

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

A very warm welcome back to St. Augustine's after half term. I hope that you've all had a nice break and have adjusted to the clocks changing and the darker evenings.

We've had a great start to our new term with lots of lovely things happening in school this week. Well done to all of the children for settling back in so well into their school routine.

We have the first of our two open days tomorrow, Saturday 4th November, from 10am until 12pm: please spread the word to friends and family who have children due to start school in September 2024:

- Short talk and a chance to look around
- Student ambassadors from our current EYFS
- Nurture dogs, Bonnie and Baxter
- Fire pit and s'mores in our Woodland School
- Outdoor stories in our Reading Garden
- Explore EYFS
- The Little Book Snug - in Partnership with Usborne stall
- Tea and toast for all....and much more!

Do bring a coat for visiting our Woodland School!



The FoSA Light Party on Thursday was a great success! It was wonderful seeing all of the children socialising together outside of school hours, and much fun was had by all!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend - if you're going to a fireworks display, have lots of fun and stay warm and safe!

Mrs Cox

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - Adam - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Molly - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Olive Class - Remy - **Kindness & Friendship**

Acacia Class - Raven - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - Luke - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class - Nikki - **Kindness and Friendship**

Well done to you all! We are all very proud of you.



LET US PRAY

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.

I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy 9th birthday to Anna in our Year 4 Acacia Class from everyone at St. Augustine's!

We hope you have lots of fun celebrating your very special day on 8th November!

THANK YOU, MR BAKER!

While we were all having a lovely break over half term, Mr Baker was busy building lots of wonderful new shelves in our library! They are a very welcome addition to the space, and we can't wait to fill them up with lots more books.



ALL SAINTS DAY-WEDS 1ST NOVEMBER

On All Saints' Day, we celebrate all saints who are in heaven. These include all known and unknown saints. It is a day rooted in the belief that our world is spiritually connected to heaven. All Saints' Day is considered a holy day of obligation, requiring Catholics to attend Mass.

In 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church made November 1st a church holiday to honour the saints. This was when this day started to be called All Saints' Day.

This day is not to be confused with All Souls' Day, which is celebrated a day earlier on the 31st October. Just as All Saints' Day celebrates all the saints who have made it to heaven, All Souls' Day honours those who have died and not yet made it to heaven.

The feast that we know of today as All Saints' Day originated in May 609, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III in 731-741 AD, when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honour of all saints.

The festival was moved to 1st November and was expanded to include the honouring of all saints, including those whose sainthood is only known to God. It is likely that 1st November was intentionally chosen to replace the pagan feast of the dead, Samhain.

ONE WORLD WEEK - STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

One World Week was recognised during half term - did you get to see the exhibition at Stamford Arts Centre during the break?!

Here's lovely George Hetherington from George's Food Hub pointing to the banner our children made. If you zoom in, you can see each class focused on a different aspect of Freedom when making their class letter: one class chose '*Freedom to be ourselves*', another '*Freedom to enjoy life*' and another chose '*Freedom to have a home*'.

- Mrs Cox



FOSA CHRISTMAS FAIR 14TH DEC 2023

The FoSA annual Christmas Fair will be held on the 14th December and we can't wait to see you all there!

As always we will have some non-uniform days coming up in exchange for donations toward the fair, details of these will be coming very soon. Your child has been given two books of tickets for the raffle; please get in touch with the school office if you would like more. FoSA have arranged some fabulous prizes again this year...and there might even be a visit from a very special festive guest...



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.24%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 93.68%
- Sycamore** - 92.38%
- Olive** - 93.75%
- Acacia** - 94.32%
- Willow** - 97.27%
- Juniper** - 94.29%

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](#),



FOSA LIGHT PARTY DISCO!

A super time was had by all last night, and we had some amazing dancers!

Thanks so much to FoSA for organising a great evening for us.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

A reminder that we have a very exciting opportunity planned for the whole school to visit Stamford Corn Exchange during the morning of Thursday 14th December to see 'Christmas Adventure with Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The whole school will walk to the theatre for the 10am show which will last for approximately one hour. We will then walk back to school and continue the festivities by having our Christmas lunch...in our Christmas jumpers!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child for this trip. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

Please make payment and consent to the trip via your Arbor app by Friday 1st December.



OLIVE CLASS WOODLAND SCHOOL

Our Year 3 Olive Class had a lovely time this afternoon with Miss Gamble and Mrs Sinclair in our Woodland School!



