

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

Lots of us have been poorly in school this week – including me! Please accept our apologies if this has caused any inconvenience and if your child is also unwell, we wish them a speedy recovery over the Easter break.

Despite this we've continued to have an exciting week in school, with Spring lambs visiting on Monday, a service of Reconciliation with Canon Peter on Tuesday followed by the FOSA disco (with Easter eggs gifted to every child today!), the amazing 'Singsation' event at Stamford Welland Academy on Wednesday and lots of lovely Easter crafts on Thursday. We also had a great 'Equality and Diversity Assembly' on Tuesday which was planned and led by the school council (supported brilliantly by Mrs T) following their recent online training on British Values and Protected Characteristics from the team at 'Picture News'. As always, huge thanks to all volunteers and staff who have supported us at these brilliant events, your hard work makes school so exciting for the children, which is a joy to see.

I'd like to give a huge shout out to Miss Griffin, to say a big thank you for all of her wonderful newsletters each week. She spends a lot of time, much of it at home, compiling and preparing all of the lovely photographs and information into these brilliant pages and I'm extremely grateful to her for her time, effort and skills. The visiting inspectors last week commented on how much easier their job had been as they already felt like they knew us before stepping foot into school – thanks to the newsletters. I'm sure you'll agree they're an amazing resource for all and something to really celebrate.

I'd like to direct you to Arbor over the Easter break, to:

1. 'Look and book' the new clubs available next term – please remember clubs change each half term, so do go on and check
2. Check payment plans for any forthcoming trips, including swimming lessons, are up to date
3. Check swimming messages if you are in Years 1 and 3, as you will be swimming next half term!

Finally, don't forget to log into Ideal Meals and book your child's school dinners for next term, if you haven't already!

Wishing you an wonderful Easter Holiday; may the joy of the risen Christ, and the Easter promise of new life, fill your hearts with blessings.

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen



WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER?

Easter is regarded as the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Jesus was raised from the dead, conquering sin and death. He is the only Son of God, who through this amazing resurrection, brings us closer to God and our faith.

2000 years ago, lots of people just didn't believe in the teachings and things that Jesus spoke about, but after he was resurrected from the dead, people started to realise that He is our Lord. Jesus' resurrection during Easter not only renews our faith, but brings us peace, soothes our souls, and helps us to conquer our struggles, especially when we are feeling overwhelmed.

The resurrection of Jesus and the entirety of Holy week helps us to realise that our faith allows us to set aside our doubts, knowing that we are not broken in His eyes through His love for us and through the light of the world that is Jesus.



"Easter is a time to remember that we are all saved. Jesus died so that we could be saved from sin, and that although we do sin as humans, if we see Him as that light that can bring us out of darkness, we can live in His light continually."

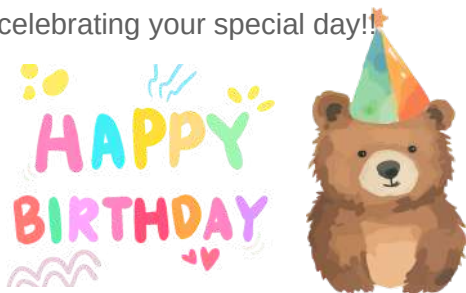
— Claudia Stevens, NSU Catholic L.I.F.E. President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There are lots of birthdays to celebrate during the Easter holiday! Ripley in Sycamore Class will be 6 on 3rd April and Rupert in Olive Class will be 8 on 3rd April. Liam in Sycamore celebrates his 6th birthday on 8th April, the same day that Jake in Acacia Class turns 9.

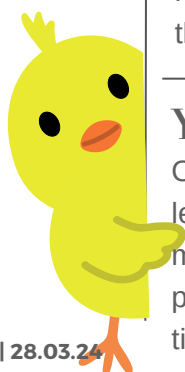
Kyle in Willow Class will be 10 on 18th April.

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



EASTER HOLIDAYS

We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 15th April, and we wish you a wonderful Easter.



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that Monday 15 April is our next Green Team meeting, and Monday 22 April is our next School Council meeting. Please collect your child at 4pm.

ST. A'S GOT TALENT

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.

Y1 & Y3 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Y1 and Y3 children will have the first of six swimming lessons on Friday 19th April. Lessons will be every Friday morning, and children who usually have a hot lunch will be provided with a packed lunch due to the late morning session time. More information to follow separately.

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - Cole - Love of Neighbour & Self-Control

Sycamore Class - Teddie - Love & Respect

Olive Class - The whole class! - Friendship & Kindness

Acacia Class - Hollie C - Love of Learning & Determination

Willow Class - Flynn - Love of Learning & Determination

Juniper Class - Bryony - Love & Respect



Well done to you all!

We are all very proud of you.

THANK YOU, FoSA!

Not only did our amazing FoSA team organise a fabulous Easter Disco for the whole school on Tuesday afternoon, but they have also arranged for every single child at St. Augustine's to have an Easter egg to take home for Easter ..wow!

Thank you so much, ladies, for your huge generosity and all that you do for our school.



