

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

Here we are in a brand new month with only two school weeks to go until our half term break. October is summed up perfectly in this seasonal quote from author Jacqueline Woodson:

“He loved October. Had always loved it. There was something sad and beautiful about it - the ending and beginning of things.”

As autumn sweeps in to replace summer, we look forward to all of the lovely events that we have coming up throughout autumn and winter.

Our week started with a trip for Acacia and Juniper class to Mass at our Parish church and a trip to the library. The library staff showed the children how the books are organised and told them some interesting tales about local history. The children went back to the church and looked at the different features and sketched them into their art books. What a great day!

Our Willow and Juniper class have been representing our school at St. Martin's Hall today in the Stamford Primary Schools Singing Day. More info and photos to follow next week!

We have two open day events coming up on Saturday 4th November and Tuesday 7th November. Full details have been sent out today. If you have friends or family with children due to start school in September 2024,

please ask them to save the date! We welcome children from all cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds whose families support our Catholic ethos and want their children to experience the caring environment of the school.

We are opening our classrooms up to families on Wednesday 18th October from 3.30pm until 5.00pm - we have sent out details in an email today.

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 - Harry D - **Love of Learning & Determination** - "His work ethic and effort has been outstanding."

Olive Class - Olivia A - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - Ellie-Mae B - **Love of Learning & Determination** - "Amazing determination with maths this week."

Willow Class - Arlo B - **Love of Learning & Determination** - "Your handwriting is beautiful!"

Juniper Class - Nikki B - **Love of Learning & Determination** - "For her beautiful poem about her safe space."

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



LET US PRAY

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve; to you do we lift up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy birthday to Benjamin in Olive class who will be 8 on 11th October, and to Conor in Juniper class who will be 11 on 12th October

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

School Council will next be in session on Monday 9th October from 3.15pm until 4pm.

Green Team will next get together on Monday 16th October from 3.15pm until 4pm.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Feast Day SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

The month of October is a powerful time to draw close to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary.

Praying the Rosary is similar to small children reaching up to hold the hand of their mother in complete trust.

During her lifetime, Mother Teresa always carried a rosary in her hand. In this way, she said, she was holding Mary's hand.

Saint Louis de Montfort said, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus." May she draw us ever nearer to her Immaculate Heart and to that of her beloved Son.

Our Lady of the Rosary,
Our Lady of Victory – Pray for us!

ACACIA AND JUNIPER TRIP

Acacia class had a brilliant day at the church and the library. First we attended Mass, where all of the children sat beautifully. We then headed to the library where we learnt about local history and how books are organised. After lunch, we went back into the church where we learnt about the different features of a church and sketched these into our art books. A fabulous day!

- Miss Lee, Year 4 Acacia Class



FOSA LIGHT PARTY DISCO - THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

FOSA Light Party
 Wear your best and brightest outfits for our light party disco.
 Just £3 entry
 Hot Dog and refreshment included
2nd Nov 2023
4:30 to 6pm
 Please drop off via the main entrance at 4.30, then collect from classroom doors at 6pm (the side gate to the playground next to Georges will be open)
 Light up toys available to buy on the day for £1 or £2 each, please send children with exact change for this please.

NETBALL TEAM BIBS!



L-R; Luke, Jack, Sylvie, Rose, Bryony, Mia and Charlie

A huge thank you to G&S Windows in Stamford for supplying our netball team with these fabulous new bibs!

- Miss B

FOSA UNIFORM SHED

FOSA's Uniform Shed is now open every Monday in the Key Stage 1 playground. They have lots of second hand uniform in great condition, and the odd bit of brand new uniform too.

Most items are just £1, and shoes and coats are just £2!

Our FOSA team are working on offering a cashless option, but until then they can only accept cash.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.39%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 95.79%

Sycamore - 91.5%

Olive - 95%

Acacia - 93.89%

Willow - 85.59%

Juniper - 95.24%

SPOTLIGHT ON...EYFS CEDAR CLASS

Our EYFS Cedar Class have had a super week!

They brought their Harvest Festival learning to life by making some delicious vegetable soup! The smell in school was absolutely wonderful. The children looked at vegetables, held them and smelt them, and then cut them up for their soup. Miss Darby said "Nearly all of the children tasted the soup and some even surprised themselves and enjoyed it."



