

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*
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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer break, filled with special moments and time to recharge. It is wonderful to see the school come alive again with the energy and excitement that a new term brings. Whether you're returning to familiar surroundings or joining us for the first time, we hope you are all looking forward to another fantastic year of learning, growth, and fun together.

This year, we have many exciting activities, projects, and learning opportunities planned to inspire and challenge our pupils. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff are ready to support every child in reaching their full potential, and we are committed to ensuring that our lovely school continues to be a safe, welcoming, and stimulating environment for all. Let's make this term one to remember!

I'd also like to remind everyone of the importance of working together as a community to support our children's learning journey. Open communication between home and school is vital, and we always encourage parents and carers to reach out if you have any questions or need support. Together, we can make this year a truly positive experience for all.

Lastly, as we embark on this new term, let's celebrate the unique talents, creativity, and enthusiasm that each child brings to our school. We believe that every pupil has something special to offer, and we are excited to see them flourish both academically and personally as they engage with the rich experiences ahead.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead,

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our Catholic education sector: chaplains, support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and trustees. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all the leaders of Catholic education. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our pupils and students. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school and university they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,

Amen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to all of our St. Augustine's children who will celebrate their birthday over the next week:

Ivy - 6 today!

Adam - 6 on Sunday

Dominic - 5 on Wednesday

Oliver - 11 on Wednesday

Freddie - 10 on Thursday

We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating!



EDUCATION SUNDAY 2024

This Sunday, 8th September, is Education Sunday, just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848.

It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

In his letter to all Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Chairman of the Catholic Education Service, wrote:

“Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As “the way, the truth, and the life” Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the Gospel of Christ in the minds and lives of students, providing a holistic formation that promotes human flourishing, inspiring a lifelong love of learning, and fostering the virtues that will assist children and young people to discover in themselves and in others the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God.

On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

Placing all our trust in God's grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands, supporting parents in the religious formation of their children, integrating faith with culture and being of service to our society.

Let us give thanks for all the ways in which Christ our Lord and Teacher has been present with us and invite Him to be with us throughout the coming year.”

SEESAW

If you haven't already, please do log in to your Seesaw account to keep up to date with your child's school day and to see what's happening in their class.

You can keep in touch with your child's teacher via the Seesaw platform, but please use your Arbor app or call the front office to report any absences or to make general enquiries.

If you need assistance logging in to Seesaw, or require login details to be reissued, please email office@st-augustines.lincs.sch.uk



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2024/25

We have sent an email out to all parents today with details of how to book music lessons for your child.

Please do have a look at the email and [click here](#) to visit the OLoL music service website and pay for lessons.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Sycamore Class - **Keira** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Ben B** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Willow Class - **Bella** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Aurora** - **Hope & Confidence**

*Cedar class will join in from next week!

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



TEA WITH MRS C!

Sycamore Class - **Maisie & Cole**

Acacia Class - **Hazel**

Willow Class - **Nolan**

Juniper Class - **Abel**

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I'M HAVING
TEA WITH MRS C!



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

OUR ST. AUGUSTINE'S APPS

Download the school apps on the Apple App Store or Google Play apps and log in, or log in on your desktop. Log in details for all of our apps are published inside your child's reading diary. If you are unable to log in, please contact your child's teacher via your Seesaw app or by telephoning the office.



ARBOR

Arbor lets you register your child for a club or trip, manage payments and check in on your child's attendance all in one place. You can also see behaviour & academic progress and report absence. We also send emails and "in app" messages via the Arbor app. This is used as our main form of communication.

You will find the Arbor app on the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS and on [Google Play](#) for Android.



SEESAW

Families connect to their child's Seesaw journal to participate in their child's learning, see their child's work, and celebrate progress. When you connect to your child's journal, you can only see your child's work or group projects that your child is tagged in.

You will find the Seesaw app on the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS and on [Google Play](#) for Android.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEBSITE

On our school website you will find a wealth of information ranging from our school and Trust policies to your child's class curriculum. You will also find details of our community links, school ethos and Catholic life at St. Augustine's.

www.st-augustine-lincs.sch.uk



READING EGGS

Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities.

You will find the Reading Eggs app on the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS and on [Google Play](#) for Android.



OXFORD OWL

With a library of activities and resources for every stage of the learning journey, curated by the team at Oxford University Press, you will find inspiration to help your little ones learn, grow and flourish at home, in the classroom and beyond.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk>

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ED SHED/ SPELLING SHED

Spelling Shed makes the acquisition of spelling and word knowledge fun and engaging for pupils. The carefully selected word lists and engaging activities provide opportunities to incorporate phonics and meaning to strengthen spelling skills and build vocabulary acquisition.

You will find the Spelling Shed app on the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS and on [Google Play](#) for Android.



ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader puts students in the driver's seat. Students are guided through engaging quizzes and activities help hone their reading skills with authentic practice—encouraging growth.

<https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader>



NUMBOTS

NumBots is all about every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

You will find the NumBots app on the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS and on [Google Play](#) for Android.



T.T.R.S

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.

You will find the T.T.R.S app on the [Apple App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#).



IDEAL MEALS

Ideal Meals see lunchtime as another exciting part of learning and development that encourages children to take an interest in food from an early age. You will need to set up an account directly with Ideal Meals to log in and order your child's school lunch choices; the deadline for placing orders is 9am on a Tuesday for the following week.

<https://www.idealchoolmeals.co.uk/home/parents/ordering-to-reading-school-meals-online>

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

Cybersurvey

I shared this in July but there are now two versions: one for primary schools and one for secondary.

