

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

Hooray! It's sunny! It's been so lovely this week (although dare I say, a little hot!) to be able to spend a warm week in school with lots of fun things happening. We've had a teddy bear's picnic for our new starter pupils and families, children going to Casterton for a STEM event, forest school sessions, a rounders tournament at Malcolm Sargent, children competing against other schools in the Stamford District Sports competition and of course – Sports Day! As ever, lots of these things couldn't happen without Miss Bush's sterling efforts in organising things for the children to take part, and all of the staff and volunteers that support these events. Thank you for making such a difference.

Next week we're excited to be taking our year 5 and 6 children to a Royal Opera House interactive event, involving singing and dancing at St. Wulfrum's Church in Grantham. This will be beamed out on YouTube to other schools taking part virtually and we are very proud to be involved – thanks to Inspire+ for facilitating this amazing opportunity, and to all those attending. If your child is attending, you can go and watch – please see the original letter with a QR code that allows you to book VIP tickets.

We also have our in-school election happening next week. Year 6 candidates are representing the parties in the race, preparing their manifestos and campaigning. Hustling will take place in line with National elections on Thursday, with a real-life ballot box voting experience and the winning candidate will be announced at the end of the day. This is such a super way of bringing democracy to life, which is one of the British Values that we teach children in school. Huge thanks to Mrs Oliver and Juniper class for organising this special day.

We've also been doing more transition towards September in school, with teachers and teaching assistants starting to spend more time with their new students and classes. Things are going well and everyone seems happy and calm, whilst still focussing on the three weeks still in school. We are planning to close slightly early on the very last day, after the much-awaited colour-run as everyone will be covered in powder paint!

Finally, please can I ask that everyone pays special attention to the key dates over the next three weeks, and also to keep an eye on Arbor. Today, we were unable to take some children to a sporting event because we didn't have permission, despite several reminders. We know that we send lots of messages, but it really does help things run smoothly if we have what we need well in advance of trips and visits, without us needing to call you or disappoint the children. Thanks so much.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

This week, our special prayer has been written by one of our St. Augustine's children in our 'Honesty & Forgiveness' Prayer Space:

Dear God,
Please give me the courage to forgive
like Jesus did.
Amen

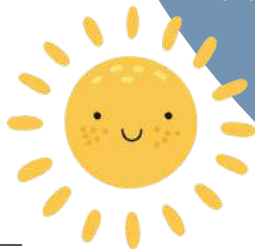


GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mon 1 July - Green Team (trip to Mindspace Gardens)

Mon 8 July - School Council

Let your
Light
Shine



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Henry in Cedar Class, who celebrates his fifth birthday on 30 June, and to David in Olive Class who turns 8 on 2 July!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Everyone at St. Augustine's wishes you all a super day and lots of fun celebrating!

LOST PROPERTY!

The lost property box in the front reception area is overflowing with all kinds of items from water bottles to winter coats! If you are missing any of your child's school items, please do come and check the uniform box before the end of term!



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - FEAST DAY 3RD JULY

Who was St. Thomas the Apostle?

St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ.

When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

But St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded – seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus – at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

St. Thomas is the patron of architects.

HOT WEATHER

Please remember to send your child to school with sun cream a hat and their water bottle now that the nice weather is with us!



MUSIC LESSONS!

Details were sent out this week about OLoL music lessons at St. Augustine's from September 2024. If you would like to register your child for music lessons, please complete this form [here](#) - the closing date is today!



FoSA 'BAG2SCHOOL' BAGS

We have sent 'Bag2School' bags home with your child on behalf of our FoSA team as part of their fundraising efforts for our school. If you have any clothing, soft toys, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, or household bedding/ linens that you can donate, please bring them to school by the 17 July for collection on 18 July.

A full list of suitable items is available [here](#), and we have a few spare bags in the front office.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - Logan - **Friendship & Kindness**

Olive Class - Clara - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Acacia Class - Holly S - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

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



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

~~TEA WITH MRS C!~~

ICE CREAM WITH MRS M!

