

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

This week, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors into our school, and I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our entire school community. Our staff team worked incredibly hard in preparation and throughout the inspection, demonstrating their dedication and commitment to providing a nurturing and inspiring education for our children. They continue to be positive beacons of faith and hope, ensuring that our school remains a place of warmth and encouragement for all. The inspectors noted the welcoming atmosphere of our school and thanked us for the kindness and hospitality they received. Our St. Augustine's children were confident and enthusiastic when representing our school during their chats with the inspectors. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our parents, carers and pupils for taking the time to complete the Ofsted surveys, from which the Inspectors gained very positive feedback which was invaluable; we very much appreciate your ongoing support. A special thank you also goes to our school governors and our Trust colleagues, who supported us throughout the inspection and took time to meet with the inspectors. Their guidance and commitment to our school community have been a guiding light through the recent years of rapid improvements, and we are so grateful for their dedication, support and kindness.

At this stage, the Ofsted report is still in draft form, and we will share the official version, along with their judgements, with you as soon as it is published. In the meantime, let's all have a well-earned rest over the weekend, ready for Peter Pan next week – I, for one, can't wait!

Wishing you all a restful and blessed weekend.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Loving God, thank you for the gift of faith that helps me to know that you are always with me, will always forgive me, and that your love for me will never fade.

Lord, help me to understand that the precious gift of faith you've given me isn't meant to be kept to myself; you gave it to me so that I can share it with others.

Help me to share my faith freely, through my words, actions, and prayers, so that others might know how much you love them, too. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

Amen

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FAITH: A VERY SPECIAL GIFT FROM GOD

Faith is like a tiny seed planted in our hearts by God. Just like a seed needs sunlight, water, and care to grow, our faith grows when we talk to God in prayer, listen to Bible stories, and show kindness to others. Faith helps us trust that God is always with us, even when we can't see Him. It's like knowing that the sun is shining behind the clouds - it might not always be clear, but it's always there.

As Catholics, we learn about faith through the teachings of Jesus, who showed us how to love one another and trust in God's plan. In school, when we say our prayers, go to Mass, or take part in acts of charity, we are helping our faith grow strong.

Let's remember that faith isn't just about believing—it's also about sharing God's love with our friends and family through our words and actions. When we do this, we're shining God's light for everyone to see!



OUR PARISH CHURCH

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

LITTLE STARS WRAPAROUND CARE

Please note that Little Stars Wraparound Care requires bookings to be made at least 48 hours in advance via the Arbor app.

For any bookings within the 48-hour period, please contact Little Stars directly. While we cannot guarantee availability due to limited spaces, we will do our best to accommodate your request where possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to our St. Augustine's children who are celebrating their birthday during the next few days!

In Sycamore Class, Frankie is 6 on Wednesday, and Maisie is 6 on Thursday.

In Willow Class, Molly-Rose celebrates her 10th birthday on Wednesday!



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND GREEN TEAM

School Council will meet after school on Monday 3rd February and Green Team will meet after school on Monday 10th February.



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

App - Red Note

With the possible demise of TikTok in the U.S. Meta (Facebook and Instagram) are trying to entice TikTok users onto their platforms, other apps are trying to move in on the popularity. One such app which appears to have come out of nowhere is Red Note. Like TikTok it comes from China and is in the top 10 charts in the UK.

It's difficult to know how popular this will be or whether it's just a fad, after all the potential ban is in the U.S. However, many of the influencers that children and young people follow are (or were) on TikTok, they have had to move to other apps, so their fans will follow.

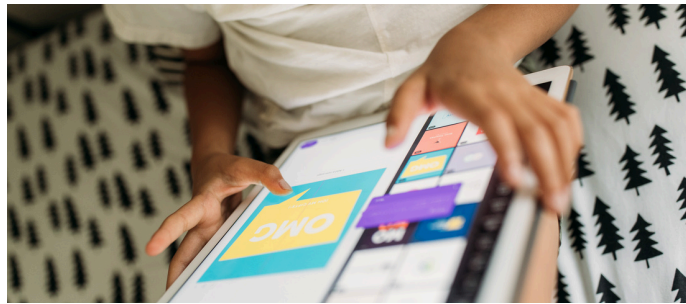
If you would like to see an article on Red Note, my colleague Wayne Denner has written 'is RedNote App the Next TikTok?' which you can find [HERE](#).

