

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

On the final day of this first Advent Term, I have been reflecting on some of this term's successes. In our staff room, I have created a board with the title 'So What?' and have asked staff to continue to add things to the board, which remind us of the impact of the things we do in school on our pupils and community. It's so easy to get bound up in the day to day logistics of busy school life, without taking the time to step back and see the small steps of progress and the massive achievements that are made each day. Things added to the board over the last week have been:

- How smart the children look in their new uniforms and what a difference the bright blue makes to the cheerful atmosphere in school
- The inclusive wheelchair sessions that have taken place in PE this term, thanks to the loan of a set of sports wheelchairs from Inspire+
- The smiling, proud faces of the children that took part in the Stamford Diversity singing festival
- The great time the Y6 children had at The Briars
- Lots of new instrumental players have started individual lessons with Mrs Pattison
- How well the EYFS children have settled into school life and learning
- The amazing progress children have made already this term in phonics
- The appointment of our new 'pupil voice' teams in school – including our Head Boy and Head Girl, Flynn and Alice!
- Even more new and wonderful staff and pupils have joined our St. Augustine's family

These are just a few of so many things to recognise from just over six weeks in school – all of which add together to make St. Augustine's such a special place, filled with happy, smiling staff and pupils.

Last week, Mrs Donington and I had the pleasure of attending a training session with Doug Lemov, a well-known educational researcher and writer, who wrote the books 'Teach Like a Champion' and 'Reading Reconsidered'. We have both brought back lots of great things to build into school life, but one of the most crucial things he spoke about was reading. In this digital age, where younger and younger children have access to smart phones and devices, the humble book is being rapidly devalued and lost. So many children report that they don't read for pleasure, aren't read to and sadly, don't enjoy books – when reading is actually the key that unlocks almost ALL learning in school! As we enter into half term, please could I ask that you spend some time reading to or with your children, listening to them read to you (whatever the topic – comics, even recipe books!) and most importantly, carving out some time for them to read alone in order to build their stamina and fluency. This, above all else, is the crucial skill that will pay dividends, both now and in their future!

Wishing you all a fabulous half term – we'll see you on Tuesday 29th October.

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father, help me to be somebody who shows respect to everyone I meet.

May I see your image in all who pass my way, and may they see the same in me through what I do and say.

Teach me to see all people as your children here on earth, so that the world can understand everyone's true worth.

The respect I show to others is one way I can try to build your world of love and peace, one day at a time.

Amen.



'Respect Prayer' - Mission Together



THE FUTURE SAINTS CHAPLAINCY TEAM

Our Chaplaincy Team are raising money for the school in Wajir, Kenya.

Our parish have been supporting the mission there for a long time, and we would like to help them raise money for some play equipment.

Children can bring in a toy to share/play with on **Friday 8th November** for a donation of 50p. This must not be electronic and ideally not irreplaceable! It could be a game, football, cards etc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

There will be lots of celebrating during half term for lots of our St. Augustine's children!

Many happy returns to Woody who celebrates his birthday on Sunday, Jack who celebrates on Tuesday, and to Kaian who celebrates on Wednesday - and you're all turning 5!



Flynn is 11 on 28th October, Emilia is 9 on 29th October, Anastasia is 7 on 29th October and Ava-Lilly is 8 on 30th October!

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



GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday 4th November, and our next Green Team meeting will be on Monday 11th November.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS & LITURGY DATES

We would like to welcome our school families to join us:

1st Nov: All Saints Mass - Church - 10am

11th Nov: Remembrance Mass - School - 10.45am

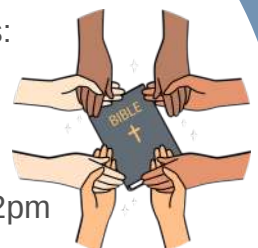
28th Nov: Advent Mass & Wreath Blessing - School - 2pm

12th Dec: EYFS/ KS1 Nativity - Church - 2pm

19th Dec: Christmas Carols - School - 2pm

We play so that the children in Wajir can play too!

-Mrs Donington and the Future Saints



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

Sycamore Class - Ivy - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - Zachary - **Love of Neighbour & Self Control**

Willow Class - Peggy-Grace - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class - Lola-Rose - **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 - Lucy

Willow Class - Toby

Juniper Class - Jonah



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

VISIT FROM JONATHAN BROOM EDWARDS MBE

Jonathan is a British para-sport athlete, who competes mainly in the T44/T64 classification High Jump, and he came to see us last Friday!

Jonathan visited us with his friend, Torch, and told us about an exciting competition to design a special t-shirt for Torch!

Jonathan told us all about his adventures in Paris for this year's Paralympics; he is having a documentary made about him as he sustained an injury just five weeks before the Paralympics; his surgeons gave Jonathan a one percent chance of making it to the games. Not only was Jonathan determined enough to compete, he won fifth place for Great Britain!

What an inspiration to us all; thanks to Jonathan for coming to see us.



CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS DOLLIN!



Our Year 5 Willow Class teacher, Miss Copeland, got married to her partner, James, yesterday!

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dollin from everyone at St. Augustine's; we wish you both every blessing and happiness for your future together.

Miss Copeland will use her married name after half term.



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE ATTENDANCE

For Parents - Parental Supervision - How Far is Too Far?

Many parents will opt to use apps to track and monitor the location and online activities of their children. These apps can be really beneficial (e.g. physical safety) but as with anything there are drawbacks (e.g. invasion of privacy).

