

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

It's been a fabulous start to the new term in school and so much has already happened in a few short days that we have been back.

Term kicked off with a visit from Darren Rawnsley who, a few years ago, was Stamford's Poet Laureate! With funding from the Stamford Young People's Charity, he contacted us to see if he could lead a poetry day which would lead to a published book of our children's poems – of course, we jumped at the chance! We were thrilled to discover that the theme was heroes, in particular, the often silent heroes that help our lives every day. Linking this to our school virtues was easy then, as our every day heroes shine through as people who practice lots of these virtues daily. Staff have told me how proud they are of the poems their classes produced – watch this space for the finished product, which you will be able to purchase copies of on the run up to Christmas.

On Wednesday, our newly formed F.O.S.A team organised a Light Party in the school hall for the whole school. The fabulous disco was provided by RJB Entertainment, and Richard came extra early to ensure there were LOADS of flashing, colourful lights for children to enjoy. With snacks, glow sticks and light-up toys, F.O.S.A raised a great amount and the children had such a super time! Well done and thank you to everyone involved in helping and supporting with this event.

Today, some of our Year 6 have been swimming as they embark upon their second term at the pool. Swimming is such a crucial life skill and I urge all parents of all year groups, to encourage your children's confidence in water – even the bath – by helping them to get their faces wet, splash and have fun, all of which helps with swimming lessons when the time comes. The National Curriculum standard is for children to swim 25m unaided, which lots of them can either do or will achieve by the end of their time with us. Well done to all!

One of our link Governors attended Mass on this day of Holy Obligation for All Saints and has contacted school with a report on how well our Year 5 children represented us this morning:

"It was lovely to see Year 5 at Mass today at St. Mary & St. Augustine Church. Their behaviour, conduct and participation was first class. They were a credit to themselves, the school and our community - well done Year 5! The readers did a marvellous job with the first reading, psalm and bidding prayers. All of the children were so attentive and listened brilliantly to Canon Peter and hopefully they will all be future Saints, following in the footsteps of St. Augustine. Thank you for making the celebration of All Saints so special and enjoyable; well done everyone!"

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead,

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Loving Father, you sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to serve others. He gave us an example to follow: that we might be people who put the needs of others before our own. Father, your Son showed us that by serving others we help them to see their dignity and worth. Father, we pray that all your children learn to serve one another. And we ask you to help us serve each other today. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



'Service Prayer' - Mission Together



THE 10 VIRTUES OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

In his parish newsletter last week, Canon Peter wrote:

"Last weekend, we saw the first five of the ten principal virtues of Our Lady, as they are listed by St. Louis de Montfort in his beloved work 'True Devotion to Mary': profound humility, lively faith, perfect obedience, continual prayer, and universal mortification.

This weekend, we will finish with the latter five: divine purity, ardent charity, heroic patience, angelic sweetness, and divine wisdom.

Divine purity: To be pure of heart means that everything in your heart is of God and in accordance with His will. "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God..." Mary saw God more clearly than any other human because nothing blurred her vision of Him, full of grace as she was.

Ardent charity: Mary's heart was the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. She was continually on fire with the love of God, and everything she did, said, and thought was motivated by this boundless love for God and for her neighbour, for His sake.

Heroic patience: Our Lady encountered difficulties in her life as everyone on earth does. In fact, next to Jesus Himself, she suffered much. But no matter how big or small the trial, she bore it patiently, without sourness, irritability, or despondence. Even the death of her Son was a trial she bore willingly—and heroically. Angelic sweetness: We might sometimes wonder what it would have been like to meet Our Lady on the streets of Nazareth. She radiated kindness, generosity, peace to everyone—even the most difficult individuals.

Divine wisdom: Mary's ongoing contemplation of divine things caused her to see everything through the lens of the divine—which is a lens of perfect clarity and accuracy. Everything to her gained its proper perspective when viewed as part of God's plan. She therefore possessed the gift of wisdom in the highest degree.

