

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

This week was anti-bullying week across the UK, and on Tuesday some of our staff and pupils wore odd socks to school, celebrating and respecting everyone's differences. Bullying is something that everyone is aware of, either due to unfortunate incidents in our own past or from situations with our children. That said, it's also a term that we hear children and parents use in the wrong way, which can be difficult to manage. The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online."

Bullying is not a friendship issue, it is not children falling out, nor is it accidental incidents that happen as part of growing up and learning to learn and play alongside others; it is intentional, repetitive, and it displays an imbalance of power that is abused.

In school, we teach a virtue-based behaviour curriculum and all aspects of positive relationships through our RHSE and PSHE offering; we also focus heavily on pupil wellbeing and citizenship through all aspects of Catholic life and we feel we do this well, every day! So, you may wonder why wearing odd socks for one day a year has anything to do with bullying - I know it's a question I ask myself each year. However, the theme this year of anti-bullying week was **respect**; this is one of our school virtues, a British value and a fundamental part of Catholic Social Teaching. It is also essential in observing the protected characteristics. In order to be a positive citizen in society, to be the best person we can be and to exist alongside others in society, we *must* respect others, their differences and their beliefs. This doesn't mean we have to agree with them or even be everyone's best friend – it does mean that we treat them with dignity and understanding.

Therefore, whether our socks are fluffy or thread-bare, colourful or plain, dotty or full of doughnuts, we remind children that all of those socks are OK to be worn proudly, to be accepted and above all else, respected. Different is OK because '*we are wonderfully and beautifully made in God's image*'; God loves us just as we are – let us then teach our children to love themselves and each other just as much!

Have a lovely weekend, in all that you do – see you on Monday for movies and bingo!

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Loving God, in the Bible you teach us that 'love is patient'. Help me to understand how I can share your love by learning how to wait. Help me to be patient with myself and others, so that I don't get angry or upset when things don't happen quickly enough. Show me how to wait for things to grow, understanding that some things can't be rushed. Lord, help me to share your love by being patient today. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

Amen



THE FOUR LAST THINGS – HEAVEN

In last week's parish newsletter, Canon Peter wrote:

"Heaven, our eternal home, is a 'place' of a different order: it is the dwelling place of the angels and saints, and the presence of God, Three-in-One, whose light irradiates all.

Heaven is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) almost entirely in terms of communion with others — with the saints, with the Blessed Virgin, with the glorified Christ, with the divine Persons, with the angels (CCC 1024). 'This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description' (CCC 1027). We know this heavenly communion only by images, remote analogies and comparisons with moments of the deepest earthly happiness. All of creation at this point becomes a metaphor for what is awaiting us.

Heaven is where God gives us the vision of his face and shares his divine life with us. Scripture describes heaven as a city or kingdom where the saints enjoy the perfected creation and the reward they deserve. We can truly hope for heaven since it is God's desire for us. We should ask him to prepare us for heaven, even through sufferings along the way.

Our life on earth is like a tree whose fruits will be found in heaven, and therefore we should strive for a life nourished by God's grace and lifted by him into a state of friendship (CCC 1023) through the redemptive work of Christ (CCC 1026); a life in which we are attentive to our deepest desires for happiness, and remain faithful to Christ whom we come to know as the place of final rest for such longings (CCC 1024 1025); a life in which we joyfully seek God's will for ourselves and all those around us (CCC 1029), so that in all this we may 'bear fruit that will last' (John 15:16)."

Please [click here](#) to read more newsletters from our Catholic Parish of Stamford, Saint Mary and Saint Augustine



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Talitha in Acacia Class who is 9 today, and to Stanley in Cedar Class who is 5 tomorrow!

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

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

GREEN TEAM & SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Green Team meeting will be on Monday 25th November, and our next School Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd December



WAJIR SCHOOL

We are delighted to have raised £46.50 for the Wajir school through your generous donations for our 'Bring a Toy' to school day last week!

Thank you all so much for your kind support.

