

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

After another busy week here at St. Augustine's, we are excited to announce that the fresh new redesign for our school uniform is now live and official! The updated uniform, which we feel reflects our school's values and spirit, is now available to view and buy from our new designated supplier, Shotbowl.

We believe this change will bring a renewed sense of pride and unity to our St. Augustine's children in the new school term. Please ensure your child has the new uniform when we return to school in September. Thank you for your support and cooperation during the consultation process.

You will have received an email this week with details from Shotbowl including their price list; our school page is now live on their website and they can now accept your online orders. The uniform will be displayed in store very soon, and customers can book sizing appointments via the Shotbowl website with slots available for our St. Augustine's school uniform from next week. Shotbowl staff are looking forward to helping you with your uniform purchases over the summer.

Thank you to everyone who made our FoSA Summer Fayre such a success – it was lovely to see so many of you join us and we are very grateful for your support; we raised a huge £1500!

We've had new blinds installed in our school hall ready for the new school year, and we are all looking forward to lots of exciting events and activities next week as we prepare to break up for the summer holidays – please do check the 'important dates' section of the newsletter for more information.

Our attendance registers will be open until 10.00am on Monday to allow for the late night on Sunday...⚽

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,
Help me to be honest throughout my life and never tell a lie.
Amen



A MESSAGE FROM CANON PETER

In last week's parish newsletter, Canon Peter wrote about the Gospel and the Homily:

The Liturgy of the Word reaches a climactic moment in the proclamation of the Gospel. There are unique rituals and prayers surrounding this proclamation:

- The people stand to hear the Gospel, unlike the previous readings.
- We sing 'Alleluia' in praise of what we are about to hear, Jesus Himself speaking to us in the Gospel.
- The priest bows before the altar to pray that God might cleanse his heart and lips that he may be worthy to proclaim the Gospel.
- The priest and people trace the sign of the cross over their forehead, lips and breast (the priest also traces it on the Gospel text itself) praying that they may understand what is proclaimed, profess it in their lives by what they say, and that it may find a home in their hearts. Making the sign of the cross over the text and ourselves reminds us we are hearing, and called to witness to, the saving truth of Jesus Himself.
- Incense may also be used to incense the Gospel: incense is used to show that the divine is present as we hear the words of Christ, God made man, Himself.
- After the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest prays secretly that 'through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away'.

The Gospel reading receives extra attention in the Mass because Jesus is the centre of all Scripture, and the Gospels are our principal source for the life and teachings of Christ.

The word 'homily' means 'explanation' in Greek. It is used to describe the priest's explanation of and expounding upon the biblical texts proclaimed at Mass.

This practice has roots not only in the early Church, but also in the Scriptures themselves:

so that the word of God was understood properly, the Levites in Nehemiah (8: 5-8) not only read from the Book of the Law (the Scriptures), they also 'gave the sense' so that the people could understand the readings. Justin Martyr, writing in the 2nd century (around the year 155), describing the gathering of Christians on Sundays for the Eucharist comments that 'When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings.'

Jesus' own ministry also reflects this practice as we see in Mark 1:21 where Jesus taught in the synagogues (he did not just read the Scriptures there), and in Luke 4:18-30 where He explains the meaning of the prophecy, its meaning and application.

So, at Mass the Scriptures are explained by one who participates in the authority Jesus gave to the apostles and their successors to teach (Matthew 10:1-8, 40), hence the Church reserves the homily to ordained ministers alone.

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL Mon 15 July - Green Team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Alex C in Y5 Willow Class, who celebrates his tenth birthday on Monday, and to Everleigh in Y2 Sycamore Class who is seven on Thursday!



We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating!

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!



SEALIFE CENTRE!

Last Friday, our Cedar and Sycamore children went on a wonderful trip to the Sealife Centre in Hunstanton!

The children had such an exciting day, filled with lovely experiences to share together...and we were all so proud of each and every one of them.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - **Ava-Lilly** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Olive Class - **Olivia** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - **Ellie-Mae** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Willow Class - **Abel** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Archie** - **Hope & Confidence**



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

~~TEA WITH MRS C!~~ ICE CREAM WITH MR G!

Cedar Class - **Ivy**

Sycamore Class - **Ada**

Olive Class - **Lucy**

Acacia Class - **Seth**

Willow Class - **Jack**

Juniper Class - **Bryony**



I'M HAVING

TEA WITH MRS C!



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!



Important dates

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
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 CLOSURES FOR ALL AT 2.30PM

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

How Boys are being Led to Misogyny

It will come as no surprise that social media is the avenue by which most people see misogynistic and other harmful content. In February 2024 a new report called 'Safer Scrolling' was released by Dr. Kaitlyn Regehr from University College London which contains useful, important data for schools and colleges on how boys are being targeted with misogynistic content, how social media companies are promoting that content and what teachers can do about it.

As part of the study it is shown that after only 5 days of TikTok usage there is a fourfold increase in the levels of misogynistic videos shown to teenage boys in their TikTok ForYou timeline.

For an interview-style executive summary from TES you can read [THIS](#) article. The full report can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - Digital Family Agreement

With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone.

You can download the digital family agreement from LGfL [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.75%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 88.76%

Sycamore - 92.59%

Olive - 86.42%

Acacia - 96.73%

Willow - 84%

Juniper - 95.83%

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](#),

SKIPS SAFETY NET

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time. For many, this will be spent online. Parents do worry about what their children are doing online, yet very few know of the real dangers and what to do.

Please have a look at the link below for a host of information on how to keep children safe online over the summer holidays. It is a great timely reminder of the key Safety Net messages and how to set parental controls.

Safety Net is a unique training resource recommended for all teachers, frontline practitioners, foster care agencies, social care staff, early years, parents and anyone working with young people to help keep them safe when using the internet, social media and gaming.

Please [click here](#) to visit the Skips Safety Net website and to watch a short video explaining how you can take advantage of their live and eLearning modules.

FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Click on the image below to read the online summer edition of Family First magazine!



Little Stars Wraparound Care

What a great week it's been in Little Stars! Baking cookies, chalk drawing in the playground, relaxing with a movie and lots of arts and crafts - so much fun!

