



St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



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GLORY BE

**Glory be to the
Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world
without end.**



Amen.

NETBALL TEAM



L-R; Freddie, Harri, Daisy, Sylvie, Charlie, Rose and Ellie

On Thursday night we played netball at Malcolm Sargent school against their B team - the final result was a draw of 6-6.

I am so proud of the amazing teamwork from all of our St Augustine's players - well done everyone for your determination and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Ellie Sharpe. our player of the match this week!

- Miss E. Bush

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

Another wonderful week at our lovely school! We have seen some amazing work from all of our classes this week; our Foundation Stage class went out for a walk to the Stamford Orchard and picked their own apples which they washed and enjoyed for their snack when they got back to school!

We were delighted to see so many of you join us for our Reading Cafe on Thursday! It was lovely to see the school packed with families enjoying a story together and for you all to see the children in their learning environment.

We have a very exciting day on Monday 17th October, as we have the Wonderdome coming to our school! Mrs Oliver has arranged this wonderful planetarium experience for all of our classes to enjoy, and FOSA have very kindly funded this for us - thank you, FOSA and Mrs Oliver! The children will enjoy a unique learning experience inside an impressively large dome which is filled with air from a strong fan - inside the dome, there is specialised visual and audio equipment which projects onto the inside of the planetarium, giving a 360-degree experience which is totally immersive. The environment created by the dome is completely dark and immerses the visitor into a wonderful experience of the universe!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cox



LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS



We are in the process of confirming our new lunchtime and after-school clubs that will start when we return to school after half-term!

We will be offering multi-skills, choir, netball, forest school, Lego, football, table tennis and school council clubs!

We will be writing to you soon with sign-up details.

ST TERESA OF ÁVILA - FEAST DAY SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER



*"Leave it all to God and
leave your interests in His hands.
He knows what is fitting for us..."*

- St. Teresa of Ávila

Spanish nun St. Teresa of Ávila was one of the great religious women of the Roman Catholic Church. She is also known as St. Teresa of Jesus. She began a reform movement in the Carmelite order. The Carmelites are one of the four major mendicant orders (those professing poverty) of the Catholic Church. The Carmelite Reform restored the simplicity and contemplative character of early Carmelite life.

St. Teresa was canonized, or declared a saint, in 1622. In 1970 Pope Paul VI elevated her to doctor of the church, a saint whose religious writings have special authority. She was the first woman to be so honored. St. Teresa's feast day is October 15.

St. Teresa was born Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada on March 28, 1515, in Ávila, Spain. Her mother died in 1529. Although her father objected, Teresa entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation at Ávila. That probably occurred in 1535. Within two years her health had deteriorated so much that she became an invalid for three years. During that time she developed a love for mental prayer. After her recovery, however, she stopped praying. For the next 15 years she was unable to commit herself fully to God. Finally, in 1555 she underwent a religious awakening.

In 1558 Teresa began to consider the restoration of Carmelite life to its original observance of prayer and contemplation. This practice had relaxed in the 14th and 15th centuries. Her reform required utter withdrawal so that the nuns could meditate on divine law and have a prayerful life of penance for the sins of humankind. In 1562, with Pope Pius IV's authorization, she opened the first convent (St. Joseph's) of the Carmelite Reform.

Despite frail health and great difficulties, Teresa spent the rest of her life establishing and nurturing more convents in Spain. In 1575, while she was at the Sevilla (Seville) convent, a dispute erupted between two factions of Carmelite friars. The Carmelite general blamed her reforms for the dispute. He ordered her to retire to a convent in Castile. Juan was subsequently imprisoned at Toledo in 1577. In 1579 a solution was reached that appeased both Carmelite factions. Teresa was then directed to resume her reform efforts. The extensive travel weakened her health even further. She died on October 4, 1582, in Alba de Tormes, while on her way to Ávila.

LITTLE STARS

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.

Click [here](#) for more information on Little Stars. Bookings close 48 hours 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 our office staff will be happy to assist if needed.

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance this week was 94.27%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Acacia - 97.35%
- Juniper - 96.49%
- Cedar - 95.35%
- Sycamore - 93.1%
- Willow - 89.87%

84 of our pupils had 100% attendance at school this week. Please see below for government information on school attendance.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

BELIEVE
you can
and
you
will



ATTENDANCE

Attendance at 96% or above = Green (safety zone) The government standard for good attendance is 96% or above.

Attendance between 90.1% and 95.9% = Amber (At risk zone) This is considered to be the "at risk zone". If you are in the amber please be aware that your child's attendance is below the standard set by the government. As a school, we monitor your child's attendance. If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact the school.

Attendance below 90% = Red (Danger zone) If your child's attendance falls below 90% your child's attendance will be considered as being in the "danger zone". Your child's attendance will be monitored along with any absences. Again, if you need support with your child's attendance, please contact the school.

Please click [here](#) to link to the gov.uk website for more information on attendance and absence.

CEDAR CLASS - EYFS - Another fabulous week of learning and a trip out to Stamford Orchard for Cedar class!

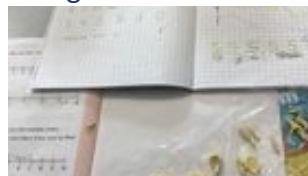
EYFS went for a walk to The Stamford Orchard this week. They took notice of street names and buildings that they passed on the way. They all picked their own apple then on their return to school, washed it and enjoyed it for their snack.



SYCAMORE CLASS - Y1/2 - Brilliant R.E work, self portraits in ICT and Geography this week for Sycamore!



ACACIA CLASS - Y3/4 - Learning about the Torah in R.E, great Maths, and technical and alliterative verbs!



WILLOW CLASS - Y4/5 - Learning about Phillipe Petit, Passover, and making electrical circuits!



JUNIPER CLASS - YEAR 6 - Great reading and yummy science - stages of the moon with Oreo biscuits!