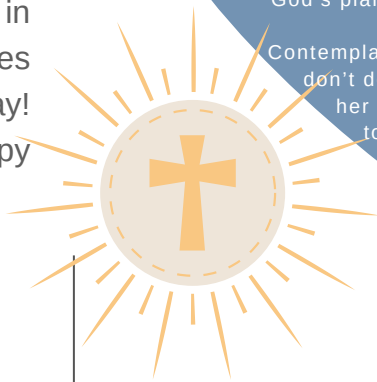
Contemplate Our Lady's virtues and strive to apply them to your own life—but don't do it alone. Our Lady herself is ready and waiting to help you imitate her virtues and guide you in the paths of God. She is our Mother, given to us by Christ Himself, and she loves us more than we can imagine.

A beloved image of our Mother is a perfect way to draw your thoughts to her during the day and have her example always before our eyes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Lucy in Acacia class who celebrates her 9th birthday on Saturday! We all wish 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.

Tickets are still available for film night on Monday 18th November!



WHOLE SCHOOL MASS & LITURGY DATES

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

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



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - **Woody** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Sycamore Class - **Rakshith** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **River** - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - **Nolan** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Margarita** - **Friendship & Kindness**



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

TEA WITH MISS H!

Cedar Class - **Stanley**

Sycamore Class - **Harry**

Acacia Class - **Saoirse**

Willow Class - **Tobias**

Juniper Class - **Arlo**



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.

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



-Mrs Donington and the Future Saints

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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Next week, our Year 6 students will be selling poppies, slap bands, wristbands, and zip pulls to support the Royal British Legion. As a guide, in previous years donations have been around 50p for a poppy, £1 for a zip pull, and £2 for a slap band or wristband. All contributions will go towards the Legion's important work.

Thank you for helping us honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed. More information about the work of the Royal British Legion can be found [here](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 97.09%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 99.21%

Sycamore - 99.47%

Acacia - 96.94%

Willow - 93.98%

Juniper - 95.6%

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 '**Accompaniment**'

Accompaniment is the act of walking with someone on their journey. It is how we, as followers of Christ, show support and love for others. We are called to accompany others on their journey of faith, both in good times and in bad, just as the Holy Spirit watches over each of us in our own lives.

Think about the people who walk with you in life. Take time this week to tell them how much they mean to you.



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!

CONGRATULATIONS, MR AND MRS DOLLIN!



We are delighted to share the joyful news of Mr. and Mrs. Dollin's recent wedding!

The couple celebrated their marriage last Friday, surrounded by loved ones, and we're blessed to be able to share a photo of them on their special day.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dollin, and in praying for God's grace to fill their life together with faith, love, and joy.



INTRODUCING FLOSSIE, OUR NEW SCHOOL DOG!

We are delighted to announce that we will be introducing a new school dog to The Dog Mentor Programme.

You may have seen Flossie around, getting used to the school environment, and she will be in far more often after her professional training session on Wednesday, 11th December.

Full training will be given to both Flossie and our staff who will work with Flossie to ensure that the welfare of everyone involved is maintained as a top priority.



F.O.S.A NEWS!

We had a fantastic time at the Light Party on Wednesday—thank you to everyone who came along and supported our fundraising.

The children's Christmas card designs have now been sent off and will arrive before Christmas with plenty of time for you to order, so no need to buy elsewhere!

Our next non-uniform day is **Friday 29th November**.

Save the date for our all-day Christmas extravaganza on **Friday 13th December**, which will include Christmas jumpers/party outfits, a whole-school panto, Christmas lunch, F.O.S.A. Christmas Fayre, and a Christmas disco!

Please get in touch if you don't have a Christmas jumper!



Calendar of Events



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



2024 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 -Year 6 Roots to Food Gala Dinner for parents	6 - Roots to Food workshop for whole school	7
8	9	10	11	12 - EYFS/ KS1 Nativity at Church - 1.30pm	13 -Christmas jumper/party outfit day -Whole school panto -Whole school Christmas Lunch -F.O.S.A Christmas Fayre -Christmas Disco	14
15	16	17	18	19 -Christmas Carols at school - 2pm -Last day of Advent 2 term	20 INSET DAY	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

WarmSpace

THURSDAYS 4.30 - 6.30PM

FREE CHURCH,
KESTEVEN RD,
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- **Free hot meal** provided by George's Food Hub, using food surplus
- **Free** tea, coffee and squash
- **Free** creative activities for everyone run by Art Pop Up



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