



St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred. Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded. Bring peace into our hearts we pray.

Amen.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We have had a great week at St. Augustine's and here we are at the start of another weekend! Time really is flying as we move through the month of Advent and start to prepare for all of our lovely upcoming events.

Work on our new playground starts next week, and we're very excited to see the completed results and for the children to have a new space to play in. There will be some disruption in our playground whilst work is carried out; please bear with us during this time.

We have had training this morning for our new website migration that will be live in the new year. I'm thrilled with how it has been developed, and hope that you will enjoy visiting our new website. The theme will now tie in with the other schools within the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust, and we will be able to bring you live updates to our school life. More information will follow when we have confirmed our launch date.

The school application process for new starters of September 2023 is still open until 15th January 2023; if you know of any families that are still considering school options then please put them in touch with us to arrange a tour of our lovely school.

For families with more than one child at St. Augustine's, we have listened to your feedback and have now reinstated the Seesaw Family app for your ease of use. Please do log in to have a look your child's school day and learning. If you need help with access codes, please let us know.

Don't forget that we have our Christmas Fair at 3.30pm on Thursday 8th December; do come along to our Open Classroom event beforehand at 3pm to see your child's schoolwork. Children can also wear their Christmas jumpers and it's also our Christmas lunch day!

Our Advent theme this week is 'Hope', which is also one of our school virtues. In the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we await in hope the arrival of Jesus. Throughout the season of Advent, the Church uses many symbols to help us understand the significance of God becoming one of us, through the birth of Jesus. In a speech that Pope Francis gave to young people he reminded us never to doubt our ability to make a difference and be bearers of hope - wherever it is needed. The Pope said... **"To all young people, I repeat: Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope! Let us become bearers of hope!"**

Wishing you a peaceful weekend ahead,
Mrs Cox



STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK - MRS DEBBIE TUISAVURA



I moved to Stamford when I was 7 and, apart from 4 years when I lived in Cyprus, I have been here ever since!

I have two children and I have worked in education for the last 25 years; as a part-time lecturer/student adviser at Stamford College, alternative curriculum lead at a secondary school in Cyprus and more recently, as a teaching assistant at another primary school in Stamford.

I love to cook, and I like to spend time with my Romanian rescue dog, Sonny. You can often see me volunteering at George's Food Hub or at The Corn Exchange Theatre.

F.O.S.A CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Our Christmas Fair is getting nearer and the excitement is building! We can't wait to see you straight after school on Thursday 8th December!

Come enjoy lots of stalls and games, and roll up for our ever-popular raffle which will be drawn at 5.15pm - we know how much you all love the F.O.S.A raffle!

If you'd like some more raffle tickets, please pop in to our office and pick them up from there - just £5 for a book. F.O.S.A have arranged the most amazing prizes from local businesses and generous individuals - maybe you'll win a super treat!



ST ANDREW - FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



Andrew the Apostle, aka Saint Andrew, was a disciple of Jesus; he is a highly significant figure in the New Testament. He was a fisherman from Galilee, Israel, who encountered Jesus and started following him. Andrew deeply believed in Jesus and God and travelled around the world to introduce the new religion to people. Even after the death of Jesus, he continued to spread the word about him. However, the Romans didn't appreciate his work to convert people, and he was sadly killed. St Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in a Greek city. While according to various legends his relics are scattered all over the world, his remains were actually first moved to Constantinople, then to Amalfi in Italy.

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and also of fishermen, fishmongers and rope makers. St Andrew is said to be one of the most important disciples of Jesus Christ and one that was really close to him. In certain gospels, it is mentioned that Andrew told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes and that he was present at the Last Supper. Andrew was also among the four disciples who went to the Mount of Olives to ask about the return of Jesus.

DIARY DATES

WEDS 7TH DEC:

- CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2PM
AND 5.30PM

THURS 8TH DEC:

- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
- CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- OPEN CLASSROOM 3-3.30PM
- F.O.S.A CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30-6PM
(RAFFLE @ 5.15PM)

WEDS 14TH DEC:

- KS1 AN EXCITING CALL FROM
LAPLAND!
- KS2 CAROL SINGING AT
MORRISONS, 10AM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have lots of birthdays in our Acacia class this week! Happy Birthday to Dante who turned 8 on 1st December, and to Ella and Romeo who both celebrate their 8th birthday on 5th December!

We wish you all a very happy birthday, and lots of fun celebrating on your special day!

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance this week was 93.31%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 90%
Sycamore - 98.13%
Acacia - 94.17%
Willow - 85.83%
Juniper - 99.5%

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

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

BLESSING OF OUR ADVENT WREATHS

On Monday 28th November, the whole school walked to our parish church, St Mary and St Augustine on Broad Street for Father Peter to bless our class Christmas Wreaths.

Thank you, Father Peter, for a very special service. We all enjoyed squash and biscuits in the church hall before our walk back to school.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - ACACIA CLASS

This week our Acacia class led us in a special Collective Worship which was based on the theme of 'Belonging'. Well done to all of you for putting together a lovely worship time for us all - you worked so hard and so well together, and gave us all lots to reflect on.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION - WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

The children have taken part in a wonderful dress rehearsal today for our Christmas production and they are very excited to perform our whole school production of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' for you all on Wednesday 7th December!



There will be two performances: a matinee at 2pm and a second at 5:30pm. Please could all children be back at school by 5pm for the evening performance of the production - many thanks.

COFFEE MORNINGS - EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM - 10AM

Every Wednesday from 9am until 10am, we are hosting a coffee morning - please come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits at our friendly new social group; parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are all welcome to come along and join in.



Please feel free to bring any knitting or craft projects that you're working on - we look forward to welcoming you!

KS2 CAROL SINGING AT MORRISONS - WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday 14th December, our KS2 children will be singing Christmas carols at Morrisons in Stamford.

We would love to see you there - please come along from 10am to watch if you are able to, as we get ready for the Christmas holidays!

