

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 term is literally packed out with exciting things happening; sporting fixtures almost every week including cricket, rounders and a SEND festival of sports, many of which have been organised by our very own Miss Bush. EYFS and Year 2 are swimming each week, we have a trip to Hunstanton, the Year 6 Briars residential, a trip to Peterborough Cathedral for an animatronics workshop (huge thanks to one of our parents for supporting this) and so much more! On Wednesday this week, our Year 3 and 4 children represented us beautifully at the Inspire+ mini-Olympics event in Grantham – even winning the banner competition, with their amazing Jamaican flag. As ever, the children showed huge determination in taking part and doing their best in every event whilst remaining polite and kind to others and staff – thank you all for being such superstars, we're very proud of you.

Today, the highlight has been our St. Augustine's Got Talent final! Organised by Mrs T, this annual event is such a joy and today I had the privilege and tough task of judging with Miss Copeland. In Key Stage 1 we had singing, gymnastics and Irish dancing and in Key Stage 2 we had piano playing, acting, singing, dancing and even a football skills show with a hint of showmanship and comedy! The standard was incredibly high, but there always has to be a winner – congratulations go to Molly in Year 1 for her amazing Irish dancing and Holly in Year 4, for putting together her own piece of acting, singing and dancing, with props, to 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'. Well done to everyone for taking part, it was an amazing morning demonstrating so many of our school virtues with others besides such as courage and self-belief! Bravo!

This week, therefore, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate all of the individual skills and talents at St. Augustine's. Psalm 139:14 says that we are all 'wonderfully made' in the image of God, and never has this felt truer than this week. From staff pulling together to continually push beyond the boundaries of expectations to make school a safe, nurturing and enjoyable place for every pupil, to volunteers bringing actual life to us in the form of ducklings in our Cedar class... and, of course, our wonderful pupils, shining in all that they do and truly doing *'everything in love'*.

As ever, I'm very proud of everything we do and achieve and thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully, the sun will shine too!



LET US PRAY

You wake me up Father to a new day,
 Thanks to you I am living.
 Help me to live today as you wish.
 Oh Jesus, through the most pure heart
 of Mary, I offer you the prayers, the
 works, the sufferings and the joys of this
 day,
 For all the intentions of thy Sacred
 Heart, in the Holy Mass,
 Amen.



A WALK THROUGH HOLY MASS WITH CANON PETER

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote:

“Over the next few weekends, we will be taking a walk-through Holy Mass to see the significance, symbolism and depth to each part of the Mass for our spiritual lives. The basic outline of the celebration of Mass is shown below.

The two principal parts of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These two form one unified act of worship. We are first nourished at the table of God’s word through the readings from Scripture and then at the table of Our Lord’s Body, which we receive in Holy Communion. These two central parts of the Mass are flanked by three smaller parts: the Introductory Rites, the Communion Rite and the Concluding Rites.

The Introductory Rites open the celebration of Mass and prepare us for our sacred encounter with God in his Word and in the Eucharist.

After Communion, the Concluding Rites formally close the celebration and send us forth to do good works and take Christ into the world.

Keeping in mind this overview of the Mass can be helpful as we embark on our journey through Holy Mass in detail.”

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mon 17 June - Green Team

Mon 24 June - School Council

SPORTS DAY 2024!

Thursday 27th June – Sports Day

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

Parents to arrive from 12.45pm ready for a 1.00pm start!

We look forward to seeing you all!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Tyler in our Year 5 Willow Class, who celebrates his tenth birthday on 19 June.

Have a great day, Tyler, and lots of fun celebrating!



Ordinary Form (Novus Ordo)

Parts of the Mass	The Meaning Behind The Prayers
Introductory Rites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entrance Antiphon - Greeting - Confiteor - Kyrie - The Gloria - Collect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take responsibility for your sins - Ask for forgiveness - Praise God
The Liturgy of the Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Reading - Responsorial Psalm - Second Reading - The Gospel - The Creed - The Prayer of The Faithful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receive directions from the readings of the Old Testament and the Epistles - Learn about what Christ taught in the reading of the Gospel - Listen to the commentary from the priest - Profess the Catholic Faith in the Creed - Offer petitions to God
The Liturgy of the Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation Prayer - Prayer over the Offering - Eucharistic Prayer I, II, III, IV - Preface - Eucharistic Prayer I, II, III, IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer your gifts to God - Humble witness the re-presentation of Jesus' crucifixion
The Communion Rite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lord's Prayer - Sign of Peace - Lamb of God - Invitation to Communion - Communion - Prayer after Communion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pray how Jesus taught us to pray - Reverently offer peace to your neighbour remembering Christ is present on the altar - Receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ - Thank God for the gift of himself
The Concluding Rites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solemn Blessing - Dismissal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are now sent into the world to preach the Gospel and bring souls to Christ

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Sycamore Class - **A.J** - **Hope and Confidence**

Olive Class - **The whole class!** - **Hope & Confidence at the mini Olympics!**

Acacia Class - **Martin** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

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



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

**There are no Cedar Class nominations this week as our Cedar Class children were not in assembly due to the class Father's Day event.*

~~TEA WITH MRS C!~~

ICE CREAM WITH MISS S!

