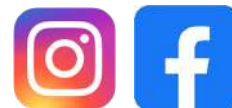


# St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

This week has been very busy with lots of visitors. On Thursday, we had our new Director of Performance and Standards, Deborah Tibble, in school to meet staff and pupils and meet with our senior leaders to see what we're doing well, and what our next steps are. Mrs Tibble was so impressed with all of the changes we've made over the last year or so since she last visited; she said that the happiness in the school was tangible, that the pupils she spoke with were fabulous advocates for everything we do, and that our staff clearly loved their jobs and enjoyed coming to work. Mrs Tibble is coming back in November to do a 'deep dive' into reading and writing as part of our ongoing school development plan; we look forward to welcoming her again.

We've also had our Local Governing Body meeting, where I presented lots of information and updates to our school governors, and then answered lots of their questions. Once again, the governors were very pleased with the progress the school has made and how hard everyone is working for the pupils in our care. Thanks, as ever, to all of my staff for their hard work.

Thanks once again to everyone who came to our weekly coffee morning today, it was lovely to see you all enjoying our relaxing wellbeing space in the Shiloh room. However, I think our most exciting visitors this week have been... four baby bunnies! Big thanks to the Doran family for bringing in these bundles of joy to meet the children in Cedar class; they thoroughly enjoyed cuddling them and learning about how to take care of them.

### FOSA AGM – Thursday 3rd October at 6pm

Our school 'Parent Teacher Association' or PTA is called FoSA – Friends of Saint Augustine's. FoSA work hard to fundraise for the school throughout the year, in order to provide extra resources, experiences and treats for our pupils, for which we are always hugely grateful. This year, we are having a change of committee as last year, the chair of FoSA, Wendy McDonald, decided to take a well-earned break after years of support, and then Lara Brown, FoSA secretary and vice-chair, also stepped down. This leaves only one member, our treasurer Tanya Milojevic, who has agreed to continue her role with FoSA this year – big thanks! However, she can't operate alone. Our Annual General Meeting or AGM is being held on the above date and I urge you to come along, volunteer some time and hopefully, throw your hat in the ring to be the chair or vice chair for the year ahead– we would be so grateful for your support. Refreshments will be provided.

### CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE AND FINING

You may have noticed that we have sent lots of letters, texts and emails recently about the importance of attendance and the changes to more stringent fixed penalty notices with higher costs attached. Please be aware that all changes are driven by the Government and the huge emphasis they are placing nationally on the importance of being in school, on time, every day. Our updated policy is on our website, which is informed by our CMAT policy – please [click here](#) for more information.

### CLUBS AND PERFORMANCES

Three of our performing arts clubs are recruiting new members, in order to work towards performances and competitions – we need your help! Mrs Oliver and Miss Copland are running a drama club, with the members of the club taking the lead roles in the forthcoming Christmas performance. Miss Bush's dance club will be learning routines to perform at the Corn Exchange in the Spotlight Festival in February – this was a fabulous event last year, but currently Miss Bush only has 4 members! Finally, Miss Pattison, our specialist music teacher, is running our choir every Tuesday at the end of the day and last week, only two children attended – we would love to enter local singing competitions this year, so please do come along and enjoy the beautiful sound I know you can make together! Please go to your parent Arbor app to sign up for these and any clubs.

Finally, I'd like to wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday – ready for the Y6 residential next Wednesday!

Mrs Cox

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## LET US PRAY

God, our loving Father,  
We come to you today.  
Be with us, hear us, guide us  
in all we do today.

You give us times and seasons  
Your Spirit makes us grow.  
In times of joy and sadness  
we see your blessings flow.

I place my life before you  
In all my work and play.  
I'll try to walk with Jesus  
and in his friendship stay.

Amen.



## THE CONCLUDING RITE

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote:

The whole liturgy that we come to each week receives its name 'the Mass' from the closing line of the Latin text, where the word missa (Latin for 'dismissal' or 'sending') is used to dismiss the people. This points to why the Mass should be seen as a 'sending forth'.

From Scripture we see that Jesus sends his followers to:

- Make disciples of all nations, teach them all that he taught them, and baptise (Matthew 28: 19-20).
- Continue the mission that the Father gave to him: to share God's love and forgiveness of sins with the rest of the world (John 20: 21-23).
- To be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Having joined ourselves to Christ's sacrifice in the Mass and having received him in Holy Communion, we are sent into the world to be the witnesses of the mysteries we have just participated in – the mysteries of Christ's saving death and resurrection.

We do this through teaching, by example, and most of all, by fulfilling God's will in our own daily lives.

Hearing the dismissal 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life' or 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord' should remind us of our duty to be leaven in the world, to work to build up the Kingdom of God wherever we are as we go from Church renewed in Christ Jesus our Lord and King.9).



## CLASS DOJO

Just a reminder to connect to your child's ClassDojo account using the link that we sent out on Monday!

We will be using the app to record your child's virtue points and hope that this will be an easy way for you to see how many points your child has earned during their school day. The child with the most points from each class will then have 'Tea with Mrs C' on a Friday afternoon.

Children will get points for great behaviour within our school virtues:

Friendship & Kindness  
Love of Neighbour & Self-Control  
Love & Respect  
Love of Learning & Determination  
Hope & Confidence  
Honesty & Forgiveness



The ClassDojo app will not be able to receive or send any messages; please continue to use the Seesaw app to communicate directly with your child's teacher.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Nevaeh - 8 on Sunday

Kiyan - 6 on Tuesday

Rainie - 11 on Wednesday



We all wish you a wonderful time celebrating!

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A reminder to our families that parents and carers are responsible for children in the playground after the teachers have dismissed their classes, and dogs are not permitted on school grounds.



