



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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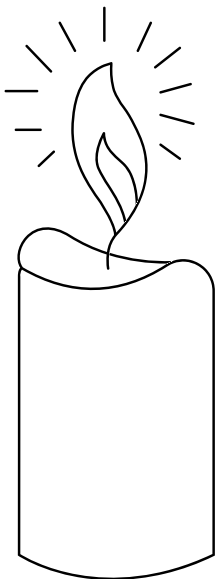
A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to one of our pupils, Rupert, as today he said goodbye to his Daddy.

Robi, on the few times I met him, was always polite, friendly and charming; a larger than life character, who regularly called me to check up on how Rupert was getting on in school. He clearly loved his boys, and they absolutely adored him. Today I attended Robi's funeral, representing our school community and hopefully, reminding Rupert, Harry, Olivia, Oliver and all the family that as a school community, we hold them tightly in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, as they navigate this time of unexpected sadness.

I have Rupert's permission to share with you this poem that he wrote in school on Thursday, helped a little by Mrs Garland. I ask that you offer up a thought or prayer tonight, for Robi, for his family and especially for our lovely Rupert.

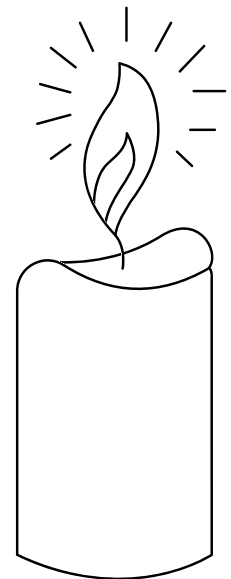
My dream of Daddy



When I close my eyes at night,
I get to see an amazing sight.
My Daddy is standing there,
Waiting to hug me like a bear.

We go to the park,
Where no dogs bark.
And we smile and laugh,
Just like we used to.

I'm happy in my dream at night,
Because my Daddy is shining bright.
But in the morning I am sad,
As I know I won't see my amazing Dad.



Daddy, I will love you always.

Rupert

LET US PRAY

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2ND FEBRUARY

Today is a significant day in the Church's calendar, one that marks the conclusion of the Christmas season and anticipates the light that will vanquish all darkness at the Easter Vigil. This feast day falls 40 days after Christmas, and is also known as Candlemas; centuries ago, the feast was accompanied by a candlelight procession and a blessing of beeswax candles from the home.

According to Jewish law, if the firstborn child was a male, the infant would be given, or consecrated, to God, along with a sacrificial offering of either a lamb or two turtledoves. This was a time of great anxiety for the Holy Family. They trusted God, **“but they did not understand what he said to them ... his mother kept all these things in her heart” (Luke 2:50-51)**. Not knowing how they should care for the Son of God, Joseph and Mary clung to the tradition of their faith and did everything according to God's Law..

While Joseph and Mary were waiting in line to present Jesus, a very holy old man named Simeon approached them. Simeon had been promised, by the Holy Spirit, that he would not die until he saw the face of the Messiah. Having seen the baby Jesus, Simeon prayed out loud: **“Now, Master, you may let your servant go / in peace, according to your word, / for my eyes have seen your salvation, / which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, / a light for revelation to the Gentiles, / and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32)**.

Simeon was filled with great joy at meeting the Redeemer. But Simeon also had an important message for Mary: **“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35)**.

Simeon tells Mary that not only will Jesus suffer but she will suffer along with him. Mary is forever linked to Jesus and will experience great sorrow whenever he suffers.

Despite being told of the agony she would endure, Mary proceeded to present Jesus in the Temple. She was not afraid; she said yes to God. Being poor, Joseph and Mary could not afford to offer a lamb, so they offered two turtledoves instead. Yet in many ways they offered both; doves and the true Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Mary wants nothing more than for each of us to come to know and love her son, Jesus. Mary did not understand what her exact role in God's plan would be, but she chose to say yes to God and to put aside everything else. As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are called to put aside worldly things and personal desires.

We can do this by asking Mary to pray for us, that we might come to know, love and serve Jesus as she did.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

A reminder that Monday 5th February is our next School Council meeting, and Monday 19th February is our next Green Team meeting. Please collect your child at 4pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have three birthdays to celebrate on 5th Feb! A very happy birthday to Luna in Olive Class who will turn 8, Frankie from Cedar Class who will turn 5, and Mollie-Rose from Acacia Class who will be 9!



Maisie from Cedar Class will be 5 on 6th February, and Lila from Willow Class will be 10 on 7th February.

We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating your special day!

ST A'S GOT TALENT

Start planning your act for our St. A's Got Talent auditions starting on the week of Monday 18th March!

The grand final will take place in front of the whole school on Thursday 28th March.

We can't wait to see you showcase all of your amazing skills and talent.



