

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your patience regarding the situation with our heating and electricity. You may have noticed that over the October half term, we had solar panels installed, which are gradually being connected to the National Grid main power source, hence the disruption on the local streets. These solar panels, once live, will power our new air source heating – all of which will make powering and heating the school more cost-effective and, most importantly, will be much better for the environment! However, there have been some delays in getting things connected up properly, which has left us using fan heaters in school. The system, I'm promised, will 'go live' on Wednesday 20th November, so until then, if your child is feeling chilly in school, please feel free to send them in layers and/or PE kits, even on days when they don't have PE, so that they can stay warm and cosy!

Huge thanks to Mrs Garland for running the parent consultation on the sex and relationship aspect of our taught PSHE curriculum, the The Conversation Stamford for joining her to answer questions – and of course, to the parents who came along. As a Catholic school, we do so much in terms of character education, nurturing the whole child and teaching them ways to be the best citizen that they can be. We were very proud therefore, to be recognised this week for our inclusivity in football – Chris Graves from Inspire+ popped in to present us with an Inclusive award from the FA, recognising that our pupils' access to football across age groups and genders, both in and out of the classroom, is excellent for all! Well done to Miss B who continues to work very hard to offer a great sports provision here at St. A's, and to our new Family Support Worker, Mrs Smith, who has been working on improving our playtime and lunchtime provision even further.

This weekend is Remembrance Sunday and many of our former pupils will be on parade on Broad Street as part of the CCF. On Monday, Mrs Donington and I will be taking a group of younger pupils to Broad Street to lay a wreath made by the children, observe the 2 minute silence and join other children in singing a Remembrance song – please feel free to meet us down there. In school, Mrs Wright, our Lay Chaplain, will be leading a Remembrance Liturgy along with the chaplaincy team and all are welcome. Jesus showed us that '**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends**' (John 15:13) and we recognise the huge sacrifice our war heroes made and continue to make for our freedom, across the world.

I wish you all a peaceful and reflective Remembrance weekend, whatever you are doing – I may see some of you in Mass as we join together in thanks and prayer for those who '**gave their tomorrows for our today.**'

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Grant, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the victory of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME'

These words of Christ at the Last Supper were more than a simple command to commemorate. They are a call to awakening that in this life this important historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, has left his mark on the world. As we come to the altar to follow this command the effects of that first Good Friday are not only called to mind, but are brought to effect having a direct bearing on our lives.

Our memory forms us, it has a impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The Early Church Fathers spoke of the memory as being 'a power of the soul'; the great philosopher, Aristotle referred to it as being the 'scribe of the soul', such is its effect. Memory informs, rightly or wrongly, and impacts our decision making and therefore our future. It also keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance a time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense that a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. The Church has settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. The Church kept the day, but it changed the custom.

The greatest and only offering, to redeem both living and dead, has already been made by Christ, and if we want to celebrate our loving connection on both sides of the veil, we need only now to make gifts for and to the living.

Today we especially 'remember' those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to "Do this in memory of me" we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say "We will remember them"

- Archdiocese of Cardiff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Keira in Sycamore Class who is 6 today, and to Ellie-Mae in Acacia Class who is 10 on Thursday!



Many happy returns to you both from everyone at St. Augustine's!

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Green Team meeting will be on Monday 11th November, and our next School Council meeting will be on Monday 18th November.

The last day for buying tickets for our Film Night on 18th Nov is Monday 11th Nov.



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yourself

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS & LITURGY DATES

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

11th Nov: Remembrance Liturgy - School - 10.45am
28th Nov: Advent Wreath Blessing - School - 2pm
12th Dec: EYFS/ KS1 Nativity - Church - 2pm
17th Dec: Christmas Carols - Church - 1.30pm



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

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

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

Acacia Class - **Tyler & Logan** - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - **Raven** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class - **Jonah** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



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

TEA WITH MRS C!

Cedar Class - **Willow**

Sycamore Class - **Liam**

Acacia Class - **Joseph**

Willow Class - **Holly**

Juniper Class - **Jonah**



STAMFORD YOUTH COUNCIL



L-R: Elspeth, Stanley, Alice & Flynn



Yesterday evening, four of our St. Augustine's children attended the Stamford Youth Council with Mrs T:

"We discussed the new graffiti wall which will be situated on the Recreation Ground, and the community 'Plant a Tree' which takes place on 1st December from 2-4pm at Hudds Hill. We were all then taken on a short tour of the Town Hall and were taken in to see the Court Room and into the Mayor's Parlour to see the town regalia."

- Mrs T

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COFFEE MORNING WITH ART POP-UP!