OLoL NEWSLETTER

Our Trust have published their latest newsletter for Easter, and we're delighted to feature on many of the pages!

Please click on the link [here](#) to read the newsletter and see if you can spot any familiar faces!

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, KS2 children from our School Council and Chaplaincy team, The Future Saints, gave a very special assembly to our school, based on 'Picture News' training that they had based on the principles of Protected Characteristics and British Values.



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

YouTube and Artificial Intelligence

It won't be a surprise to anyone that AI generated content is now finding its way onto all the platforms that are popular with children, and that includes YouTube. Much of this content is benign, but as always bad actors will use it for their own gain. On a positive note YouTube has just updated their policy whereby any person uploading content onto YouTube and that content features synthetic media (e.g. generative AI), the user must disclose this when uploading.

However, what has surprised me is that YouTube has excluded children's animations from the disclosure process. YouTube is the most popular online platform by a large margin for children and we all know that content creators can exploit this for their own financial gain, clickbait, scams and much more. Creating new content for children is now easier than it ever was, you can create a script, animation, song and video in less than an hour using AI so children are going to be getting swamped with all this new content.

I really hope Google/YouTube change this policy as it's going to make things really difficult for children and their parents. You can see a full write-up about this in Wired magazine [HERE](#).

For Parents - Disney+ Parental Controls Guide

With the Easter holidays just around the corner many children will be tuning into their favourite shows on Disney+. Internet Matters have a really good guide for parents about the settings that are available to keep content at a level suitable to the age of their children. The full guide can be found [HERE](#).

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie www.esafety-adviser.com

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.92%*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 87.3%
- Sycamore** - 96.6%
- Olive** - 83.93%
- Acacia** - 92.48%
- Willow** - 91.07%
- Juniper** - 95.24%

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](#),

**Figures based on a four day week due to Good Friday*



The Wellbeing Garden

Open Day

Tuesday 2 April 10.30 - 3.30pm

Lots of FREE kids' activities!

- Easter egg hunt
- Make seed bombs and pine cone bird feeders
- Plant sunflowers to take home
- Sketching with local artist Karen Neale
- Woodworking and spruce up your garden tools with Matthew Cox Etc
- Free refreshments
- Free parking at Uffington Rd Cricket Club

Families & children welcome FREE!

The Wellbeing Garden is situated at the Uffington Rd South Allotments, Stamford PE9 2HD.

Walking from the Cricket Club, turn left onto Uffington Road and take the second allotment entrance on the left after the garage. Look out for our orange banner! What3Words: saving.toward.fruit!

mindspacestamford.com

EASTER CRAFTS

at **STAMFORD LIBRARY**



Tuesday 2nd April 2024, 10-11.30am.

Join us to make Easter nests and Pop-up Flowers.

Follow us @lincslibraries

Lincolnshire *Working for a better future*

BETTER the feel good place

Community Garden Day

Thanks so much to everyone who came along to help us on Saturday for our Community Garden Day event! We are so grateful for everyone's endeavours; what a difference you have all made!



Cedar Class!

We had two very special visitors in Cedar Class on Monday! How lovely to spend time with two little Spring lambs...and the whole school had a chance to come and say hello!



FoSA School Disco

We all had so much fun at our Easter school disco on Tuesday! Thanks to FoSA and all of the staff that helped to make it so much fun for the children.



Singsation!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 Willow Class and Year 6 Juniper Class were at Stamford Welland Academy to take part in the wonderful Singsation event, along with other local primary schools. They listened to performances by Hayley Sanderson, one of the 'Strictly Come Dancing' vocalists, and her band. Thank you to all at S.W.A for welcoming us for this event.



Acacia Class

In their Design Technology lesson today, our Acacia Class children made some Ancient Egyptian Shadufs. Ancient Egyptians used these hand-operated machines to apply leverage in order to collect and transport water from different levels.





HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. MARY & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC
CHURCH, BROAD STREET, STAMFORD

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Holy Thursday, 28 March, 2024

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Solemn Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, 29 March, 2024

3:00pm - Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 30 March, 2024

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 31 March, 2024

9:00am - Easter Mass

11:00am - Easter Mass



*'We adore you, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this church and
all the churches of the world, and we bless you, because
by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

Amen'

