



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

**Come Gracious Spirit,
Heavenly Dove,**

**With light and comfort from
above.**

**Be Thou our Guardian, Thou
our Guide,**

**Stay close by every child's
side. Amen!**



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As another great week draws to a close at St. Augustine's CVA, we head into the weekend with an exciting Community Open Morning at our lovely school tomorrow, Saturday 14th January!

We will be ready to welcome everyone from our local and wider community for tea, coffee and toast, a tour around the school, free activities for children led by staff and pupils, free play on our brand new Early Years and KS1 playground, gardening in our allotment areas, den building in our Forest School area, multi-skills in the sports hall, wellbeing activities in our sensory room, story-time in our library, and an open classroom in our Early Years class! George's Food Hub will also be open for grocery shopping on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis. We hope to see you there, and kindly ask that you might spread the word to friends and family. Sunday 15th January is the last day for school applications for the September 2023 cohort so our open day is a great way for any prospective families to come and see what our school can offer.

Thank you all very much for supporting us with our new morning routine in the playground this week. It has worked really well, and the children have been ready to start school at 8.45am. As always, please use the Seesaw app to stay in touch with your child's class teacher.

We are very proud to be a part of the wider community of Stamford, a beautiful town that has just this week been named by The Telegraph's destination experts as having one of the best high streets in the country! Stamford's historic architecture and high-quality independent shops meant that our town was rated fourth out of 15 other towns.

I hope that you have a great weekend, and hope to see you tomorrow at our Community Open Day!

Mrs Cox



LIBRARY SNUG

Mrs Cox and Mrs Coleman have made our library snug even cosier this week by adding a magical Narnia area with a beautiful mural and soft furnishings. Thank you to Rosedale Properties in Bourne for the use of some lovely props for our theme.

We can't wait to see the children enjoying time in 'Narnia' and getting lost in a book!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ACACIA CLASS TEACHER, MISS OLIVIA MENTZEL



I have been teaching for 10 years in Catholic Primary Schools. My favourite subject to teach is RE because I feel inspired by the scriptures we read and I like to think about what we can learn from them to incorporate into our daily lives.

Outside of school, I like to read in my spare time (mostly non-fiction because I find it interesting). I go to the gym a couple of times a week to keep myself feeling healthy. This is particularly important for me as I love to bake, so I make (and eat) a lot of sweet treats at home. I have a black and white cat called Checkers. She is 7 years old and a very lazy cat – she tends to potter around the house finding a different room to snooze in for a couple of hours, then goes to find a different room.

My favourite thing to do at the weekend is snuggle up on the sofa with Checkers in front of a movie.



BOOK CORNER

THEY SAY IN EVERY
LIBRARY THERE IS
A SINGLE BOOK THAT
CAN ANSWER THE
QUESTION THAT
BURNS LIKE A FIRE
IN THE MIND.

-LEMONY SNICKET

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.84%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 86%
Sycamore - 98.61%
Acacia - 94.47%
Willow - 91.39%
Juniper - 97.08%



82 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.

MINDFULNESS

FIVE FINGER BREATHING

- ★ Sit or stand comfortably with your back straight.
- ★ Open the palm of one hand as wide as you can.
- ★ Now with the pointer finger of the opposite hand, slowly trace your fingers while breathing.
- ★ Breathe in and trace up one side of your thumb, 1, 2, 3. Breathe out and trace down the other side of your thumb, 1, 2, 3.
- ★ Repeat for all five fingers



A SPECIAL VISITOR - JOE ROEBUCK

On Thursday 12th January, we were lucky enough to welcome Joe Roebuck to our school. Joe is a swimmer who has competed in many swimming championships for England, including the British Swimming Championships, various European championships, the Commonwealth Games, and the 2012 Summer Olympics. He gave a very inspiring assembly to our children and spent some time with each class, answering some amazing questions from the children! Joe once said "Hard work and self-belief were the key to my sporting success. I have now developed a passion for assisting others in achieving their goals, and through my roles as an athlete mentor, I aim to help young people unlock their potential."



SCHOOL LEAVERS HOODIES - YEAR 6 JUNIPER CLASS

If your child is in our Year 6 Juniper class, please be reminded that **Monday 16th January** is the last day to place an order for one of the Leavers hoodies that have been designed by the children themselves.

Hoodies may be worn in school after Year 6 have completed their SATS. There are lots of different colours available, but if your child would like to wear their hoody at school during the Summer term, it will need to be navy blue.

To place your order, please click [here](#) to open the School Leavers Company website in a new tab. You will need to enter the following login details for our school:

Username: SL61130

Password: 61130augustine



YOUR CHILD'S READING RECORD

You will by now have seen your child's yellow Reading Record book in their bags! Please can you ensure that this is in school with your child every day.

When your child reads in school, it will be recorded in this book, either by your child or one of the teaching staff.

Please could you make a note in the book when you have listened to your child read at home - it makes all the difference to our teachers to see what the children are reading and achieving at home, and it means so much to your child to have the pleasure of reading time with you at home. As always, please use the Seesaw app to update any reading achievements from home too!