Cedar Class - Tobias

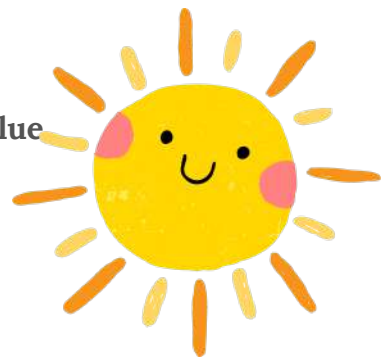
Sycamore Class - Bow-Blue

Olive Class - Luna

Acacia Class - Nolan

Willow Class - Rainie

Juniper Class - Conor



WILLOW CLASS - SCIENCE DAY AT CASTERTON COLLEGE

Our STEM trip to Casterton College today really was out of this world! We had rocket making and launching, a visit to the space dome, tried to draw and label parts of our body and became great code crackers. It was such a fun day! A very big thank you to Casterton College for such a wonderful day - *Miss Hawkins*



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Year 6 Transition to Secondary:

I shared this one quite recently but as the summer holidays are fast approaching I felt it was worth sharing again.

Internet Matters have a wonderful series of videos, articles and advice for parents and teachers to help with the transition from Y6 to Y7. There are activities, free lesson plans, information for parents and much more.

You can find all the information [HERE](#).

For Parents - Family Pairing:

From all the parents online safety talks I give I'm still surprised that only a minority of parents are aware that some apps allow family pairing which, depending on the app, can do a variety of things such as:

- Manage screen time.
- Apply restricted mode (content restrictions).
- Manage who children are talking to and what's being shared (including images).

Of the more popular apps, here are ones that allow family pairing along with a link which describes what family pairing is, the features available and how to set it up:

TikTok - [HERE](#).

Snapchat - [HERE](#)

YouTube - [HERE](#)

Instagram - [HERE](#)



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.24%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 94.12%

Sycamore - 87.97%

Olive - 86.25%

Acacia - 92.11%

Willow - 90.34%

Juniper - 83.33%

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](#),

ST. A'S COMPETITIONS!

How would you like to see your work featured in our school newsletter?! Each week we will pick a special prayer and publish it in the newsletter! Simply write your prayer and pop it in the box in Miss Griffin's office - we will choose one at random each week! Don't forget to add your name and class.

We are also having a school greetings card competition; the winning entry will have their design printed and used by Mrs Cox! Think of something that sums up how special our lovely school is and bring your design to Miss Griffin's office! Good luck, everyone!

STAMFORD WELLAND ACADEMY

**** Year 4/5 Taster sessions****

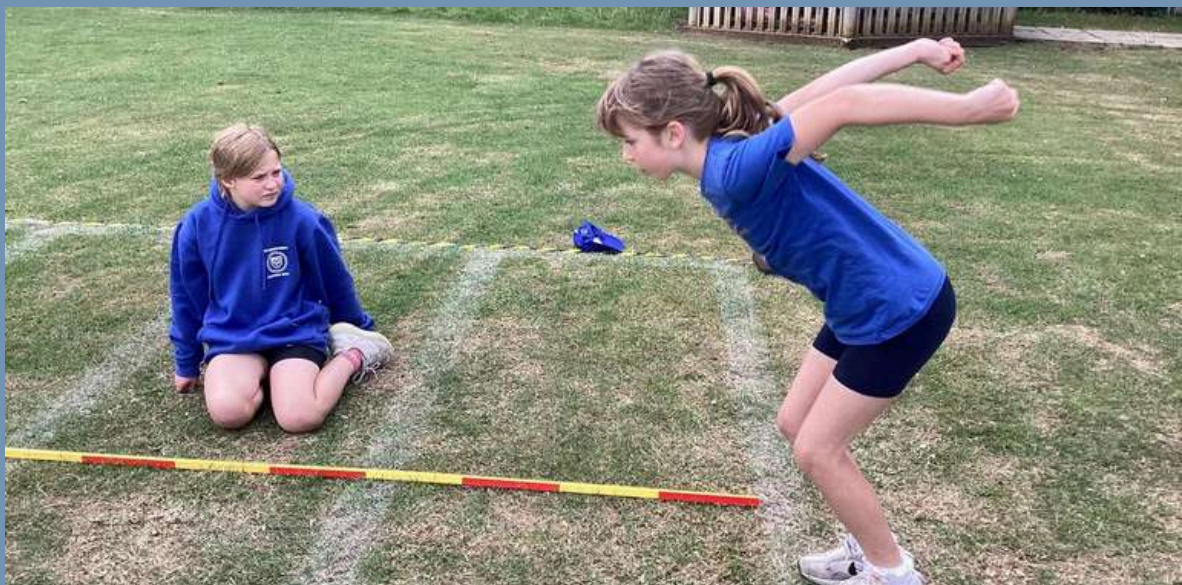
Due to a number of enquiries we have some additional spaces added to our taster sessions. Please complete the link below to sign your child up.