- St. Frances of Assisi

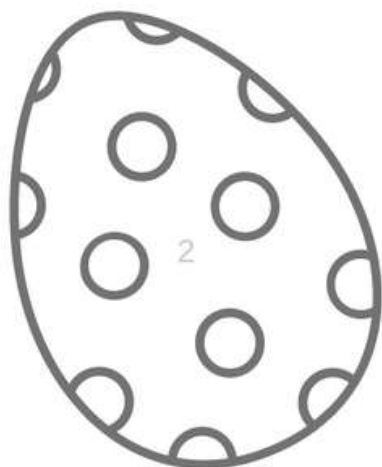
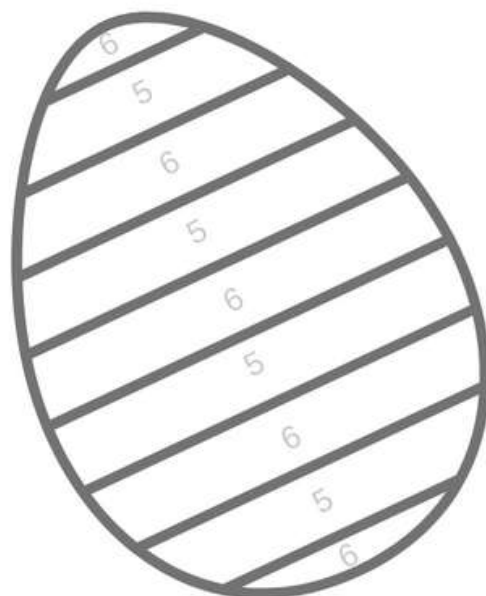
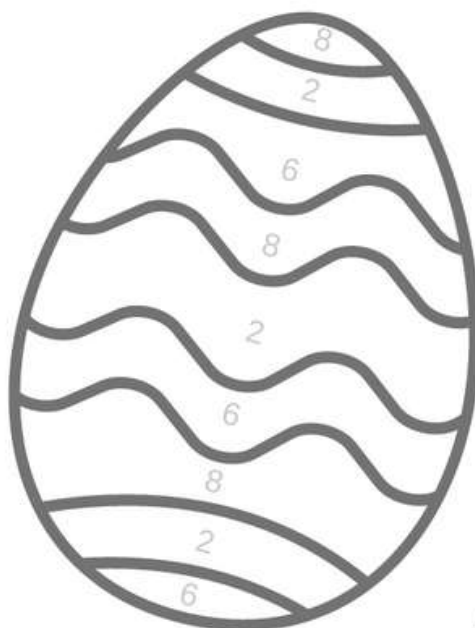
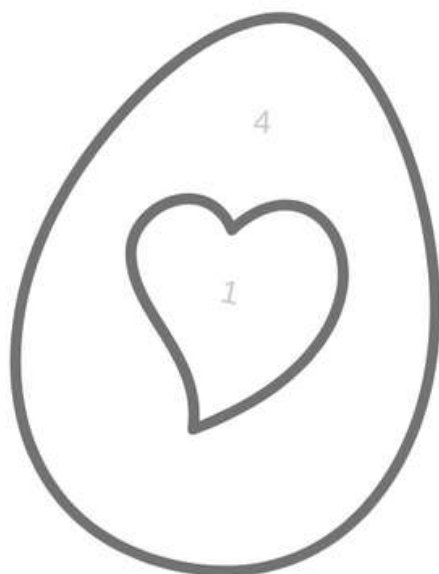
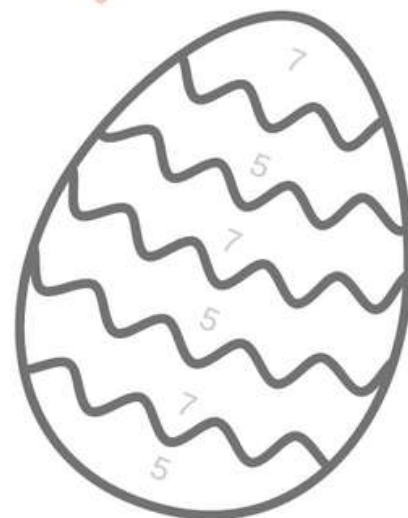
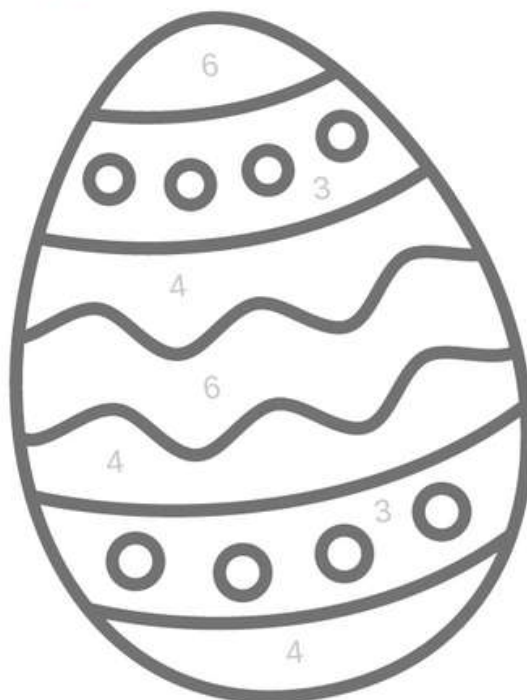


Easter Colouring



Look at the code and colour

1: Red 2: Blue 3: Green 4: Pink 5: Yellow
6: Purple 7: Brown 8: Grey





Easter Word Search



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HOP

CHICK

EASTER

CHOCOLATE

HUNT

RABBIT

BASKET

HOLIDAY

EGGS

APRIL

BUNNY

CARROT





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink
FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

COCONUT TREE

One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

EASTER BLESSINGS



FROM ALL OF US AT
ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A