

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

I'm delighted to welcome you all back to St. Augustine's, and welcome some of you to our school for the first time; I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. The children have settled back in very well over the last few days, and it's lovely to see them back with their friends, making new friends and starting their new school year with some great learning already! Our 17 new children in EYFS Cedar class have had some time with us this week and we can't wait to welcome them all on Monday as they start their full time school journey with us. We also welcome 10 children who have joined us from other schools.

Our school gates open at 8.30am and children will line up with their class teachers at 8.40am ahead of registration at 8.45am sharp. Our gates will be locked at 8.45am. Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on any part of our playgrounds - please dismount at the school gates.

As we start our new school year, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that attendance at St. Augustine's is closely monitored. If your child's attendance falls below 96% we will be in touch via letter to arrange a meeting to discuss. Holidays in term time are not permitted and will be subject to the guidelines set out by Lincolnshire County Council.



We have had a lot of building work and redecoration going on during the summer break to give the school building a bit of a facelift and refresh. Everywhere is lovely and fresh and ready for our learning ahead.

The final touches are being added to our new school library as I type and will soon be a relaxing area to disappear into a book.

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 - Naomi for **Hope & Confidence**

Olive Class - Luna for **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - Leo for **Love & Respect**

Willow Class - Tyler for **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class - Oscar for **Love of Learning & Determination**

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



LET US PRAY

Lord God, bless our school as we enter a new academic year.

May ours be a community of welcome and hope. Watch over our pupils so that they grow in understanding and love.

Encourage our staff so that their service reveals your generosity and mercy.

Inspire our leaders so that their actions show your wisdom and justice.

Loving Father, through the Trinity you teach us the importance of relationship, help us work together to accomplish your mission: that all your children may live life to the full.

Amen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



We are celebrating lots of birthdays in school this week! Adam in Cedar class is 5 today, and Mrs Worrick from Acacia Class is also celebrating her birthday today.

Sophie in Juniper class is 11 on Sunday, AJ in Sycamore class is 6 on 11th September, and Oliver in Willow class reaches double figures turning 10 on 11th September.

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

LITTLE STARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

You can now book and pay for our Little Stars After School Club on our new Arbor App. This is the only way to book a place for your child.

As before, bookings close 48 hours in advance.

If you need any help, please do get in touch.



ST. NICHOLAS DA TOLENTINO, AGOSTINIAN - FEAST DAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Nicholas of Tolentino (Latin: S. Nicolaus de Tolentino, (c. 1246 – September 10, 1305), known as the Patron of Holy Souls, was an Italian saint and mystic. He is particularly invoked as an advocate for the souls in Purgatory, especially during Lent and the month of November. In many Augustinian churches, there are weekly devotions to St. Nicholas on behalf of the suffering souls. November 2, All Souls' Day, holds special significance for the devotees of St. Nicholas of Tolentino.

ARBOR APP



Hopefully you've had a chance to log in to the new Arbor system and set up your details within the app. You will be able to send messages directly to us via the 'send message' option; this can be used to notify of us of absences or request a call back if you need to chat to us. You will also be able to top up your balance for Little Stars wraparound care and make bookings. School trips will also be set up within the Arbor app for you to give consent and make payments for, and you can also view details of any clubs that your child is enrolled in. Arbor keeps all of your child's details in one central platform, and is an effective communication tool between us and our school families. Please get in touch if you need any help accessing anything within the app.

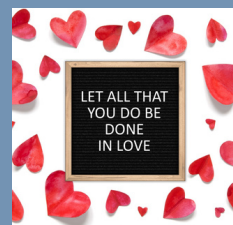
OUR SCHOOL VIRTUES

Our school's new behaviour policy (which we will upload to the website and notify you of shortly) continues to be rooted in children practising our virtues on a daily basis and being rewarded for great examples of this. We hope that through regular practise, these behaviours become embedded habits, forming the excellent character of our young people as good citizens both in school, and of the future.

Over the summer, our behaviour policy has been updated to encompass the change to our Mission Statement – we now 'FLOURISH IN LOVE' by following our virtues. The attachment at the bottom of the newsletter shows a rough guide to the Virtues display in each classroom, reminding children of their commitment to doing everything they do in a kind and loving way. The colours in the centre also show our move to teaching the children to recognise and manage their emotions using the 'Zones of Regulation', a system which colour codes our feelings and energy and helps us to know when we need to regulate in order to be GREEN and 'good to go' with our learning, as much as possible. A points system is being set up on Arbor, which will keep parents up to date on any virtue or reflection points that their child has been given – more information to follow.

We have also created a regulation room in school, which we have named 'Mount Tabor' and updated the Little Stars room to be a Wellbeing Room throughout the day (also where Bonnie and Baxter will be stationed, ready for work!) which we have named 'Shiloh'. Mount Tabor represents transformation and Shiloh means 'a place of calmness' of Hebrew – Biblical names relating to the use of these two new break-out spaces in school.

The first few days of term have been focussed on the children and staff exploring and getting to know these new routines and procedures, establishing their classroom rules, creating interactive prayer spaces around the school and getting going with their learning for the term. We hope that your children have settled in well and have enjoyed being back at school. - Mrs Cox



WE ARE HERE TO HELP



We know that it can sometimes be very difficult for children to settle in to a new school year after a long summer break or when new to the school. Some children can feel very anxious about the school day and the new term. Please be assured that we are here to help.

If you would like to talk to us about any of these issues, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher and we will work with you to find a solution that is best for your child.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.13%.

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 100%

Sycamore - 97.37%

Acacia - 92.94%

Olive - 97.62%

Willow - 95.83%

Juniper - 90%

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](https://www.gov.uk) website [here](#).

WHAT WE'VE HEARD THIS WEEK...



"I liked meeting my new teachers and enjoyed writing this week." Remy - Olive Class



"I've enjoyed the Virtues days this week" Zachary - Olive Class



"It's been a great first week back because it's been lots and lots of fun." Luke - Juniper Class

HELP NEEDED

We would love to have a bank of familiar volunteers that we could call on to help us with school trips/ visits, after school clubs and to come in and read with the children.

If you think that this is something that you would like to do and could spare some of your time to help us, we would very much appreciate it. Please get in touch with us via the Arbor app for more details. Thank you.

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Miss Amelia Copeland
Year 5 Willow
Class Teacher



Miss Gemma Smalley
High Needs Teaching Assistant



Miss Tia Cunnington
Year 3 Acacia Class Teaching Assistant