[Click here to complete the booking form for the taster sessions.](#)

Sports Day 2024!

Sport's Day yesterday was **A M A Z I N G**! We were delighted to see so many of our school parents out on the field, cheering everyone on in the sunshine and taking part in our parent races! Big thanks to Miss B for arranging a fabulous day and for all of her planning, to all the staff for everything that they did, and of course...the children for being so determined and supportive of each other. A bittersweet time for us all as we watched Cedar Class in their first ever St. Augustine's sports day, and Juniper Class in their last...😞



Little Stars Wraparound Care

Lots of fun in Little Stars this week with Miss Fiona, Mrs Sinclair and Miss B – sunny picnics, outdoor art and cooling off with some cold water!





Important dates

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
01.07.24	Green Team trip to Mindspace Garden	All information on Arbor
02.07.24	Willow & Juniper Royal Opera House Create Day	All information on Arbor
04.07.24	SEN Sports Festival	All information on Arbor
05.07.24	Cedar & Sycamore Sealife Centre Trip	All information on Arbor
07.07.24	FoSA Summer Fayre at St. Augustine's!	Join us from 12-3pm for stalls, games, raffle, BBQ, inflatables, car boot, crafts and more!
08.07.24	Stamford Welland Academy	Transition Day for Year 6 Juniper children
09.07.24	Stamford Welland Academy	Transition Day for Year 6 Juniper children
10.07.24	Willow & Juniper Cricket Tournament	All information to be sent on Arbor
15.07.24	Juniper Class Leavers Play	6-7pm - pupils to be back at school for 5.30pm
16.07.24	Willow Class trip to Peterborough Cathedral	All information on Arbor
17.07.24	Juniper Class Nerf Battle	Bramble Patch event - children to be collected at 7pm
18.07.24	Juniper Class Leaver's Mass	1.30pm in main school hall
19.07.24	Juniper Class Leaver's Assembly & last day of term	Assembly - 1.15-1.45pm Walk of Honour - 1.45pm Colour Run - 2.00pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR ALL AT 2.30PM

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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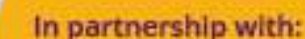
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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SUMMER HAF CAMPS



Our HAF camps are the best place to entertain your children during the summer holidays!

Exciting Activities for Kids!

Sports | Games | Cooking | Arts & Crafts | Team Building | Nutritional Workshops | and more!



Free Hot Meals & Healthy Snacks!

Bluecoat County Primary School, Green Lane, Stamford, PE9 1HE &
St George's Church of England Primary School, Kesteven Road, Stamford, PE9 1SX

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
FOR CHILDREN 5-16 YEARS OLD



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



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RAFFLE PRIZES!

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30 min Massage - The Beauty shed

£40 RO Skin Voucher

£40 Voucher from Zorba (2 x £20)

Adult bicycle- Richardsons Cycles

Gift Set - Freckleface

Set of Gels - NAIL'D IT by Lianne

£40 Voucher - Lashes in the Attic

Prize from Nisa

Nails Voucher - Lauren Taylor Beauty

Burghley House - Family ticket

Café Au Chocolat - Voucher

White Hart Ufford - Breakfast for 2 with unlimited tea and coffee

Rhinos Gym - 1 month free membership

Beauty Hamper

Pasta maker

Haycock Voucher

Bluebell Belmesthorpe voucher

Griff's Pizza - 2 Pizzas

4 Tickets to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Stamford Showstoppers

The Castle Inn - £25 Voucher

Xmas tree

£25 voucher -Sushi & Salad

£20 - Becca's lashes

£20 - The Red Lion

Mill Farm - meat hamper

American Sweet Hamper

Sensory Toys - Absenlutely The Truth