Parents and members of Vision Day Support joined Rose and Mrs Frisby from Art Pop-Up this morning to make some beautiful paper Christmas-themed crafts! What a lovely time we spent together crafting.

Next week, Mrs Frisby will be helping us to learn how to crochet - we'd love to see you there!

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE ATTENDANCE

Report - "I've Seen Horrible Things."

On the 29th October the Children's Commissioner released their latest report titled, "I've seen horrible things": Children's experiences of the online world. This is a follow-on report from The Big Ambition report which received 253,000 responses from children and adults. At 59 pages it's quite a big report so here's a very brief summary:

- 71% of respondents say they feel safe online. However, some children as young as five and children with special education needs and disabilities disproportionately report they feel unsafe.
- Girls were less likely to agree that they felt safe online relative to boys (67% vs 75%).
- There is a correlation that children who state they feel safe online is linked with children feeling good about other areas of their lives.
 - This is interesting as it allows us to question what offline vulnerabilities may lead to a higher likelihood of online harm?
- Children do not feel in control of their online lives, e.g. phone addiction and algorithmic content influence.
- The prevalence of online CSA is a big concern for many, as is evolving technology and risks such as AI.

There's a lot more to the report, with much taken up by statements from children and young people themselves, which allows us to get into the all-important 'why?' question. For example, my own experience shows that very few young people have a good grasp of how algorithms are used to feed content to someone's timeline or For You page, how this can lead to echo chambers and, most importantly of all, what they can do about it. So whilst the report concentrates on the fact that the government needs implement the Online Safety Act quicker, it can also be really useful for us on the front line as it gives us the very questions and concerns that children and young people are raising themselves.

You can find the full report (which has a good executive summary) [HERE](#).



Our whole school attendance this week was 94.4%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 96.91%
- Sycamore** - 96.3%
- Acacia** - 90.08%
- Willow** - 98.82%
- Juniper** - 91.83%

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 'Remembrance'

Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped and inspired our lives today.

Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.



ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Click the image for more info!

MEET OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, JULIE MCBREARTY

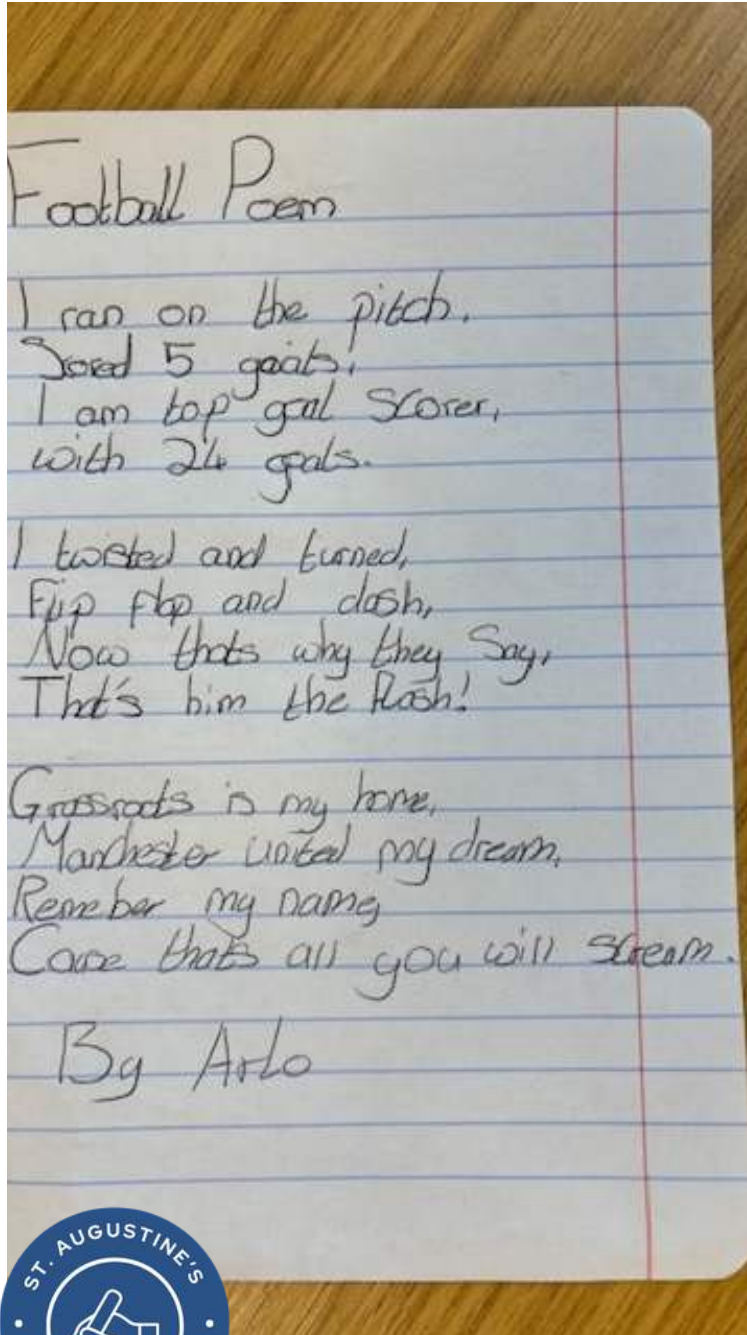
My name is Julie McBrearty and I have worked in secondary education for over 30 years to include a Catholic school in Leicester. I have always enjoyed the privilege of working with various Governors as a senior leader, valuing both their challenge and support to our strategic work. I took the opportunity to try to utilise some of my learning and experience by joining the Governing Body in 2021.

