

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

I'm sure that many of you will have seen lots of posts on our Facebook page this week, as it has been a very exciting time here at St. Augustine's! On Wednesday evening, we had the pleasure of welcoming families to our Open Event, where prospective parents got a real feel for our wonderful school community; thank you to all who attended. Also on Wednesday, we held our F.O.S.A AGM, where we appointed our new committee - I'm truly grateful to the new committee for dedicating their time, ideas and efforts to our lovely school and I'm excited to see what this year will bring. More details can be found further down in the newsletter. Special thanks to Dinner's Ready for the delicious food!

Yesterday was Hello Yellow Day in support of World Mental Health Day, which saw the whole school focusing on well-being and the importance of kindness. It was lovely to see so many children wearing yellow to show their support, and we are very grateful for your generous charity donations. Year 6 Juniper class also led their beautiful Collective Worship on the theme of love. Their scripture readings were very moving, and it was such a nice experience for all of our classes to visit the hall in small groups for quiet moments of reflection.

Today, some of our Year 5 Willow and Year 6 Juniper class children are representing St. Augustine's at the Stamford Primary Schools Singing Day at Stamford Endowed School, joining other local primary schools in raising money for the RNLI. With all the hard work they've put into rehearsals, I'm confident they will deliver an incredible performance. We are all very proud of them and look forward to hearing about their experience.

I would also like to acknowledge the impact of staff illness over the last two weeks, which we know has now spread to some of the children. I apologise for any disruption this may have caused. We have increased our hygiene protocols, arranged for additional cleaning hours, and are doing everything we can to limit the spread of infection. Let us all keep those unwell in our prayers, and we hope for a healthy return to work and school for everyone next week.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Loving God, in the Bible you teach us how important it is to be people of hope. When we hope in your love, we find strength to persevere.

When we hope in your love, we find patience to wait.

When we hope in your love, we find courage to try.

When we hope in your love, we find people to help us.

And when we hope in your love, we find the confidence to help others, too.

Lord, may we always be people who hope in your love and share this hope with others.

We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

Amen.



'Hope Prayer' - Mission Together



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote: "Holy Orders is the Sacrament by which a baptised man receives the authority and power to share in the particular mission that Christ entrusted to his apostles. It flows from Jesus Christ himself, who chose twelve men whom he called apostles and gave them the commission and power to govern with his authority (Mt 18:18); teach in his name (Mt 28:19-20) and sanctify with the grace of his sacraments (Lk 22:19).

The apostles conferred Holy Orders on their successors, who in turn ordained men for service through the laying on of hands and consecratory prayer according to the mind of the Church.

Today in the person of Christ those in Holy Orders:

Govern – by uniting, protecting and leading the faithful to their heavenly homeland.

Teach – by preaching and explaining the Word of God and Tradition with authority.

Sanctify – by conferring the sacraments and interceding with God for his people.

There are three orders of this sacrament:

Bishops – who are the successors to the apostles. They usually govern dioceses, can confer Holy Orders on others, and normally administer the sacrament of Confirmation. Together with the Pope they exercise an infallible teaching authority for the whole Church.

Priests – are co-workers of the bishops, particularly as governors and teachers of parishes. They sanctify the faithful through the celebration of the Eucharist, the forgiveness of sins in Confession, Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick. They also preside at Marriages.

Deacons – assist the work of the bishop and his priests, especially by assisting at the altar, proclaiming the gospel and works of charity. While a promise of lifelong celibacy is the normal condition for reception of Holy Orders, that one may give the whole of their life to Christ and His Church, a permanent deacon may be married."



CLASS-LED WORSHIP DATES

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

Thursday 17th October -
Sycamore

Please come to the
front reception for 9am.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Benjamin H, who celebrates his 9th birthday today, and to Bella who will be 5 on Tuesday!!



Everyone at St. Augustine's wishes you a very happy birthday!

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Green Team meeting will be on
Monday 14th October.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: THURS 17TH OCT

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 17th October to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full uniform on this day. If your child has PE, they should bring their PE kit with them to change into later.

We understand that some children may feel uncomfortable or prefer not to have their photo taken. Rest assured, no child will be required to participate if they choose not to. Should this be the case, we will inform you on the day.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRI 18TH OCT

We are excited to announce a non-uniform day on Friday, 18th October! In exchange, we kindly ask for Christmas-themed donations for our F.O.S.A Christmas Fayre: your contributions will help make the fayre a fantastic event for all! The next non-uniform day will be Fri 29th Nov, and further details will be sent nearer the time. Thank you for your support!



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - **Remy** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - **Logan T** - **Love & Respect**

Willow Class - **Stanley** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Lilly-Mae** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



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

TEA WITH Miss C!