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## GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting will be on 23rd September and our next Green Team meeting will be on 30th September.



## PARISH CATHOLIC MOTHERS

For sharing ideas and experiences of Catholic motherhood, family life and liturgical living, and general friendly chat with like-minded mums! Please message Alix (mother of Daisy & Bertie) on 07809 411 190 if you would like to join the group.



## NATIONAL TRUST - FREE AUTUMN PASSES

The National Trust is giving away a limited number of autumn passes so you can get free entry to a place of your choice before 18th October! Please [click here](#) for more information...thank you to Miss Bush for finding this great deal for us to share!



# VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - Willow - Love of Learning & Determination

Sycamore Class - Rocky - Hope & Confidence

Acacia Class - Joseph - Love of Learning & Determination

Willow Class - Ella - Love of Learning & Determination

Juniper Class - Alex S - Love of Learning & Determination



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

# TEA WITH MRS C!

Sycamore Class - Ripley

Acacia Class - Emilia

Willow Class - Elspeth

Juniper Class - Flynn



I'M HAVING  
TEA  
WITH  
MRS C!



I'M A TOP VIRTUE POINT WINNER!

Our EYFS Cedar class will join in with our tea later in the school year.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Information from our parish church, Saint Mary and Saint Augustine, regarding their First Holy Communion Programme:

Application forms are available now for our First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25, leading to the celebration of First Holy Communion next year.

If your child is in Year 3 at school or aged 7 or over and has not yet made their First Holy Communion, then please obtain an application form available at the back of Church.

The closing date for registering for the Programme is Sunday 27th October.

Those not attending weekly Mass, at least from the time of application, will not be eligible for the subsequent classes or to make their First Holy Communion, as this is a Diocesan expectation.



## ART POP-UP GAMES AFTERNOON

Art Pop-Up have invited you all to a special afternoon of games and conversation on Friday 27th September. from 2-4pm!

Please book your place directly with Art Pop-Up via the email details in the poster below; just let us know if you're going and we will walk any children over to meet you there at 3.15pm.

Art Pop-Up

Cheer Club

Join Us

# GAMES AFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon of games and conversation. Tea and cake will be served alongside a few friendly challenges.

This event is part of the Art Pop-Up Cheer Club's free programme, bringing people together for friendship and fun.

**27TH SEPTEMBER**  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Stamford Free Church

Book your place by emailing [community@artpopup.co.uk](mailto:community@artpopup.co.uk) or booking a place via eventbrite

@ArtPopUpUK  
Funded through the Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Investment Fund

OVER 18S ONLY  
REGISTER HERE FOR THE PROGRAMME & EMAIL US TO TELL US YOU'RE COMING!  
[COMMUNITY@ARTPOPUP.CO.UK](mailto:COMMUNITY@ARTPOPUP.CO.UK)



# E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

## For Parents - Video Games and Children

Unicef have shared an article with some nice, clear and simple advice for parents/carers about online gaming. The article covers how to create a positive and safe gaming environment, how parents can engage with their children, what the benefits of gaming are and more.

You can view the article on the Unicef website [HERE](#).

## YouTube - Parental Controls for Teens

Google (YouTube) have, in the past, always argued that YouTube is strictly for over 13's, much like most other social platforms. This age is predominantly for marketing/advertising purposes. However, that argument has never stood up given that Google have never had a means to prevent under 13's using the platform with or without an account.

Back in 2021 YouTube introduced new parental features, called [Supervised Experience](#), and this was for parents of children under 13 who were using YouTube.

Now, it looks like YouTube is extending Supervised Experience for parents of teenagers. In early September they announced that parents/carers will be able to link their teenagers account to the parent account where parents will have the ability to see some limited information such as number of video uploads, comments etc.

I think some parents may be disappointed that this is quite a limited set of features and I would agree. You can read more about this [HERE](#).

# ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.84%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 95.32%
- Sycamore** - 95.63%
- Acacia** - 96.67%
- Willow** - 95.51%
- Juniper** - 95.73%

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](#),



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

Next week's word is 'Understanding'.

Understanding is the ability to comprehend and interpret information. It is essential for building relationships, for empathising with others and for making good decisions. In the Catholic faith, we are called to be understanding of others and to be compassionate towards them, even when we disagree with them.

Find time to talk to someone you don't know very well this week so that you can understand them better.



# CLASS-LED WORSHIP DATES

We would like to welcome our school families to join us for our class-led worships:

- Thursday 26th September - Acacia
- Thursday 10th October - Juniper
- Thursday 17th October - Sycamore

Please come to the front reception for 9am.



# CONGRATULATIONS, NISA!

Many congratulations to our friends at Nisa, Northfields! Their manager, Don Antony Manavalan, won 'Best Store Manager of the Year - Independent 2024' at this year's Retail Industry Awards, for his dedication, hard work and exceptional leadership!





# Coffee mornings at St. Augustine's C.V.A

We would like to invite you to join us in the Shiloh room on Fridays after the morning drop off!

Come and chat to other school parents and enjoy a warm drink with new friends.

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Mrs Garland and Mrs Reeves will be available to support and give advice on SEND, emotions, mental health and wellbeing, finances and any other questions that you might have.

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Every Friday from 8.45am to 9.30am in the Shiloh room - no need to book!





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## Why visit St Augustine's?

During our open day tour with the headteacher, you will get an insight into the high standards our children achieve through our inspiring and creative learning environments.

You can talk with our teachers about our high-quality teaching and find out why our school is a fantastic choice for your family.

We welcome children from all cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds whose families support our Catholic ethos and want their children to experience the caring environment of the school.

You'll also find out about:

- our child-centered early years provision
- our wraparound care
- our indoor/outdoor learning environments
- our Forest School



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