- *The Future Saints*

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS & LITURGY DATES



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

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 - **Elsie- Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Austin - Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Emilia - Love of Learning & Determination**

Willow Class - **Freddie - Friendship & Kindness**

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



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

TEA WITH MRS C!

Cedar Class - **Bella**

Sycamore Class - **Molly**

Acacia Class - **Ben B**

Willow Class - **Leo**

Juniper Class - **Flynn**



ONLINE SAFETY Q&A

The Community Safety Team at Lincolnshire County Council have organised an Online Safety Q&A for parents; this takes place on Wednesday 20th November from 6-7.30pm - please click on the image below for more information and to book a place.



Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

Our Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.



Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for Parents of Primary Aged Children **20th November 2024 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939>

WILLOW CLASS: CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Following our Celebration of the Word with Willow Class this week, the mission was for each child to write a commitment or promise on a piece of paper, which would eventually all link together.

This chain has now been placed in the hall prayer area for everyone to see and enjoy. Well done, Willow Class.

- Mrs T



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE ATTENDANCE

Project Rockit - Shaping our Feeds

Project Rockit is a youth-driven movement in Australia working against cyber bullying, hate and prejudice. Shaping our Feeds is a report looking at young persons thoughts regarding machine learning and algorithms, specifically what they are seeing on their social media content feeds where user interactions are analysed based on likes, shares, comments etc.

The questions and subsequent report look at both the positive and negative aspects of machine-driven content from "It's essential to understand the world around me," to "I don't enjoy what I'm watching, but I watch it anyway as it pulls me in and takes up my time."

With many young people reporting that social media is integral to their daily lives it's vital that we understand their experiences so that the education and support we provide is up to date and relevant to their experiences.

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

Fortnite Updated Controls

With the Fortnite game as popular as it ever was, it's important that parents of children who play the game are updated on parental controls which will assist. There are quite a few features within Fortnite which may appear overwhelming so Internet Matters have put together a fantastic web page to guide parents through all the controls/settings.

You can find the web page [HERE](#).



Our whole school attendance this week was 93.91%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 91.36%

Sycamore - 97.11%

Acacia - 88.1%

Willow - 96.49%

Juniper - 97.12%

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 'Youth'

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude and we can see in young people and example of how to live life to the full.

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week.

Help others to see hope in difficult situations.



TOP TIPS FOR TEETH FROM THE NHS

The NHS have created a great resource for parents with top tips on teeth brushing - there's even a toothbrushing chart that you can download and print so that your child can keep track of their brilliant brushing!

Click on the image to see the full booklet.