Cedar Class have also visited our local orchard and each picked an apple to have for their snack! What a great week, Cedar Class!



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.

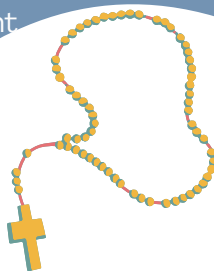
For more information, please visit the gov.uk website [here](#).

OCTOBER - DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY

In last week's parish church newsletter, Canon Peter reminded us all that October is the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Canon Peter wrote:

"I commend this devotion to you as an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. The rosary has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the TV or radio at some point in the day and pray the rosary, or perhaps as you commute to work or school, and see what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from this daily meditation."

For more information on our beautiful parish church, Saint Mary & Saint Augustine, please click [here](#).



ROSARY BEADS

We are delighted to have been gifted with a set of rosary beads for every single child to use in school.

This very generous gift was made to us by the Catenian Rosary Group and they have also included prayer cards for the children. The rosaries will be a very valuable addition to our children's faith journey, and will provide a tangible link to prayer.

Canon Peter blessed the rosary beads for us during Mass on Tuesday, attended by our Acacia and Juniper classes.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TUESDAY 10TH OCT

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

That's why we've signed up to take part in #HelloYellow. By taking part and wearing yellow, we're showing young people that we're with them. We're showing them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health, and raise vital funds for YoungMinds. We are asking students to wear uniform and add a splash of yellow either a jumper/accessory etc.

To take part, students can wear yellow to school on 10 October, and we ask parents and carers to consider making a donation to YoungMinds.

Here is our JustGiving page where you can make a donation if you'd like to: [Young Minds Just Giving Page](#)

Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.

WHY ARE WE WEARING YELLOW?

This World Mental Health Day, we're wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health.

By wearing yellow and raising funds for YoungMinds, we're showing young people that we're with them. We're showing them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

However you are feeling, it matters. We want you to know that you're not alone with your mental health. Look around you - what can you see? Yellow!

The more people who stand out and show up, the more comfortable young people will feel about talking to someone if they're struggling.

#HelloYellow M&S | YOUNGMINDS

HOW YOUR FUNDRAISING WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- £5 could help us reach 205 young people through #HelloYellow and show them they're not alone with their mental health.
- £15 could help ensure our parents helpline continues to provide advice and support to a parent worried about their child.
- £20 could help us provide mental health resources to over seven schools taking part in #HelloYellow.
- £30 could help train a young activist, building their confidence to speak up and influence the decisions that affect the future of young people's mental health.
- £67.50 could give one parent or carer a call back from one of our independent, experienced professional advisors.
- £219 could train one parent's helpline advisor to be on the end of the phone to provide information and support to parents and carers.

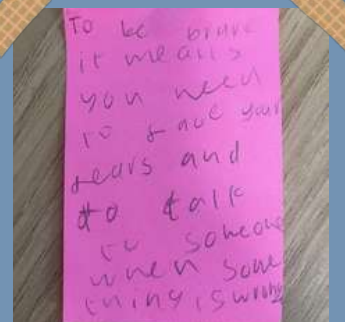
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SYCAMORE CLASS WORSHIP

On Wednesday, our Sycamore class performed their first collective worship. They have worked so hard learning lines. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children. - Mrs Donington



I AM BRAVE...



We recently had discussions around what it means to #bebrave and how we can help our wellbeing to mark Youth Mental Health Day. Over the next few weeks, we'll add a sticky note here from one of the children with their example of being brave or how they think wellbeing can be improved.

Hello, I'm Gus!



I'm St. Augustine's new worry monster, Gus!

I was made and donated to the school by a lady called Alex Sismey, a local Stamfordian, and I'm here to help my new friends at St. Augustine's with any worries that they might have, big or small. Give me a cuddle if you see me in school! Thank you, Alex!

JUNIPER CLASS POETRY

Our Year 6 Juniper class have been writing poetry this week. Mrs Oliver said that they have all done a wonderful job and produced some thought-provoking pieces, and was particularly struck by Nikki's poem