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Lincolnshire County Council visited our Green Team and School Council children on Monday to talk about waste disposal. The WasteBuster Team directed the children on what happens to our waste when it is collected; the children then played some games to decide in which bin our waste should be disposed of. All children were given a recycled pencil to take home with them. - Mrs T



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

Survey - Children's Digital Wellbeing

On 25th Jan Internet Matters released their annual, Children's Digital Wellbeing survey. The report is always insightful and useful, giving a wider understanding of the bigger concerns of parents.

Some key points from the survey are:

- Children:
 - Children feel less affected by online harms than they did in last year in relation to content that is upsetting or scary, 24% vs 35% in 2022, but this is still a quarter.
 - 60% of children say that being online makes them feel like they're part of a group, and 75% view technology and the internet as important to their independence.
- Parents:
 - More parents are moderating their children's online activity with 21% of parents managing their children's usage a lot.
 - More parents are talking to their children about what they are doing online and more children are talking to their parents after encountering various potential harms.

You can see the full report [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.08%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 96.91%

Sycamore - 92.35%

Olive - 89.51%

Acacia - 96.26%

Willow - 94.27%

Juniper - 95.73%

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](#),

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - Frankie - **Hope & Confidence**

Sycamore Class - Isobel - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Acacia Class - Elspeth - **Love of Learning and Determination**

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

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



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



TEA WITH MRS C

Our top virtue points winners for this week are:

Cedar Class - Frankie

Sycamore Y1 Class - Molly

Sycamore Y2 Class - Nevaeh

Olive Y3 Class - Tyler

Acacia Y4 Class - Holly S and Hollie C

Willow Y5 Class - Jack

Juniper Y6 Class - Ava and Lola

Well done,
everyone -
enjoy your tea
with Mrs Cox!

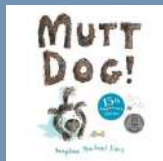
I'M HAVING
**TEA
WITH
MRS C!**



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

We've had such a lovely time marking National Storytelling Week at St. Augustine's. We've read and listened to lots of super stories. In case you missed any of your class Seesaw posts, please click on the book images below to listen to your teachers reading some very special stories:



Mrs Oliver reads 'Mutt Dog' by Stephen Michael King



Mrs Mumford reads 'My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes' by Eve Sutton



Mrs Donington reads 'The Detective Dog' by Julia Donaldson

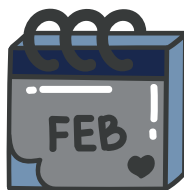
NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK



What a fabulous finale to National Storytelling Week! Mark Fraser is a professional storyteller and has spent the day with us, sharing his exciting and creative stories, old and new, with all of our children - they have loved it! For more information on Mark's stories, please visit his website [here](#) and his YouTube page [here](#).
- Miss Darby

HALF TERM

We break up for half term on Thursday 8th February, and return to school on Monday 19th February. All of our term dates are available on our website [here](#).



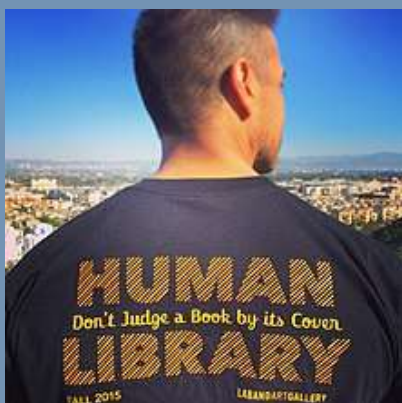
THE HUMAN LIBRARY

Do you, or anyone you know, have a unique and inspirational life experience that you would be happy to share with our St. Augustine's Children?

To mark World Book Day on 7th March, we would love to have our own St. Augustine's 'Human Library'.

The concept of a Human Library started in Copenhagen with the aim of addressing prejudice by helping people talk to those that they wouldn't usually meet, and for people to share their life experiences with others. The movement uses a library analogy of lending 'people' rather than books, and we would love to give our children the chance to chat with some inspiring people.

Please contact the school office if you would like to come and share your story with the children at the beginning of March.



STAMFORD LIBRARY EVENTS



ST. AUGUSTINE'S FOOTBALL TEAM

On Thursday 1st February our school football team played a match against the Malcom Sargent B Team. The whole team worked brilliantly and held their heads high throughout the match! At the end, we took a loss of 2-1; despite the loss the team as a whole was so proud of themselves, as were Mr Sinclair and I.

A huge well done to Arlo for scoring an amazing goal, and also to Sylvie for receiving player of the match. A special mention to Jake for saving some amazing goals throughout the match

- Miss B.



Top L-R - Flynn, Tyler, Bryony, Sylvie and Arlo
Bottom L-R - Tommy, Jake, Luke and Mia

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Come and join us at our Move & Food camp during the half-term break! With sports sessions, arts and crafts, fun, games and so much more on offer! A nutritious meal and healthy snacks are also provided. Don't miss the fun!

12TH FEB - 15TH FEB

9:30AM - 3:30PM

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