

# 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

This week is the 4th week of 'Eastertide' in the Catholic church. Easter begins on Easter Sunday, which celebrates Jesus rising from the dead and the celebration of Eastertide, sometimes called Eastertime or Paschaltide, lasts for a total of 50 days - longer than the 40 days of Lenten reflection. This period ends with the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, Mary and the first followers of Christ to encourage them to go and spread the Word of God among the Nations. This year, the Feast of Pentecost falls on Sunday 19th May. If you have popped into school recently, you may have noticed that our prayer spaces are no longer purple, but are now white and gold; colours which reflect the joy and hope of this lovely season. This is a time often called 'the most important of all liturgical times' as it celebrates God's greatest act of love to save us; days above all others in which the 'Alleluia' is sung.

We have been celebrating World Earth Day in school this week and our Laudato Si team have worked hard with Mrs T to plan a fabulous day filled with activities focussed on saving and protecting our wonderful world and home – planet Earth. Following the morning assembly in which the children heard Pope Francis' call to action, all classes took part in a range of activities including sorting different types of recycling and lots of arts and crafts with recycled items to be displayed around school. The day ended with a fabulous 'fashion show', where members of each class showed the outfits they had designed using only recycled materials – I was asked to be the judge and found it very hard to choose a winning class as I was blown away by the creativity and imagination shown in each design. Well done everyone!

Years 1, 2 and 3 visited our church on Tuesday, attending Mass to celebrate St. George's day followed by activities in the church hall. Parents, please do come along and join us in church, and for the activities afterwards on these occasions, as it's lovely to have you with us. Canon Peter was so very welcoming and delivered a great homily, explaining to the children the symbolism of St. George slaying the dragon and protecting the princess, also showing the virtues of determination, resilience and courage.

Finally, the week has ended with the second week of swimming for our Year 1 and 3 children, who have all been grouped and behaved beautifully at the pool today. Mrs Garland attended the sessions and reported with such joy on the happy, determined faces of the children, giving it their all and having a super time!

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy weekend – hopefully we might start to see some more sunshine.

Mrs Cox



## LET US PRAY

God, You were leased to adorn St. Fidelis, burning with love for You, with the palm of martyrdom in the propagation of the Faith.

By his intercession grant that we may be grounded in love, and experience together with him the power of Christ's Resurrection.

Amen



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Margarita in Willow Class is 10 today!

Alex in Willow Class will be 10 on Sunday, and Remy in Olive Class turns 8 on Tuesday!

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



## ST. MARY & ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH CHURCH

Did you know that Canon Peter and Carrie Ann at our parish church create a wonderful weekly newsletter our parish?



Please [click here](#) to read the newsletters, which are full of Mass dates and upcoming events within our Diocese.

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## SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

### FEAST DAY 24 APRIL

Fidelis, born in 1577 at Sigmaringen, Prussia, was a man of many names. Mark Roy was his baptismal name, Fidelis his religious name, and 'Poor Man's Lawyer' his nickname. Mark Roy was known for his generosity throughout his life.

After receiving his doctorate in philosophy and law, Mark Roy tutored young boys from noble families, but his heart was with those who were poor. He established himself as a lawyer and only took cases that upheld the cause of those who were poor and oppressed. Inspired to search for a deeper, more committed life of serving God, Mark decided to enter the Franciscans. He distributed his wealth among people in need and made religious vows, and was soon chosen as superior.

Now going by the name Fidelis, he was guardian of the monastery, when an epidemic broke out in the city. Fidelis opened up the friary to care for those who were sick and he cured many soldiers staying there. In 1608, Protestantism swept through Switzerland, and because Fidelis was a good preacher, he was sent by the Propagation of the Faith to bring the Swiss people back to unity with the Church of Rome. People claimed his best results came from the hours he spent in prayer late at night. It was a dangerous mission.

The people in revolt against the Catholic Church hated anyone connected with it. But Fidelis put his life in the hands of God. At Seewis in 1622, a gun was fired at him as he preached, but he escaped unharmed. Later, however, he was martyred by opponents in Seewis.

*"It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future."*  
- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

## GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mon 29 April - School Council

Mon 13 May - Green Team

Mon 20 May - School Council

## 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.

## LINCS COUNTY COUNCIL PARENT SURVEY

Lincolnshire County Council are undertaking a parental survey to assess the need for childcare across Lincolnshire. This is part of a wider annual assessment of the Childcare Sufficiency in Lincolnshire, where childcare providers are also consulted. They would like to hear your views; please click [here](#) to access and complete the survey.

