



St Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



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LET US PRAY

Dear Lord, I know that sometimes I forget to praise You. I know my faith weakens and I even doubt You when things are particularly hard. But, in the end I am always grateful that You love me unconditionally and see to it that I always rise to a new day.



Amen.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

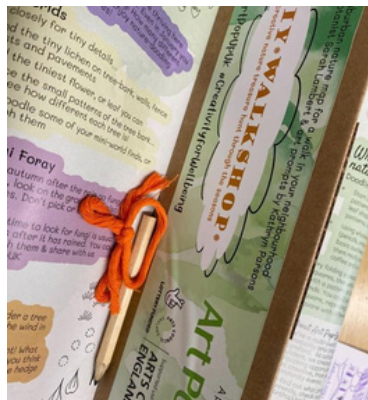


Did you know that the age of consent for WhatsApp has been increased from 13 to 16? As a school, we strongly advise all parents to remove WhatsApp from their child's devices. For more information on WhatsApp from the UK Safer Internet Centre, please click [here](#).

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

A fabulous week at our lovely school to bring this term to a close, including the Wonderdome Planetarium experience and parents evenings!

If you are able to, please go and see our school's art instalment at the Arts Centre this weekend. One World Week celebrates a different diversity theme each year; this year, the theme is 'Refugees'. Our pupils were led in Collective Worship to consider Matthew 2:13-23, where Jesus was forced to flee, to save His life. The children heard accounts from other famous refugees, all forced to leave their home and country to stay safe. Their mission was to take notice of the familiar sights that they may take for granted each day, that they would miss, to see them through grateful eyes - they then drew these images reflected in their own eye. Friends, families, gardens, houses and pets were just some of the poignant responses from all ages across the school.



Thanks SO much to @artpopupuk for donating one of these to every child in the school, as a great half term activity. These 'creative nature treasure hunt' packs will be coming home with children today - enjoy!

Wishing you all a lovely half term; we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October!

Mrs Cox

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE - FEAST DAY SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER



"Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace. Peace will be the last word of history."

- Pope John Paul II.

John Paul II was born just after the end of World War I. Even though peace treaties were signed, the suffering caused by this war continued in countries around the world. During his youth, World War II began and Germany's Nazi army invaded Poland.

Karol Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland on May 18, 1920. He was a good student and athlete and developed his talent as an actor. His mother died when he was nine, and his only brother died four years later. These sorrows brought him even closer to his father, whose deep faith inspired him. When Karol decided to become a priest, he had to study in secret because his country was under the rule of Germany's Nazi government. At the age of 38, he was the youngest man to be appointed bishop in Poland's history.

In 1978, he was elected pope and took the name of John Paul II. His early experiences in Poland during wartime made him a strong supporter of human rights and social justice. He played an important role in helping to end the long rule of Soviet communism in Russia and in Eastern Europe, including his native country of Poland. Pope John Paul II called for solidarity among all people of the world. He traveled more than any pope in history and visited 129 countries. In addition to his native Polish, he was fluent in many languages: Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Ancient Greek, and Latin. Everywhere he went, he preached the mission of peace and reconciliation, and the importance of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

As pope, he established World Youth Day as a way to strengthen the faith of young people. He traveled to cities hosting these celebrations and spoke to young people about the love and joy of following Jesus.

In 1981, John Paul II was shot while greeting pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. He recovered and later visited the shooter in prison, forgiving him for the act of violence that nearly took his life. John Paul II died in 2005 after serving as pope for 26 years, one of the longest reigns in history. On April 27, 2014 Pope Francis canonized Pope John Paul II as a saint of the Church.

Saint John Paul II inspired people throughout the world with his deep faith, and his passion for social justice. He helped to bring the Church into the modern world. He reached out to those in deepest need. He reminds us of what it means to love Christ through a deep commitment to our faith and to taking care of those who are poor or oppressed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to:

Imogen in Year 6 who is 11 today!

Flynn in Year 4 who will be 9 on 28th October.

Freddie in Year 6 who turns 11 on 28th October.

David and Anastasia in EYFS who will both be 5 on 29th October, and Lucy in Year 2 who will be 7!

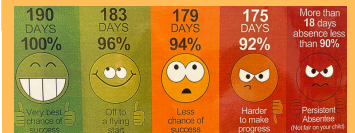
We wish you all a very happy birthday, and lots of fun celebrating!

CHAPLAINCY TEAM



This week Chaplaincy Team have helped to complete the new display depicting Our Lady of Lourdes. They have created the paper flowers to adorn her with and written their own special prayers to honour her and ask for her help. We have also been teaching some of our friends in class to lead Collective Worships in class and share our faith in new ways.
- Mrs Donington

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance this week was 90.65%.

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 96.39%
Sycamore - 89.66%
Acacia - 90.29%
Willow - 84.96%
Juniper - 97.39%

72 of our pupils had 100% attendance at school this week.

This week, all of our classes have been producing some amazing and varied artwork ranging from the work of Wassily Kandinsky to botanical art, art in ICT and Chinese Traditional artwork. The children have delighted us with their creations - here is a selection of their work - please log in to your Seesaw app for more artwork!