St. Augustine's is a delightful local Catholic school with a highly dedicated staff and Local Governing Body. Tony Williams, Catherine Callow and Chris Gallagher provide an extensive organisational memory to this school's journey in recent years. Tina Cox and her team are ambitious for St. Augustine's pupils and the role of this school in the wider Catholic community. You may also be able to make a contribution. Governors do not have to be education experts and we are blessed with a great breadth of skills on our Governing Body.

As the current Chair I have welcomed the opportunity to work with local Governors and the school team as St. Augustine's continues to grow. You can read more about our Governing Body [here](#).



Writer of THE WEEK



Congratulations to Arlo in Year 6 Juniper Class for being chosen as our Writer of the Week!

Arlo impressed Mrs. Oliver with his captivating 'Football Poem', where he described the excitement of the game, the roar of the crowd, and the tension of every play with vivid detail and energy.

Arlo's creativity and attention to detail brought the match to life, making us all feel like we were right there on the pitch, sharing in the excitement.

Well done, Arlo – keep up the fantastic work!

ARLO BOWEN



St Augustine's
Catholic Voluntary Academy

OPEN EVENTS



Wednesday 9th October 2024
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 12th November 2024
11am – 12pm and 5pm – 6pm

Saturday 11th January 2025
10.30am – 12.30pm

at St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary
Academy, Kesteven Road,
Stamford, PE9 1SR

Come and see why our school is a fantastic choice for your family

Find out more at: tab.so/staugustinesstamford-2425

Our school supports the conversation...

STAMFORD CYBERWISE CAMPAIGN

THE PARENT PLEDGE

1. No smartphones for primary aged children
2. No social media until (at least) 13
3. Parental controls until 16



Scan to sign up, or visit
theconversation
stamford.co.uk



Many of you will have noticed the new yellow banner in front of our school. We are Supporting the Stamford Cyberwise Campaign, headed up by The Conversation Stamford, which aims to change the way children and young people interact with their smartphones, in order to improve mental health and wellbeing.

There are various elements to the campaign which will be cropping up in the school calendar in the new year:

- A parent pledge -you can now sign up to the pledge at the link below <https://www.theconversationstamford.co.uk/cyberwise-signup.aspx>
- Webinar - An online informative webinar for parents/carers webinars in January
- Focus Groups - Children at school will take part in some focus groups, looking at some new phones and sharing their ideas
- Parent Workshops - The Conversation will be offering support and advice sessions in school to help parents manage their children's smartphone use

We will confirm these dates as they are set, Do follow the progress of the campaign on their social media pages.

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Calendar of Events



2024 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Year 5 All Saints Mass & library visit -EYFS Diwali visitors	2
3	4 -Year 6 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 - St. A's school hall
10	11 -Remembrance Liturgy 10.45am at school -Y1&2 War Memorial visit 11am	12 -Odd Socks Day for Anti- Bullying Week -EYFS Open Morning 11am-12pm -Open Evening 5pm-6pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 -School Council Film Night - Shrek - 3.30pm -F.O.S.A Bingo Night - 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 -Y6 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 outfits -Whole school panto -Whole school Christmas lunch -F.O.S.A Christmas Fayre -Christmas Disco	14
15	16	17	18	19 -Christmas Carols at Church - 1.30pm	20 INSET DAY	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Tickets from £19.50

Supporting Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice...