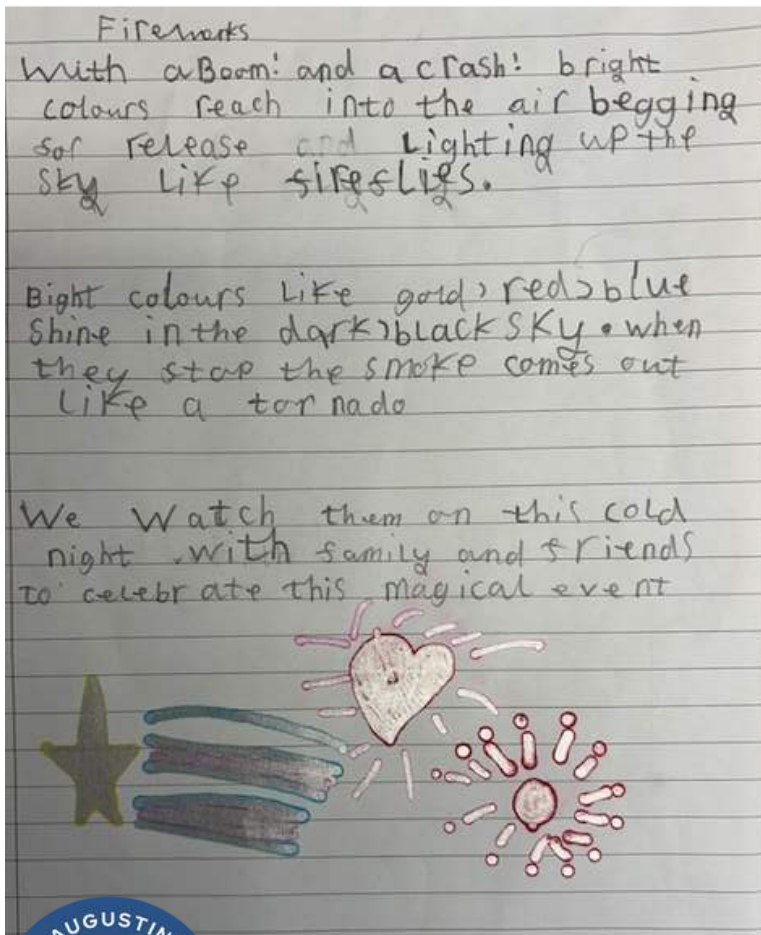
Writer of THE WEEK

Congratulations to Molly in our Year 2 Sycamore Class for being chosen as our Writer of the Week!

Molly impressed Mrs. Donington with her charming poem, 'Fireworks', where she described the dazzling bursts of colour, the crackling sounds, and the wonder of the night sky with vivid detail and imagination.

Molly's creativity and vibrant descriptions painted a stunning picture of the fireworks, filling our minds with their brilliance and magic. Her words captured the joy and awe of the moment perfectly.

Well done, Molly – keep up the brilliant work!



MOLLY PARSONS

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

We are extremely proud of Sycamore Class representing St Augustine's at the Armistice Day Service this morning. The children laid a very special St. Augustine's wreath at the Stamford War Memorial.

- Mrs Sinclair



STAMFORD LIBRARY - LEGO CODING CLUB!

Stamford Library run a Lego Coding Club on a Thursday afternoon during term time from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. The sessions are **FREE** and for children aged 7-11.

The club offers a first step into coding which will be useful for children when they learn coding at school. The club is suitable for those who have never done any coding as well as for those who know a little and would like to practice some more.

While this activity is aimed at children, parents are encouraged to join in so they can see what their children are learning and maybe learn about coding themselves, if it is new to them.

Children are shown how to create simple programmes that give them the opportunity to explore coding concepts.

It has been proven that coding helps to improve memory, concentration and attention span as children plan and build different structures. They learn problem-solving and grasp maths concepts along the way.

Contact Stamford.library@gll.org for more information or to book at place.

Booking is essential as places are limited.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MOVIE NIGHT & F.O.S.A BINGO - MON 18TH NOV

We're all so excited for movie night on Monday 18th Nov - huge thanks to our School Council and Mrs T for organising this for us!

Children will be taken to the hall from their classrooms by our School Council at the end of the school day, and will be ready for you to collect at 5pm. Please collect your child/ren from the main hall fire exit near George's Food Hub. All side gates and the main front gate will be locked; please access via the pedestrian gate at the main entrance for collection.

Bingo tickets are on sale from the front office for the F.O.S.A Bingo Night and from the playground; you can pay with cash or by card. Come and play Bingo and have some nice food and a catch up with other parents while the children are enjoying their movie night!



MEET OUR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR, CATHERINE CALLOW

We had four children who attended St Augustine's. They all had a great start to their academic life and really benefited from the amazing ethos of the school. I thought I could give something back to the school by becoming a foundation Governor.

I enjoy being the link Governor for the EYFS and SEND. I have so much admiration for the amazing work that the staff do and their commitment for maintaining the highest standards of education and holistic care.



You can read more about our Governing Body [here](#).

COAT OF HOPES

The Coat of Hopes Is due to arrive in Stamford on Tuesday 19th November, with a Service of Thanksgiving at Stamford URC (Star Lane) at 7:00p.m.

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP26, the UN Climate Summit in Glasgow in Autumn 2021, the Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home. It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency.



You can read more about the Coat of Hopes [here](#).

- **Canon Peter**



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 29th 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!

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				



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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