

# 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

As I type, our Acacia and Juniper class are at their swimming lessons and the school seems rather quiet compared to yesterday when our Willow and Juniper class were practicing for the Stamford Primary Schools Singing Concert which is taking place on Friday 6th October at St. Martin's Hall in Stamford.

This event has been organised by the Stamford Diversity Group to raise money for 'Stamford For Ukraine', supporting Ukrainians in need. Our Willow and Juniper classes are taking part along with 5 other local schools for this wonderful event which is being directed by renowned musician Fergus Black. Full details on how to book tickets for this wonderful concert have gone out to you all this week. We do hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Earlier in the week, Wendy McDonald from FOSA hosted a bake sale in aid of The Alzheimer's Society. This event raised a brilliant £100 and Wendy would like to thank everybody who baked treats, came along to support and generously donated.



Having regular conversations with your child can keep them safe online. Help children deal with online issues and open up about their digital lives with these valuable tips and resources from [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) [here](#).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead; we 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 - Logan - Love of Learning & Determination** for super effort in reading.

**Olive Class - Logan - Love of Learning & Determination**

**Acacia Class - Seth - Friendship & Kindness**

**Willow Class - Charlie - Hope & Confidence** for his poem

**Juniper Class - Sylvie and Rose - Hope & Confidence** - for representing school at youth council

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



## LET US PRAY

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy birthday to Miss Gamble from Cedar Class for next week!

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 with the exception of our school dogs, Bonnie and Baxter, dogs are not allowed on any of our school grounds at any time.

Thank you for your understanding.



## THIS WEEK IN EYFS CEDAR CLASS

This week in Early Years our tough spot has been filled with exciting activities for the children to practice their fine motor skills!



## GREEN TEAM

Green Team starts again on Monday 2nd Oct from 3.15pm until 4pm

Your Green Team members are:

Y2 - Logan

Y3 - David & Talitha

Y4 - Leo & Ellie-Mae

Y5 - Lola-Rose, Charlie, Mia & Kyle

Y6 - Jenson & Luke



## St. Michael the Archangel Feast Day

### SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

St. Michael the Archangel, also known as Saint Michael the Archangel or simply Archangel Michael, holds a significant place in the Roman Catholic tradition. He is an Archangel, associated with courage, protection, and divine intervention.

Within our Roman Catholic tradition, St. Michael the Archangel holds a special place. He is often invoked as "Holy Michael, the Archangel" or "Saint Michael" in prayers and liturgies. While not formally canonised as a saint, he is revered as a celestial being with immense significance.

## Olive and Cedar trip to our Parish Church and Stamford Library

Each term, our classes pair up to walk into town, attend Mass, visit the library and then spend the afternoon learning in the Church hall before their parents join them to see what they've been up to.

Last week, Willow (Y5) and Olive (Y3) had their visit. They had a great time completing a picture treasure hunt around the Church, learning about the library, reading stories and visiting the museum. They had lunch in the church hall and then completed tasks together based on Mrs Mumford's RE lesson, discussing what makes a happy home.

Thanks to all the parents that came along at the end of the day, to share in the excitement and learning from the day.

Juniper (Y6) and Acacia (Y4) are next to visit in October, with Cedar (EYFS) and Sycamore (Y1/2) in December for Advent carols and a nativity in church!

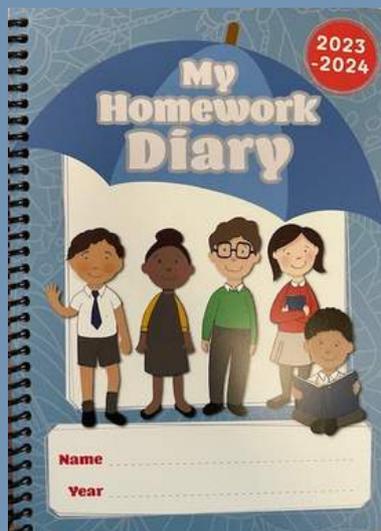


# HOMWORK DIARIES

Your child will soon be bringing home their new homework diaries. Please help your child to look after it and bring it to school with them everyday.

There are lots of activities to complete if your child wishes to; you'll find these and bible stories on the left-hand pages of the homework diary.

Please make a note in their of when you have read with your child; we love to see how well the children are progressing and learning at home!



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.13%.

Our attendance by class is as follows:

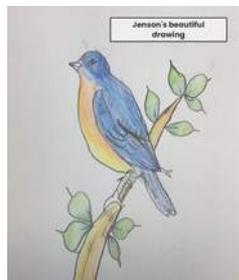
- Cedar** - 96.08%
- Sycamore** - 92.76%
- Olive** - 87.5%
- Acacia** - 92.59%
- Willow** - 89.37%
- Juniper** - 83.33%

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](#).