*Women specially recruited from across the city join forces with Peterborough Voices in this gala concert hosted by Jane Smith, performing choral favourites, ballads and songs from the shows. **Not to be missed!***

7.30pm Thursday 14th November
The Cresset, Peterborough PE3 8DX

in support of

Sue Ryder

Thorpe Hall
Hospice



PETERBOROUGH
Voices

***BOOK NOW: Tickets available from £19.50 at the
Cresset Box Office, online at www.cresset.co.uk
or by phone on 01733 265705 (fees apply)***



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

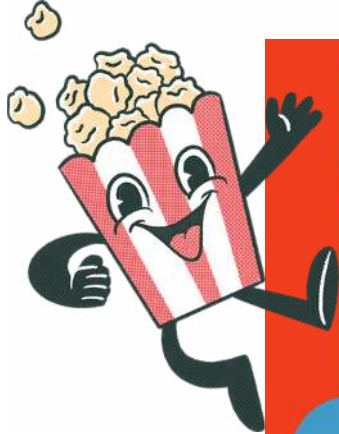
We would like to invite you to join us in the Shiloh room on Fridays after the morning drop off!

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!

Pip from Mindspace will be joining us at our coffee morning on Friday 15th November to chat with you about what's on offer at Mindspace, from daytime activities to chat groups to evening activities. It would be lovely to see you there!



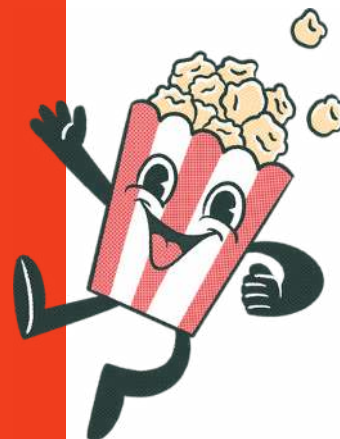
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MOVIE NIGHT



MON 18TH NOVEMBER
3.30PM-5PM | £2.50*

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN THE ARBOR APP
SHOP BY END OF MONDAY 11TH NOV

***DRINKS AND SNACKS INCLUDED**



BINGO NIGHT

Join us for fun and games at our F.O.S.A Bingo Night while the children are at their movie night! Prizes for each game...don't forget your bingo dauber!

DATE: MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024
TIME: 3.30PM
LOCATION: ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A

£10 PER TICKET*

Ticket price includes entry to digital bingo, grazing board nibbles and tea & coffee - please bring your own drinks if you'd prefer!

*TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.





CHRISTMAS EVENTS WITH THE CHEER CLUB!

FROM NOV 8TH - DEC 9TH

Nov 8th - Festive Decoration making
@ Stamford Library - 2-3.30pm

Nov 14th - Festive Sing Along!
@ Stamford Welland Academy - 1.30 - 3pm

Nov 21st - Festive Sing Along!
@ Alltech, Ryhall Rd - 1.30-3pm

Nov 24th - Let's sing together!
@ Stamford Christmas Market - time TBC

Nov 29th - Carolling & Tea
@ Whitefriars Care Home - 2-3pm

Cheer Club Christmas Party
- with a visit from Santa, Panto performance,
Festive Games + Refreshments!
@ Alltech, Ryhall Road - 2-4pm

WHAT IS THE CHEER CLUB?

We're a vibrant group of people from all over Stamford, coming together for a year-round program packed with exciting events & activities, forging new friendships & sharing laughter & support.



REGISTER FOR CHEER CLUB HERE
OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFO COMMUNITY@ARTPOPUP.CO.UK

Funded through the Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Investment Fund

PLACES ARE FREE BUT YOU MUST BOOK A PLACE VIA EVENTBRITE OR BY EMAILING

LOVE SINGING BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE?

Art Pop-Up are excited to invite you to

COME SING CAROLS WITH THE CHEER CLUB



Sing-a-Long fun workshops with Darren

**THURS 14 NOV 1.30-3PM HOSTED AT
STAMFORD WELAND SCHOOL**

**THURS 21 NOV 1.30-3PM HOSTED AT
ALLTECH RYHALL RD**

+ come spread a little joy, sing with us on:

**SUN 24 NOV (TIME TBC) @ STAMFORD
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**FRI 29 NOV 2-3PM @ WHITEFRIARS CARE
HOME**

Come & join us for a sing-a-long at ANY OR ALL of the sessions!
You don't have to be super-musical, just come & have fun!

Book your places by emailing community@artpopup.co.uk
or booking a place via eventbrite

This event is part of the Art Pop-Up Cheer Club's free programme - bringing people together for friendship and fun. Funded through the Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Investment Fund

22nd & 23rd November 2024

Christmas Craft & Gift Market

Tickets:

Online: £2.20 (+booking fee)

On the Door: £3.00

www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/events



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