

# 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

What a busy couple of weeks we've had at St. Augustine's, with all sorts of lovely things happening!

Hot on the heels of last week's Book Week, we've had a trip to London, a trip to Stamford Fire Station, a visit from Darren Rawnsley who came to tell us some brilliant stories, a football tournament, Science Day, School Council training with First News on Diversity and Protected Characteristics...not to mention some amazing work happening in the classrooms!

I had a local governing body meeting this week; Mrs Oliver, Mrs Donington and Mrs Mumford produced presentations centred on how we as a school have responded to and worked hard on the recommendations from Ofsted during the last inspection. I'm so proud of all of our St. Augustine's staff members for their ongoing hard work in ensuring that our school is such a wonderful, caring environment, and for creating and supporting such a diverse, exciting and immersive curriculum.

As I type, we have a special visitor in our EYFS Cedar Class; Dr. Jessica Randall-Carrick, who some of you will know as Talitha and Elliana's mum! Dr. Randall-Carrick has come to spend time with us as part of our 'People Who Help Us' learning.

We are still working on our new school logo, and I am very excited to soon be able to share further news with you once everything has been finalised.

We also have our Community Gardening Day coming up on Saturday 23rd March, and would love to see you all there! We also have our Equality and Diversity Day on Wednesday 26th March.

Finally, big thanks to whoever wrote last week's newsletter message in my absence; I am most grateful and touched by your kind sentiments.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cox



## LET US PRAY

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Host of God guard us  
Against the snares of the evil ones,  
Against temptations of the world.  
May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and evermore.

Amen.

*St. Patrick's Prayer*



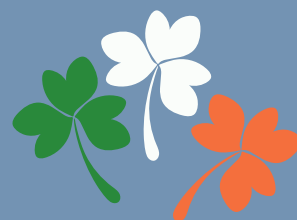
## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

Saint Patrick was born in England, but when he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave. After six years, Saint Patrick escaped and returned to England and his family.

When Saint Patrick became a priest, he traveled back to Ireland as a missionary so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Holy Trinity of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God.

God used Saint Patrick's kidnapping to convert the Irish people. In our lives, God uses the bad times to bring about a good we do not always see. We must be patient and trust Him.

**"The Lord is greater than all; I have said enough."**  
- St. Patrick



## IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME!

Happy birthday to Hazel in Year 3 Olive Class who celebrates her 8th birthday on 20th March, and to Teddie in Year 1 Sycamore Class who turns 6 on 20th March. Nikki in Year 6 Juniper Class will be 11 on 21st March.

We wish you all a wonderful time celebrating your birthday!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**The dates for St. A's Got Talent have changed - auditions will now be held each lunchtime during the week of June 3rd, and the grand final will take place on Friday 14th June.**

## GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that Monday 18th March is our next Green Team meeting, and Monday 25th March is our next School Council meeting. Please collect your child at 4pm.

## CLASS PHOTOS - MON 18TH MARCH

We will be having our class group photos taken on Monday 18th March. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full uniform. If they have PE, they will need to bring their PE kit to change in to.

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

Our last day at school is Thursday 28th March before our two week Easter holiday. We return to school on Monday 15th April.



## VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

**Sycamore Class - Ripley - Hope & Confidence**

**Olive Class - Emilia - Hope & Confidence**

**Acacia Class - Ella- Hope & Confidence**

**Willow Class - Oliver - Hope & Confidence**

**Juniper Class - Luke - Hope & Confidence**



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

TEA WITH ~~MRS C~~... MRS M THIS WEEK!

Our top virtue points winners for this week are:

Cedar Class - **Henry**

Sycamore Y1 Class - **Delilah**

Sycamore Y2 Class - **Everleigh**

Olive Y3 Class - **Zachary**

Acacia Y4 Class - **Elsbeth**

Willow Y5 Class - **Lola-Rose**

Juniper Y6 Class - **Lola**



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Lenten tradition and Catholics are encouraged to pray and think about Jesus' last actions and events before His death on Calvary. Some people refer to this prayer as the Way of the Cross and still today you can trace the actual steps that Jesus took in Jerusalem, Israel.

The Via Dolorosa (The Sorrowful Way) is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem. It represents the path that Jesus took, forced by the Roman soldiers, on the way to his crucifixion. The winding route from the former Antonia Fortress to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—a distance of about 600 metres—is a celebrated place of Christian pilgrimage. The current route has been established since the 18th century, replacing various earlier versions. It is today marked by 14 Stations of the Cross, nine of which are outside, in the streets, with the remaining five stations being currently inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

As this is too far for us to travel from Stamford, perhaps instead we could make our way over to St. Mary and St. Augustine's Church and see the stations for ourselves during the holidays.

- Religious Advisor





## E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

### What is the Dark Web?

Although this article has been written for police officers, the information in this short article is useful for professionals if you have no idea what the dark web is, split into five things you need to know.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

### For Parents - What is Y99 chat?

After many years of concern, earlier this year the anonymous chat website Omegle was forced off the internet. But just because Omegle has gone, there are many more sites and apps to take its place. One of these sites is Y99 and whilst I'm not hearing too much about this it's one to keep your eyes and ears open for.

Internet Matters has written a good article about Y99. You can find the article [HERE](#).