## SPOTLIGHT ON...Y6 JUNIPER CLASS

Our Juniper children have created some beautiful drawings in their Art lesson. Well done, everyone.



## NISA LOCAL, STAMFORD

We are absolutely delighted to have won £500 from Making A Difference Locally and Nisa Local - Stamford Northfields for our Breakfast Club!

We are very grateful and know that it will make such a difference. Thank you so much to everyone who voted for us!



## CHILDREN IN NEED 2023 - BE SPOTACULAR!

This year, BBC Children in Need will be taking place on **Friday 17th November 2023**.

This will mark the 43rd TV Appeal to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

Our School Council are starting to make plans for our St. Augustine's fundraising efforts. With the help of our Green Team, are looking at ways to adapt a piece of clothing that you may already have at home so that you don't have to buy something new...watch this space!

There will be a £1 donation to Children In Need to come to school in your spotty clothes.

See Children In Need trailer video [here](#) and visit the website [here](#).

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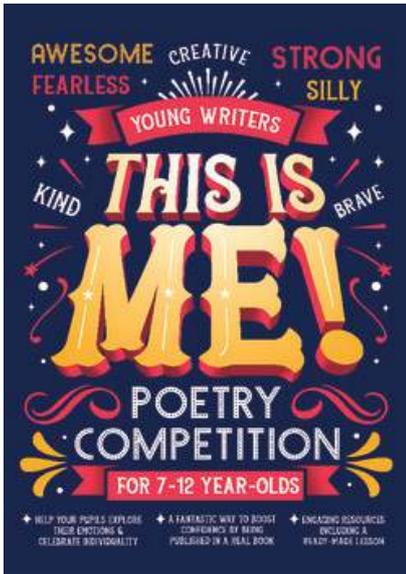
**SAVE THE DATE!**



We know that it feels like a long time to go until Christmas but it is only 87 days away! Not only that, but we are thrilled to announce that our super-popular FOSA Christmas Fair will take place during the afternoon of Thursday 14th December. We wonder if Santa might make an appearance again this year?

More details to follow nearer the time.

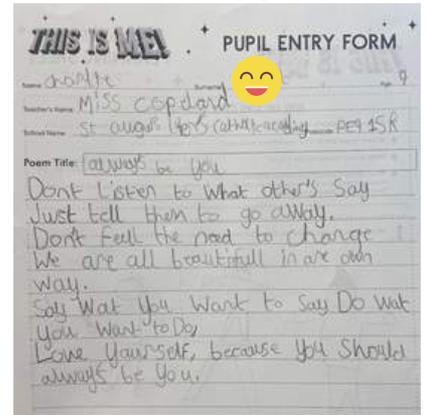
# THIS IS ME! POETRY COMPETITION



Miss Copeland's Year 5 Willow children have been working really hard on some poems for this year's 'This Is Me!' Poetry Competition.

The children used different types of poems; acrostic, rhyming and narrative amongst others, to write powerfully and expressively about who they are.

The work that the children have created is amazing; Miss Copeland will be sending all of the poetry off to the competition organisers for all of the children's poems to be considered. Here is Charlie's entry...Mrs Cox was very impressed!



## OUR NEW SCHOOL VIRTUES BENCHES

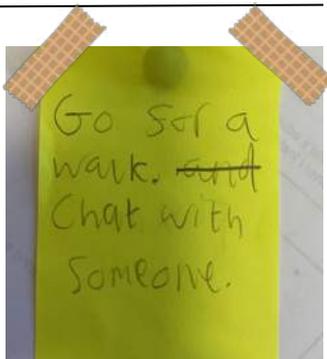
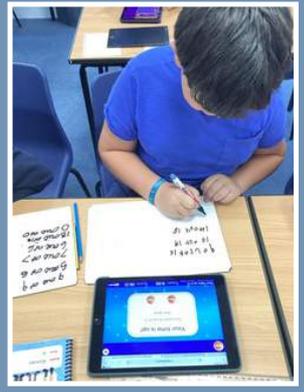
Our School Council from last year along with our FOSA team have very kindly arranged and paid for six benches for our school. Each bench has one of our Virtue pairs carved into the oak as a reminder for our St. Augustine's children to Flourish in Love. We are very grateful to FOSA for their generous donation, and for everything that they do to support our lovely school



## A MESSAGE FROM MISS DARBY, CEDAR CLASS



Just a little message to remind everyone that we need reading diaries, books and sounds in school every day please. Thank you for your continued support.



## I AM BRAVE...

Last week we marked Youth Mental Health Day and discussed this year's theme and what it means to #bebrave and how we can help our wellbeing. Over the next few weeks, we'll add a sticky note here from one of the children with their example of being brave.

## THIS WEEK IN ACACIA CLASS

On Thursday, during maths, we practised our timestables using the game 'Hit the button'. The children used their new homework diaries to help them with the answers and were really enjoying improving their own scores. This is a great game for you to play and practise at home.