The Cybersurvey is an annual survey/report is one of the richest databases of young people's views on digital life, created by Youthworks since 2008 it explores what it's like growing up in a digital world with over 53,000 young people in England.

It is extremely useful for staff training, understanding trends and much more, exploring topics such as youth produced images, gambling, meeting up, bullying, harmful content, his risk situations and more.

The primary version, Fun, Friends, Fears and Fallacies can be found [HERE](#).

The secondary version, Real or Fake, can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - Sharing Back to School Videos

A member of staff from a school emailed me to suggest some guidance for parents about sharing back to school photos on social media. I was going to create a short video but my friend and online safety colleague from Northern Ireland, Wayne Denner, had already created one and it's good: short and sweet.

You can access the video on YouTube [HERE](#) and there's a blog post [HERE](#). If you go to Wayne's website he's got quite a few good videos that may be worth viewing. You can get to his website [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.85%*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 100%

Sycamore - 97.78%

Acacia - 93.33%

Willow - 90%

Juniper - 92.31%

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](#),

**Our school week is from 04.09.24 to 06.09.24*

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK' - ENCOUNTER

Our Nottingham Diocese is preparing for the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory becoming the official guidance from 2025/26 onwards, and as part of new and exciting resources, the Diocese has launched an updated version of the Extra-or-do-nary 'Word of the Week' resource.

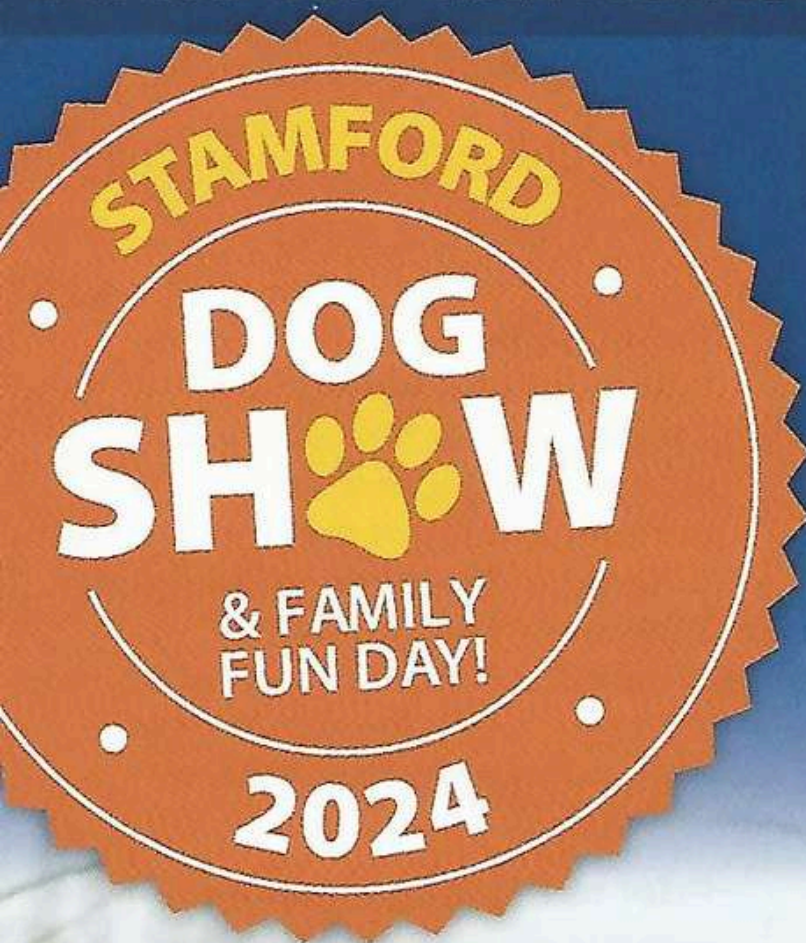
We will be sharing the word of the week together at school, and here in the newsletter, if you would like to chat with your child about the meaning of the word and the related mission.

Next week's word is 'encounter'. To encounter Christ is to have a personal experience of God's love and presence. It can happen in any place or time, and it can take many different forms. We often encounter Christ when we feel loved and cared for and we too can help others to encounter when we share his love with others. An encounter with Christ can be a life-changing experience that can give us strength, hope, and peace.

The mission this week is to make time to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you.



STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS



**SUNDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER**
Stamford Meadows

**Pedigree and
Novelty classes for
all breeds of dog!**



-  Dog Agility Course
-  Family Entertainments
-  Fair Rides and Stalls
-  Open Air Church Service at 10:30am
-  And much more!

PROCEEDS FROM THE SHOW WILL GO TOWARDS:

- Nixon Memorial Hospital in Sierra Leone
- Stamford Street Pastors • The Mutts Nutts



Looking for something to do on a Tuesday evening?

1st Stamford Girls' Brigade and Boys' Club

are starting back on Tuesday 17th September!

6.00 -7.15pm

Barn Hill Methodist Church Halls, off North Street

Who Are We?

We are a uniformed youth group for children and young people providing a safe environment where members can build friendships, have fun, learn new skills, make a difference in their community and the wider world, and discover more about Jesus.

We are a Christian organisation but welcome those of all faiths and none.



Craft

New skills

We work towards badges on different themes and with a variety of activities to celebrate our achievements.

Games

Bible stories

Friendship

To let us know if you are interested to join or for more information please contact us on our email stamfordgbjcb@gmail.com