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie [www.esafety-adviser.com](http://www.esafety-adviser.com)



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 88.68%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Cedar** - 98.08%

**Sycamore** - 87.78%

**Olive** - 81.94%

**Acacia** - 98.9%

**Willow** - 87.04%

**Juniper** - 90.65%

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](#),



## R.E. LEARNING - 'GIVING ALL'

On Wednesday, Mrs Worrick and Mrs T visited the residents of Grand View Care Home in Stamford, along with Elspeth and Stanley from Year 4 Acacia Class, and Alicia from Year 5 Willow Class, to deliver some postcards from our children.

This was part of our R.E. learning for us to give our time to our local community. Our St. Augustine's children and the residents all had a lovely time together.





# The Big Lent Walk is coming!

Join us for a Charity Walk around the school grounds to raise money for CAFOD Tuesday 22nd March 2-3pm

Take part in:  
CAFOD Quiz  
Find and Seek game  
Fun obstacles  
Photo wall  
Cake stall  
Chances to win prizes



All cake donations welcome to help us raise money



Bring suitable footwear for walking on the grounds



## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday evening we played some very wet and muddy football in the tournament of Stamford primary schools at Malcolm Sargent! We played 5 games and won 3, ultimately placing us third in the overall tournament!

Our St. Augustine's children were outstanding in their grit and determination, and exemplified super sportsmanship - such wonderful representatives for our school!

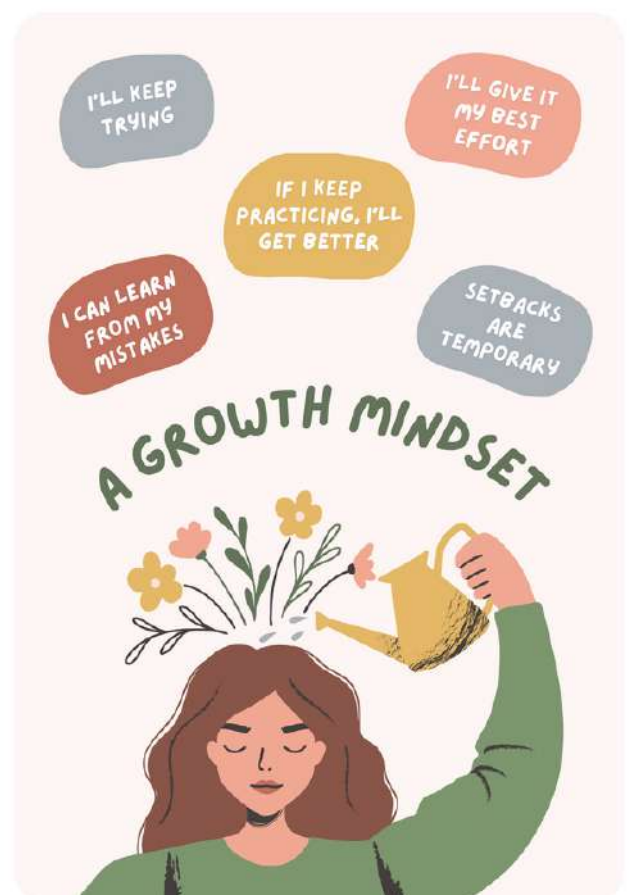
Huge thanks to Miss B and Mr Sinclair for all of the coaching to get our team here, and thank you to Malcolm Sargent school for hosting this event.

## Mass at St. Augustine's

Tue 26th March 1.30pm Reconciliation Service at school with Canon Peter

Thurs 9th May 1.30pm Ascension Mass at school with Canon Peter

Thurs 18th July 1.30pm Year 6 Leavers Mass at school with Canon Peter





# Forest School

Last week our Forest School children had such a fun time outside! They built dens, made some more elder necklaces, and had a great time on our new rope swing!





# London Trip!

On Monday, our Year 6 Juniper Class travelled by train to London with Mrs Oliver, Mrs Jones and Mrs Cox. What an amazing day they all had; a flight on the London Eye, a trip on the underground, a walk through St. James' Park, with a view of Buckingham Palace, a visit to Westminster Abbey, and an impromptu singalong with a busker! The children were impeccably behaved and we are so proud of them for being such great ambassadors for our school.



- COLLECT -  
ADVENTURES  
NOT THINGS



LONDON





# Cedar Class!

On Tuesday, our EYFS Cedar Class had a very special trip to Stamford Fire Station! The firemen and staff looked after us so well and the children not only got to sit in the fire engine but even saw an emergency response in action.

This visit is all part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic this term.





# Science Day!

We all had such a great time experimenting and investigating for Science Day!





ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A

# COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY



Can you help our Green Team?! They have been working so hard on their own but as you can see, they really need your help!

If you are free on Saturday 23rd March for a couple of hours, please could you come and help us in our mission to tidy up our beautiful school grounds, plant some hedging, and get our raised planter filled and ready for Spring?!

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH - 10.30AM**

If you are able to donate any materials, we are happy to accept them before the 23rd March so that we can get going on the day.

- Rubble
- Greenery
- Logs/ branches
- Compost/ top soil

**TEA AND BACON BUTTIES  
SERVED DURING THE  
MORNING!**



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