Sycamore Class - **Ada**

Olive Class - **Clara**

Acacia Class - **Jacob G**

Willow Class - **Alice**

Juniper Class - **Sylvie**



I'M HAVING

TEA WITH MRS C!



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

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CEDAR CLASS - NEW ARRIVALS!

Over the past couple of weeks, Cedar Class have been very patiently waiting for their incubated duck eggs to hatch! They have watched the eggs moving in the incubator. listened to the sounds of chirping and tapping from inside the egg...and on Tuesday, they watched the ducks break through their shells; what an amazing experience to share!

If you'd like to watch Miss Darby's video of the ducklings arriving, [please click here!](#) Huge thanks to Charlotte Atkinson for all of her help and expertise during this lovely process.



LITTLE STARS WRAPAROUND CARE

Little Stars Activities

Monday - Art

Tuesday - Cooking

Wednesday - Games

Thursday - Multi-Skills

Friday - Movie



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Y6 Transition to Secondary School

As children make that move into secondary school it's likely that many will experience many 'digital firsts'. Internet Matters have a lovely, useful guide for parents about children moving to secondary school with advice such as:

- What are children doing online.
- Are they ready for a smartphone (if they haven't already got one!).
- Activities children and parents can do together.
- and more

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

TikTok and Disinformation

Here in England election time is upon us and, surprise surprise, the amount of mis and disinformation on social platforms is ramping up, particularly on TikTok, with dubious claims, misleading information, divisive content and outright lies.

Whilst school-aged children are not (yet) old enough to vote, it's an ideal time to talk with them about misinformation and disinformation as there are going to be plenty of real examples around.

There's a good BBC article about this political disinformation [HERE](#) which was published last week and I have listed a few resources below that you could use:

- BBC Teach [HERE](#).
- BBC Bitesize [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).
- Literacy Trust - Primary - [HERE](#).
- Literacy Trust - Secondary - [HERE](#).
- For parents - [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.36%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 97.53%

Sycamore - 91.01%

Olive - 88.27%

Acacia - 90.85%

Willow - 90.13%

Juniper - 90.74%

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](#),

CAFOD - C.S.T

On Monday 10th June, Ann from CAFOD visited our school to do an assembly all about Catholic Social Teaching. We were reminded about the animals and their links to different principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Afterwards, we had workshops in class groups. Upper Key Stage 2 pretended to be project leaders and had to work in groups to decide how to spend their given budget on various worthy projects. EYFS even learnt a song about Luc the Deer to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat!

FoSA SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE

Mark at Richardsons Cycles has very generously donated a bike for a raffle prize - wow!

If you need more raffle tickets please pop in to the front office, and do also head over to join the FOSA Facebook page for more information on prizes!

We have lots of beauty vouchers, meals and day trips that have been donated from local businesses.

The next FoSA meeting is 5.15pm for 5.30pm pm on Monday 17th June to finalise plans for the Summer Fayre if anyone would like to come along; it's at school and everyone is welcome!



Inspire+ Mini Olympics!

On Wednesday, we took our annual trip to Grantham for the Inspire Mini Olympics with our Olive and Acacia classes, and our Y5 & 6 Inspire+ ambassadors. It was such a fun day, with so many activities to do - Mrs Ellis even showed us her top football skills! We had some tough competition from other schools and we are over the moon to be declared the winners of the banner competition - we were representing Jamaica and we are so proud of the time and effort that everybody put in to our banner.



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St. A's Got Talent!

What a brilliant show we had this morning! Our St. Augustine's children really do have so much talent and we are so happy that they shared it with us during the auditions and the final show today!

We were treated to football skills, singing, acting, piano playing, Irish dancing and much more...and our teachers stormed the stage for an Abba performance! A huge well done to everyone for taking part, and to our winners: Molly for KS1 and Holly S. for KS2. We can't wait for next year! Thank you to everyone involved in this brilliant show.