GUS SAYS...

"Welcome back to school to all of my friends!"



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

We celebrated a beautiful All Saints Day Mass with Canon Peter in school on Wednesday to remember all of the saints who are in heaven.

We keep all of the saints in our hearts, especially St. Augustine who is very special and dear to us all.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

All of the children now have their own set of rosary beads.

We learnt how to pray the rosary during liturgy time with Mrs Mumford, and we marked the end of the month of Mary (October) by remembering her as we prayed the Hail Mary.



SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION



With permission from our multi-academy trust, I would like to begin the initial consultation with stakeholders, regarding the possibility of updating the school uniform.

Any changes made would not become available until September 2024 at the earliest,

and would be phased in over a two year period.

We would really appreciate it if you would be happy to help us by giving your thoughts on the form [here](#).

including as many comments and suggestions as you wish.

Once I have gathered these in on the deadline of Monday 6th November, I would like to convene a working party to begin

looking at the cost and availability of uniform locally and online, consulting with possible suppliers. I will then be able to

meet with the CMAT marketing team in January with initial

consultation and research findings. Please indicate within the form if you would like to be involved in the working party.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions.

- Mrs Cox

I AM BRAVE...

Walking thru
the class room
door today.



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.

GREEN TEAM LAUDATO SI - MONDAY 6TH NOV

A reminder that Monday 6th November is our next Green Team meeting after school, and the School Council will have their next meeting on Monday 13th November.

EYFS CEDAR CLASS

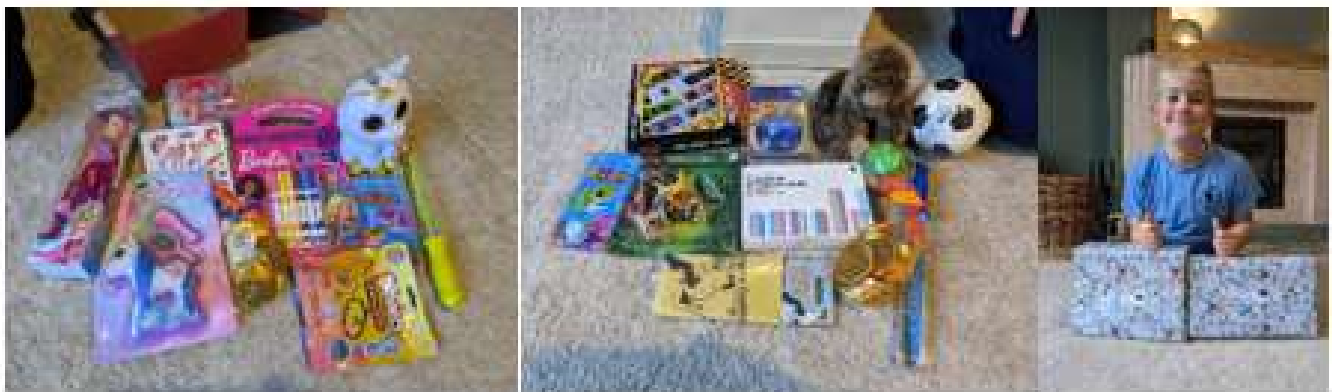
Our EYFS Cedar Class spent time this week discussing their hopes and dreams, and decided that hopes and dreams come in all shapes and sizes.

The children hope for 'everyone to be safe', 'a Star Wars Lego set', 'a toy fox', 'for the sun to come out', and to 'not be scared of the dark'.



Gift Boxes for Ukraine

The volunteer group Helping Our Ukrainian Friends are making their 12th delivery of aid to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine. As part of this we're asking for gift boxes to give some joy to children who are suffering because of the conflict.



All you need is a box (a shoe box is ideal), and fill it with simple gifts – small toys, art supplies, cuddly toys, puzzles, sealed bags of sweets etc and perhaps a Christmas card too. New or 'as new' items only please!

Then decorate your box and include a label with age range (5-8 or 8-11) and whether it is for a girl or boy. Bring it in to the collection point and we'll take it out for you in time for Christmas!

**Stamford Drop-off:
By Friday 10th November
At St Augustine's school**



Find out more about Helping Our Ukrainian Friends using the links below:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helpingourukrainianfriends2023

<https://www.facebook.com/HelpingUkrainesSurgeons>

