

# 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 with our last newsletter in November. Next week we welcome the start of December, a very special month with lots of exciting activities planned for our St. Augustine's children.

We've had another wonderful week of learning - please do log in to your child's Seesaw account to see all of their hard work and what they've been up to this week.

A letter has gone to all Willow and Juniper parents today about a trip to Morrisons to sing Christmas carols - please see letter and the bottom of this newsletter for further details.

Next Friday, 1st December, is the first of our two non-uniform days for FoSA. Leave your uniforms at home and come in your comfy clothes - if you're able to, please bring a donation for the FoSA Christmas Fair stalls.

Please be reminded that application forms for EYFS admissions 2024 are due by the deadline of 15 January. If you wish to be considered under a faith criterion, you must include the supporting evidence with the form, along with a Supplementary Information Form.

If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where the baptism/dedication took place in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied.



A reminder that Art Pop-Up, MindSpace Stamford and George's Food Hub have joined forces for a new initiative, Family Winter Warm Spaces. Every Thursday evening until March 2024, they will be at the Free Church here on Kesteven Road to offer a free evening meal and creative corner for children and adults in a warm, cosy and friendly space. Take a book, your homework or just go and hang out for a while. Please book your place by clicking [here](#) and scrolling to 'Thursday' events.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Cox

## VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

**Sycamore Class** - River- **Hope & Confidence**

**Olive Class** - Zachary - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

**Acacia Class** - Holly- **Friendship & Kindness**

**Willow Class** - Rocco - **Love & Respect**

**Juniper Class** - Nikki - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

## LET US PRAY

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.

May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Miss Bush went to St. John's Church on Stamford High Street this week to decorate our special St. Augustine's tree for the Stamford and District Lions Club Christmas tree festival. Please do pop in and see our tree if you're in town!



Thank you, Miss Bush, for your wonderful tree decorating and for making such a beautiful display to represent our school.

The festival promotes good causes and runs for two weeks from today, Friday 24th November. During this time people can visit the church and admire the display, and if they wish, make a donation to charity.

People can also browse the [Cards for Good Causes](#) shop in the church which sells cards and gifts. The sale of cards raises funds for dozens of charities and good causes, and visitors have until the week before Christmas to buy them.

## YR 6 JUNIPER CLASS - ART

Our Juniper children worked very hard this week on some beautiful mixed-media art pieces.

Collage, paints and pastels were turned into some masterpieces. What a talented class - well done, everyone.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - THURS 14TH DEC

We are having our St. Augustine's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 14th December! This is going to be a wonderful day at St. Augustine's as we are going to see the pantomime at the Stamford Corn Exchange in the morning, and then we will come back to school for our whole school Christmas lunch...and then we have the FoSA Christmas Fair!

Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper with their school uniform but there is no pressure for you to go out and buy a Christmas jumper. We will have a donation box in the front reception area if you are able to donate any pre-loved Christmas jumpers, and a box for any pre-loved baubles and tinsel etc that the children could use to jazz up their school jumpers on the day.



## THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

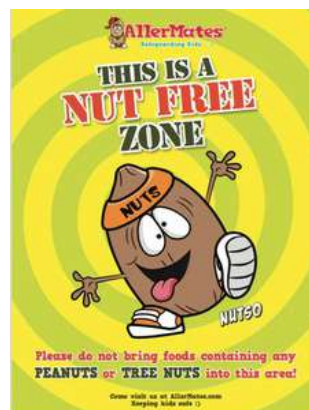
Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognised that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly.

This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S - NUT FREE ZONE



A reminder that we are now a nut free school due to a child with a nut allergy. This includes snack bars and foods that contain nuts. Please support our nut free school.

# A MESSAGE FROM CANON PETER

In his church newsletter last week, Canon Peter said:

“Every Sunday we say in the Creed at Mass that we believe in ‘one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church’. These are the four marks of the Church. She is: ‘One’ – in the sense that there is a real communion and indissoluble union between her and Christ and between her members in Him. Christ is the Head; the Church is his body—inseparably united. ‘Holy’ – because she is founded by Christ and infused with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very essence of the Church is holy. Of course, this aspect is often overshadowed by our own human weakness and sin as members of the Church. ‘Catholic’ – which means ‘universal’, ‘complete’, and ‘whole’. The Church is catholic in the sense that she is for the whole world, to the ends of the earth, as a sacrament of universal salvation in Christ Jesus her Lord. ‘Apostolic’ – founded on Peter and the Apostles. We believe that this close relationship between Jesus and the Apostles guarantees the accuracy and purity of their teaching. To be authentic, a church had to be founded by an apostle or one of their commissioned successors we call ‘Bishops’. It was vitally important to the early Christians that their local church could trace its origins to one of the Apostles. This guaranteed the teaching of that particular church had been passed on intact from Christ Himself; it wasn’t some subsequent invention. And it was also recognised from the very beginning that the Church of Rome was particularly important in determining what was and wasn’t authentic Christian teaching. For Catholics, the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him therefore are essential. They’re part of the plan of Jesus from the very beginning. They’re our guarantee that we’re getting authentic Christianity – not just someone else’s personal opinions.”



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.31%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Cedar** - 93.01%

**Sycamore** - 84.76%

**Olive** - 88.13%

**Acacia** - 93.53%

**Willow** - 91.82%

**Juniper** - 85%

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](http://gov.uk) website [here](#),

## ACACIA CLASS - THIS WEEK

This term we have been writing our own Haiku, Tanka and Cinquain poems. On Monday we performed our favourite poem to the class. A super performance! Here's Holly S and Seth!:



We have also been doing some really interesting work in ICT with Mrs Taylor - we have enjoyed programming in Scratch!

Here's Martin with his super work.

# UKRAINIAN SHOE BOX APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Ukrainian Shoe Box Appeal. Mrs T has packaged up 18 shoe boxes with toys, sweets, gloves and some other essentials to be sent off - 18 children will have a happier Christmas. We are so proud to have Mrs T in our St. Augustine's family. The lovely teddy bear is called Augustus and will travel with the team to Ukraine, who will take the boxes in an ambulance, bringing faith and hope for Christmas.



## SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE AROUND STAMFORD!

Santa Claus and his amazing team from the Stamford Kiwanis charity will soon be making their annual journey to see all of the children in Stamford! Santa's busy schedule, from 5pm on weekends and 5.30pm on weekdays, is available on the Stamford Mercury website - click [here](#) for full details.



## GOLDSILLOCKS & THE THREE BEARS

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'.

Please make £5 payment and consent to the trip via your Arbor app by Friday 1st December.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised £78.25 for Children In Need - thank you all for your generous donations.

## POPPY APPEAL

We raised £60.42 for the Poppy Appeal this year, bringing Stamford's total for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to a whopping £52,431.57! What a wonderful town to be a part of. Thank you all for your generous donations.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

A reminder that Monday 27th November is our next School Council meeting, and Monday 4th December is our next Green Team meeting. Please collect your child at 4pm.

## FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Friday 1st and Friday 8th November will be FoSA non-uniform days in return for something for the Christmas Fair stalls - thank you!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS - YR 5 WILLOW AND YR 6 JUNIPER CLASS - WEDS 13TH DECEMBER

Our Year 5 Willow and Year 6 Juniper classes will be at Morrisons in Stamford at 10am to spread Christmas cheer to shoppers with carols. All money collected on the day will benefit our FoSA team. Please come and join us!

## GREEN TEAM

Our Green Team got to grips with nature for some very special art work this week.

Using a variety of foraged foliage, they created some unique characters and had lots of fun in the process. Well done, Green Team!

