be aware, either from the front of school or on social media, that George Heatherington (previously of Second Helpings in Stamford) is setting up a 'Food Hub' in THE SHED at the front of our school. Surplus food from across Stamford will be dropped here regularly across the week and the shed will be open to our school and local community to benefit from the food on a 'pay as you feel' basis. George's Food Hub will be manned by volunteers, with further information on opening times to follow.

It is a real privilege to be able to support George in this community venture and I hope that it will be useful to all, whilst also benefitting the environment by 'feeding bellies not bins'.

I am very much looking forward to another year leading St. Augustine's and once again, have lots of exciting developments planned. Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support, it really is a privilege to be a part of such a fabulous school community.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Father Peter and his family at this sad time, as they mourn the passing of Father Peter's mother, Kathleen Margaret Vellacott.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead,
Mrs Cox

FREE ART SESSIONS!

ArtPopUpUK is a non-profit organisation who have teamed up with MindSpace Stamford to provide free arts activities for children and families in September! Please see the flyer on the right for dates and details, or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/ArtPopUpUK>
for further information on this great resource.

FREE

FREE arts activities for children and families in September!

Sunday 11th September 2:30-4:30pm Every second Sunday of the month	Make Space: monthly arts & crafts event including drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery and metal embossing workshops. All ages.	URC Hall, 29 Broad St, Stamford PE9 1PJ
Tuesday 13th September 12:30-2pm	Creative Journaling for Parents	MindSpace 39 Broad St, Stamford PE9 1PX
Sunday 18th September 3-4pm	WALKShop: Guided Neighbourhood Walk and Workshop with botanist & artist. Age 8+	Community Orchard, Christ Church Close PE9 1HS
Sunday 26th September 3-4pm	WALKShop: Guided Walk and Workshop	Junction of Osen Close and Chesters Road, PE9 2XZ

If you have any questions get in touch at community@artpopup.co.uk. Socials: @ArtPopUpUK

Art Pop-Up

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Today we pray for Queen Elizabeth II, who died peacefully at her Balmoral home yesterday, 8th September 2022, at the age of 96. We think of her family and remember them in our prayers. We pray for our new King, Charles III, as he embarks on his reign at this very sad time.

We give thanks for her extraordinary life and incredible service as the longest reigning monarch of the United Kingdom. We will remember her joyful spirit and our special Platinum Jubilee celebrations at St. Augustine's in June this year.

"I know of no single formula for success, but over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together."

- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

ART CORNER



We are delighted that some of our portraits have been displayed in the Stamford Arts Centre! Do pop in to see them if you're in town...can you see yours?!

Happy Birthday to Sophie in Y5 who will be 10 on 10th September, Oliver in Y4 who turns 9 on 11th September, and Archie in Y5 who will be 10 on 15th September! We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!



SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you already know, from September 2022 our new meal provider is Ideal School Meals.

Ideal School Meals are Lincolnshire's biggest and fastest growing providers of school meals. They provide thousands of healthy school meals every day, using fresh ingredients (including high welfare meats and seasonal produce) sourced locally from respected and established farms and suppliers. Meals must now be ordered online via www.schoolmealsonline.com. The deadline for orders is 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If you have any problems ordering your child's meals, please contact the school office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You don't have to be perfect

Having a bad day is ok

Small steps are also progress

Asking for help is strength

People love and appreciate you

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HOUSEKEEPING - IMPORTANT UPDATES:

SCHOOL DAY - NEW TIMES

Following new Government legislation regarding the length of the school day, it has been necessary to lengthen our school day by five minutes, meaning that school will now end at 3.15pm each day.

Start of the school day: 8.45am (NO DRIFT IN)

End of the school day: 3.15pm

The school gates will open at 8.30am each day, with classroom doors opening at 8.40am and registers opening at 8.45am. The gates will close at 8.45am after which time, you will need to enter via the front office. Gates will open at 3.05pm each day and your child will be released to known adults only via the classroom door.

UNIFORM

Our school uniform is a sign of our community, togetherness and sets the standards for the behaviour and ethos of our school. Last year, lots of children had started to look untidy with lots wearing incorrect uniform, PE kit, shoes as well as make - up, jewellery and nail varnish. This year, I have asked all of my staff to remind any children wearing incorrect uniform of our policy and to send a letter home to parents stating which item needs replacing. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office in the first instance, if you need any assistance, or if there is a reason why your child is wearing incorrect uniform.

Please see the correct uniform list [here](#) **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS.**

HEALTHY SCHOOL

It's very important that pupils stay hydrated and nourished in order to be able to concentrate on learning. Children should bring a snack and water bottle every day. As a healthy school, please remember that all snacks brought into school to eat at breaktime should be healthy. All water bottles must contain water, not squash. Children will be reminded of this.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will still receive free fruit each day.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

The parent survey last year highlighted that although we communicate with you well, there are lots of different places that information can be found, which we know may seem confusing. Please note the following apps that we will be using this year, and what they will be used for. Further information on these and how to sign up will be sent home imminently with your child.

Seesaw - this is an online learning platform which allows us to regularly share some of the more practical work your child is doing in class. The app also allows you to share your child's achievements and reading at home with the teacher, and also has a message function. Please use Seesaw to message your class teacher directly about anything to do with your child's learning.

Scholarpack app - this app is used for communication with the school office. The admin team will use Scholarpack to send letters and messages. Please use this app to let the office know if your child will be absent before 8.30am each morning. The app will also show you your child's attendance percentage - please can I remind you that attendance below 90% is considered a **persistent absentee** and will initiate an attendance letter and target from Mrs Garland.

Class Dojo - This year, instead of house points, children will be awarded dojos when they have shown our school virtues. The dojo app will notify you each time your child has been awarded a **virtue point**, so that you can ask them why it was awarded at home that evening. Your child will receive a special certificate each time they reach a 50 dojo milestone.

Facebook - This is to publicly celebrate our good news as a school, although we may also use it for important messages, as a way to ensure the widest reach to our community. In this instance, we will always repeat the message on Seesaw and/or Scholarpack.

Parent Newsletter - This is a weekly round-up of what's been happening in school, which is also shared with our Church community of parishioners.

NEW STAFF

We are welcoming several new staff members this year. Further information with photographs will follow shortly, but in the meantime please see the list below:

- **Mrs Hibbert** - Acting Deputy Head every Wednesday and Thursday
- **Miss Darby** - EYFS teacher and Phonics lead
- **Mrs Hawkins** - 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Year 4/5
- **Miss Bush** - PE Apprentice
- **Mrs Pattison** - Music Specialist teacher, leading music lessons for all children, choir and singing assembly every Tuesday. She will also be offering music lessons in viola, violin, piano, singing and saxophone
- **Mr Eshelby** - voluntary SENDCo trainee every Friday
- **Mrs Horsepool** - returning to year 1 and 2 and also supporting Mrs Taylor with Sensory Circuits
- each morning in the large hall
- We are also excited to be working even more closely with Inspire+ this year. Three sports coaches will be supporting teachers to deliver high quality PE lessons and **Mrs Ellie Atter** will be co-ordinating our sporting fixtures across the year.