*faith*

## VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - **Nevaeh** - **Love & Respect**

Olive Class - **David** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Acacia Class - **Tobias** - **Honesty & Forgiveness**

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

Juniper Class - **Ava** - **Love & Respect**



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

## ~~TEA WITH MRS C!~~

## ICE CREAM & BISCUITS WITH MRS G!

Cedar Class - **Austin**

Sycamore Year 1 Class - **Delilah**

Sycamore Year 2 Class - **Nevaeh**

Acacia Class - **Jake**

Willow Class - **Rocco**

Juniper Class - **Ava**



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



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

## MAIN SCHOOL GATE ENTRANCE

A reminder that our main front gates will be locked between 8.30am and 9.30am in order to reduce congestion in our car park and front reception area at our busiest time.

The front pedestrian gate will remain open as usual during this time; if you are arriving at school after 8.45am, please park outside the school grounds and walk to the front reception.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## SPORTS DAY 2024!

We've had to change the date for our Sports Day due to a Trust Staff Training Day.

The new dates are:

**Thursday 27th June** – Sports Day

**Wednesday 3rd July** – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather.

Many apologies for any inconvenience caused.





# E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

## New Report - Teen Girls' Experiences of Harm Online

Internet Matters have released their latest Digital Wellbeing Index report showing that teen girls experience significantly more negative outcomes online than other children.

The report goes onto quite a lot of good detail, but some key takeaways are:

- The online world is vital for social connection and social media encourages creativity.
- Harassment of girls has become normalised for some parents and girls. This harassment includes hateful comments, bullying and inappropriate messages/images from men.
- Although social media can be positive and encourage creativity, it is also a source of sadness and social pressure, including being worried about their body shape or size.

You can download the full report [HERE](#) and there are some useful resources for students and parents [HERE](#).

## Roblox - How to Report

Most users of Roblox will probably know how to report content or other players on Roblox, but it's possible some (including their parents) won't. There is a 1-minute video on YouTube showing users how to report on Roblox [HERE](#).



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



# ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.07%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Cedar** - 96.91%

**Sycamore** - 96.97%

**Olive** - 88.89%

**Acacia** - 97.39%

**Willow** - 90.28%

**Juniper** - 95.33%

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](#),

# EARTH DAY - MONDAY 22 APRIL

Thank you so much to Mrs T and our St. Augustine's Green Team for planning such amazing activities for Earth Day on Monday!

Green Team started the day with a whole school Earth Day/ Laudato Si assembly. All classes then had a special art project to complete using recyclable items; we made blossom trees, sea urchins, rock snakes, CD art and straw art! It was so lovely to see such creative imaginations in action. During the morning we had a No-Power Hour; we all powered down to save on resources, including Mrs Cox!

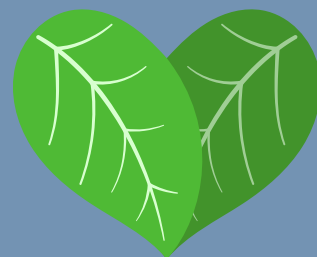
Each class had a bag of rubbish to identify and sort correctly, and this bag of rubbish was then used (along with white shirts) to make entries for our whole school fashion show! We had such amazing entries, but in the end Cedar Class won for KS1, and Willow Class won for KS2.

Mrs T, Ellie from Acacia Class and Mia from Willow Class were interviewed on Tuesday by Rob Persani from Rutland Radio. [Click here to listen to the interview!](#)

Well done, everyone! More photos on the next page...



Hattie & Remy, Cedar Class



Rocco & Alicia, Willow Class

# Earth Day!







# MAY HALF TERM



**MON**

**TUES**

**WEDS**

**THUR**

**FRI**



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of our themed days!



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- A tractor ride across the fields
- Themed activities
- Campfire S'mores
- Games
- & Guaranteed adventures!

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for 4 - 11 years

9am - 3.30pm

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# TRAIN TO TEACH IN LINCOLNSHIRE

If you are considering undertaking primary or secondary teacher training in Lincolnshire, this event provides you with the opportunity to find out more about the profession.

We will be joined by a DfE Advisor who will explain the routes into teaching and bursary/scholarship information, and you will have the opportunity to have your questions answered.

**Tuesday  
14th May**

**4pm - 5pm**

**ONLINE**



Click here to book  
or scan QR