Using the voices of young people Voicebox have put together an excellent article which parents can use to give a more informed opinion of these apps and to use as discussion points with their children.

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

For Parents - Cyber Security

From financial scams, identity theft, using public WiFi and much more, cyber security is fundamental to all of our lives. Internet Matters have put together a number of articles and resources for parents and their children which go into these topics including:

- Creating secure accounts.
- Phishing and ransomware.
- Digital piracy,
- and much more.

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

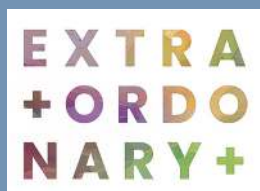


EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Service'.

Service is the act of helping others, even when it means a sacrifice for ourselves. It is an essential part of the Catholic faith, as it is a way of showing love and compassion for others by putting our faith into action. Our faith calls us to serve others in need, both in our own community and in the world at large as humble servants, just as Christ did.

Seek out those people in your community who serve others and thank them for what they do.



Our whole school attendance this week was 92.81%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 98.77%

Sycamore - 90.87%

Acacia - 95.24%

Willow - 90.64%

Juniper - 89.74%

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](#).



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!

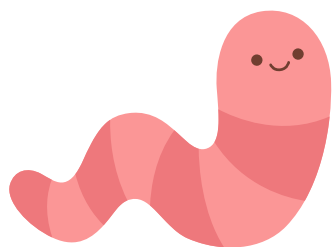
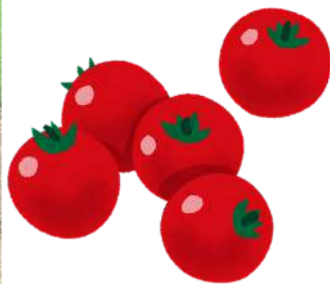
Come and chat to other school parents and enjoy a warm drink with new friends.

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!

ST A'S GREEN TEAM!

Our Green team children harvested the last of the tomatoes and potatoes, and had a great time finding worms!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S NETBALL TEAM

On Tuesday evening, we played a netball match against St. George's Primary School. The match was nail biting from start to finish.

I want to congratulate everyone on an amazing game, we had immense defence and tactical attack. Congratulations to Ronan who received player of the match and also for his astonishing goal from the edge of the D.

The final score was 2-1 to St. George's but I cannot fault anyone's resilience and determination throughout the whole match. Well done all, looking forward to our next one!

- Miss B



PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

We would like to remind you that the front desk is not always staffed, as our office team is often occupied with various tasks such as delivering messages to teachers, registering students, assisting visitors, or on other calls.

If you're unable to reach us by phone, please leave a voicemail or email us at enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk, ensuring your message is addressed to the appropriate person.

Voicemails are promptly checked, and we will forward your query to the relevant staff member for a response. Teachers will contact you as soon as possible, though they may need to fit this around classroom responsibilities.

As staff are often closer to their computers than to the phone, you may receive a quicker response via email.

Please remember that absences should be reported through the Arbor app, email, or telephone. For classroom-related concerns, we kindly ask that you reach out to your child's class teacher via the Enquiries email above before contacting other staff members. This ensures your queries are addressed promptly by the right person.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1st Stamford Girls' Brigade and Boys' Club
invite you to a

Pumpkin Light Party

For primary school aged children
Tuesday 29th October, 6.00-7.15pm
At Stamford Methodist Church Halls, Barn Hill



Come and find out what Patch the Pumpkin has been up to!

No scary costumes, please!!

RSVP to Julia at Julia.cfywenabler@gmail.com

By FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

TWYXCROSS ZOO

Our friends at Twycross Zoo have sent us some exclusive discount vouchers for their Autumn events! All children will bring home a voucher for 25% off, valid until 31st December 2024, and when you pay for a day, you can visit free for 12 months! Click on the images below to see all of the exciting upcoming half-term and Christmas events!



STAMFORD PRIMARY SCHOOLS SINGING DAY

Last Friday, children from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes joined other local primary schools to take part in the Stamford Primary Schools Singing Day! This year's event was in aid of the RNLI.

We were so proud of each and every one of our St. Augustine's children; they represented our school and our values beautifully, and made it such a special performance for us. Many thanks to Stamford Endowed Schools for their hospitality and for hosting this lovely event.



Children from St. Gilbert's, St. George's, Uffington, Malcolm Sargent, Stamford Junior School and St. Augustine's.

JOIN US FOR THE
FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

« LIGHT PARTY » *Disco*

WEDS 30TH OCTOBER

3.30PM UNTIL 5.00PM

**TICKETS ON SALE IN KS1 PLAYGROUND
ON TUESDAY 29TH OCT!**

YOUR £3 TICKET INCLUDES:

**LIVE
DJ**

**SWEET TREATS
& SQUASH**

**GLOW
STICKS**

BRING YOUR PARTY CLOTHES TO SCHOOL TO CHANGE INTO!

LIGHT TOYS SOLD SEPARATELY £2

COLLECTION AT 5.00PM FROM CLASSROOMS VIA PLAYGROUND

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 -Y6 Substance Awareness	5 - PHSE/ RSE information event for parents - 3.30pm	6	7 -Youth Council 4pm at Town Hall	8 - Bring in a toy to play with! 50p donation for the Wajir school	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



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day
Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November
2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code **SPOOKY**

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.