

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

What a wonderful week we've had at St. Augustine's! Our new School Council members have been chosen from each class, and are all ready for their first meeting together on Monday 25th September - more details on the next page.

We had a lovely visit from our new Trust Lay Chaplain, Mrs Lucy Wright. Lucy will split her time between four schools in our Trust, and will be in each school once a week to support with the planning and preparation of Collective Worship and to help maintain and develop various aspects of Catholic Life. Lucy will also help to support the spiritual and pastoral care of staff and pupils, help with fundraising projects and work to enhance links with parish communities. We are very much looking forward to Lucy's time with us in our school.

Willow and Olive classes had some time in our parish church, St. Mary and St. Augustine, on Tuesday. They spent time in our church learning about different areas of the church and Catholic rituals and practices that happen during Mass and in the church.



They also spent time in the Stamford Library, and had some lunch and activity time in the church hall. What a lovely day!

Tuesday was also Youth Mental Health Day - you can read more about this initiative on page 3.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Mrs Cox

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates:

Sycamore Class - Nevaeh for **Love & Respect**

Olive Class - Lucy for **Love & Respect**

Acacia Class - Ella for **Love of Learning & Determination** in swimming today

Willow Class - Alicia for **Love & Respect**

Juniper Class - Ava for **Friendship & Kindness**

Your child's virtue points will be available to view on the Arbor app very soon!



LET US PRAY

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.
Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home. Sustain us by
the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to
spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Nevaeh in Year 2 Sycamore class is 7 today, and Kiyan in EYFS Cedar Class is 5 on Sunday!

Many happy returns from everyone at St. Augustine's; we hope you have lots of fun celebrating your very special day.

POLITE VISITOR NOTICE



Please be advised that our school gates are locked from 3pm until 3.30pm every day to allow safe exit of all children.

Any vehicles in our car park at this time will be locked in until 3.30pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

GEORGE'S FOOD HUB

George's Food Hub celebrates it's first birthday this month! We are so privileged to have this amazing resource in our school grounds and fully support George and his amazing team in their mission to save surplus food from going to waste...and now you can pay-as-you-feel by cash **and** card!

Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri; 2.45pm-4.15pm, and **Sat;** 9.30am-11.30am



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council starts again on Monday 25th Sept from 3.15pm until 4pm

Your School Council members are:

Y2 - Andre and Ben

Y3 - Olivia and Althea

Y4 - Ella, Jake & Seth

Y5 - Jonah, Jack & Tyler

Y6 - Rose, Sylvie & Bailey



109th World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

This is celebrated by the Church every year. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. Everybody should be able to live their best life and to be able to feel safe and secure - whether in their home country or the place they come to call home. Sadly, our common home is not a place of safety, peace and welcome for all. How can we build our common home together? The Holy Father in his message says: 'Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey.'

E-Safety update from Alan Mackenzie @ esafety-adviser.com

ChatGPT and now FraudGPT?

You can't have missed all the media reporting over the last few months about ChatGPT. This sort of large language model (LLM) has ethical safeguards in place to prevent misuse, but with the technology available to anyone it isn't beyond reason that others will use technology with no safeguards in place. Enter FraudGPT, for sale on the dark web (allegedly) and designed to be a large language model which criminals can use for fraudulent purposes (e.g. phishing scams, chatbot scams etc.). There's debate about whether FraudGPT actually exists or whether it's just scammers scamming other scammers, but even if it doesn't exist (yet) the fact remains that this technology can be used. For example, one of the key pieces of advice we give to students when receiving official posts, emails etc. is to check for spelling/grammar. This is because the primary language of many criminals and organised crime groups isn't english. However, with the likes of ChatGPT this advice will become secondary quite quickly and it's important we make students aware of this - just because the spelling/grammar are perfect doesn't mean that something can be trusted 100%. The same is true of reviews; think Amazon, TripAdvisor, TrustPilot etc., ChatGPT can be used to create thousands of reviews in seconds. For more information about FraudGPT see [HERE](#).

Supporting Young Girls' Wellbeing.

From managing screen time, the fear of missing out and body image. All these and more can affect the wellbeing of children. Internet Matters have put together a great series of articles for parents and although aimed at 9-10 year old girls I would say it is worthwhile for all older and younger children, boys and girls.

You can see the advice page [HERE](#).

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023

Tuesday 19th September was Youth Mental Health Day 2023. This initiative promotes understanding and positive discussion of the mental health of young people. The theme for this year was #BeBrave, all about building confidence and emphasising that bravery can come in many forms for many different people. You can learn more about YMHD [here](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON...Y1/Y2 SYCAMORE CLASS!



Our Sycamore class children worked really hard this week to make their very own scrapbooks!

They used lots of different media for their beautiful creations and all did such a wonderful job.

Well done, everyone!



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.13%.

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 97.6%
Sycamore - 96.37%
Olive - 98.75%
Acacia - 95.56%
Willow - 90.87%
Juniper - 93.53%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

For more information, please visit the gov.uk website [here](#).



Just a reminder that meals must be ordered at least a week in advance, and the deadline for orders for the following week is 9am on a Tuesday morning. After this time, Ideal Meals for Schools cannot accept any further orders. Meals can be booked for an entire term for convenience. If you need help with the ordering system, please click [here](#) for a full guide on how to book school meals. The Ideal Meals for Schools website also has lots of recipes and activities for children [here](#).

MEET OUR TEAM MEMBERS



Mrs Debbie Tuisavura Year 5 Willow Class
Teaching Assistant
Green Team/
School
Council



Mrs Barbara Kaczmarek
Year 1/2 Sycamore Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Lucy Wright
OLoL Trust Lay Chaplain