Sycamore Class - **Delilah**

Acacia Class - **Lucy**

Willow Class - **Jacob G**

Juniper Class - **Mia**



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

FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S (F.O.S.A)

Following our F.O.S.A AGM on Wednesday evening, we are delighted to announce that we have now allocated the main positions for our F.O.S.A team:

- Chair: Charlotte Charlesworth
- Vice-Chairs: Katie Bush and Lucy Mason (shared role)
- Treasurer: Tanya Milojevic
- Secretary: Jessica Randall-Carrick and Tina Cox (shared role)
- Social Media: Emily Coleman
- Volunteer: Hannah Spires

Although 8 roles were advertised, we have successfully filled the key positions to suit the small size of our school. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the roles and for pledging their time to support our lovely school.

During the last school year, September 2023-24, F.O.S.A raised £3945 for our school through their fundraising events. It was a successful year; funds were raised from the disco and Summer/ Christmas Fayres and the new shed for second-hand school uniform has been very popular. F.O.S.A have also generously funded our Virtues benches, book sheds, gazebos, story teller visit, and have donated money for trips and events for the children.

Please [click here](#) to visit the brand new F.O.S.A Facebook page, and please do get in touch if you'd like to help at the F.O.S.A events. At this time of rebranding and restructuring, we look forward to welcoming new volunteers who share our vision of strengthening our school community.

We would also love to hear your thoughts about what we should fundraise for this year. If you have any ideas, please email fosa@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk

The next FOSA meeting will be on 27th November at 6.30pm - come and join us to find out more!



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

Digital Literacy Guide - InHope

Funded by the European Union, InHope have released a new Digital Literacy Guide which is aimed primarily at teenagers, but I think it may also be useful for schools, parents/carers etc.

The guide is a free download (no sign-up required) and goes into lots of areas such as "Know your Device", "Interacting Online", "Seeking Help" and more.

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

For Parents - My Family's Digital Toolkit

There are so many really good resources out there for parents/carers about how to help keeping children safe online, but it can quickly become really overwhelming.

Internet Matters has a really great resource for parents called My Family's Digital Toolkit. This is a personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.

The toolkit is free and you can find more details [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.44%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 98.77%

Sycamore - 94.64%

Acacia - 90.04%

Willow - 96.49%

Juniper - 90.17%

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-ORDINARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is '**Poverty**'.

In the Catholic faith, we are called to care for the poor and to work to alleviate poverty. We are also called to be aware of the causes of poverty and to work to change them. Scripture reminds us that we can be financially poor but we can also be poor in spirit and that as followers of Jesus we should show mercy to all people, especially those most in need.

Make a donation of money, items or time to a charity this week.



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.

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.

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

Calendar of Events



2024 October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 -Open Evening -F.O.S.A.AGM	10 -World Mental Health Day	11 -Stamford Primary Schools Singing Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 -EYFS Open Classroom -School Photos	18 -F.O.S.A Non-Uniform day -Last day of Advent 1 term	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 INSET DAY	29 -First day of Advent 2 term	30 -Flu Vaccinations -F.O.S.A Neon Party	31		



2024 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Year 5 All Saints Mass & library visit -EYFS Diwali visitor	2
3	4	5	6	7 -Youth Council 4pm at Town Hall	8	9 -A Musical Extravaganza for the Wajir Mission - 2pm
10	11 -Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am at school -Y1&2 War Memorial visit 11am.	12 -EYFS Open Morning 11am-12pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 -School Council Film Night - Shrek - 3.30pm	19 -EYFS library visit	20	21 -Book Bistro	22	23
24	25	26	27 -Judaism visitor -F.O.S.A Meeting 6.30pm	28 -Blessing of Advent Wreaths: Canon Peter school hall 2pm	29 -F.O.S.A Non-Uniform Day	30



9TH NOV.
2PM

A MUSICAL

TICKETS
£10*

Extravaganza

IN FOND MEMORY OF MAGGIE MACLENNAN, AND CARRYING OUT HER
WISHES TO RAISE FUNDS TO PROTECT AND EDUCATE YOUNG GIRLS IN
THE WAJIR MISSION, NORTH EAST KENYA.

ARCHIE MACLENNAN- PIANO
STAMFORD U3A UKULELE GROUP
TINA COX - SINGING
THOMAS DAY - VIOLIN
NICHOLAS ARMITAGE - SINGING

ST.AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL HALL, KESTEVEN ROAD, STAMFORD PE9 1SR

*REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED, CHILDREN GO FREE

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT PAT GALLAGHER ON 01780 754053

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