For Parents - What is Doomscrolling?

Doomscrolling is where someone gets caught in a continuous cycle of negativity and fits in perfectly with algorithmic literacy above. Whilst doomscrolling is often intentional, it can also be a result of the decisions the algorithm makes and being led down a rabbit hole of doom. This can have ongoing effects such as anxiety and other negative effects on wellbeing.

Internet Matters has a great article about doomscrolling, including things to look out for and advice for parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).

- Alan Mackenzie, <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/>



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.08%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 97.37%

Sycamore - 89.71%

Acacia - 91.51%

Willow - 88.27%

Juniper - 96.44%

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](#),

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Humility'

Humility is putting others before ourselves. When we show humility, we are open to learning from others, and are willing to serve others. As we grow in humility, we become more like Jesus Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Find opportunities to put others before yourself this week.

**EXTRA
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NARY+**

TERM TIMES MAGAZINE

The latest issue of Term Times magazine has arrived! Your child will be bringing home a paper copy - please click on the image below to view online!



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

January 2025

LPCF State of SEND Survey 2025 - VERY IMPORTANT!

("The state of SEND in Lincolnshire from Parent Carers and SENCOs")

No View 😞 **Very Bad** 😡😠😡 **Excellent** 😊😄😁

PCF are conducting two IMPORTANT bi-annual County wide surveys entitled "The State of SEND in Lincolnshire" in 2025." The findings will evidence if/how SEND development is progressing in the County.

It will also give parents of children with SEND an opportunity to give our independent forum your experiences and views.

When last undertaken in 2023, 150+ SENCOs and 650+ parents participated – let's make 2025 more powerful by adding even more voices and capturing more views / experiences



We would be grateful if you could please complete the survey online at the link below:- www.lincspcf.org.uk/Survey2025/Survey_Home.php
Our Test team have found that the average completion time is around 6-8 minutes unless individuals wish to write long comments etc.

Schools and settings have been notified of the release of the survey and will have been sent details to circulate to any parents of children with SEND on their SEND register.

If you don't hear about the survey from your school or setting please feel free to let us know so we can chase up.

If you would prefer a paper copy for completion please reply to this email and we will send one out to you.

PDF copies of both surveys can be found using the above link.

The closing date for completion is 4th April 2025.



It's one thing to be worried about it and another to know what to do

We want to support the local parenting community in navigating digital choices for their children - come to one of our parent webinars:

Tuesday 4th February 7.30

Wednesday 12th February 7.30

Link available on social media channels, our website or via your school



In-person parent workshops coming to schools in March

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 the pledge, or visit theconversationstamford.co.uk



Supporting you to make informed decisions regarding children and smartphones

Half Price Taster Session -
Saturday 22nd February!
Book now to ensure
your spot!



FOOTBALL CAMP

AGES 4-11

Every Saturday at Casterton
College Rutland

- Learning New Skills
- Mini Matches
- Fun Games
- Team Building
- Obstacle Courses

4-5y & 6-8y: 10am - 11am
9-11y: 11:30am - 1:30pm



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www.FutureStarsCamps.co.uk

To learn more about Future Stars and book your child's slot, visit our website!

FOOTBALL Fun Days

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
BOURNE - GRANTHAM - OUNDLE - STAMFORD
9AM-3PM
BOOK NOW

£20



2025 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 INSET DAY	7 FIRST DAY OF LENT TERM!	8	9	10	11 COMMUNITY OPEN DAY EVENT AT SCHOOL 10.30AM-12.30PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE OPENS FOR SCHOOLS	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



2025 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 -KS2 PRODUCTION OF PETER PAN - 2PM & 6PM	7	8
9	10	11 -SAFER INTERNET DAY -PARENTS EVENING -F.O.S.A STARGAZING WITH PARENTS- DETAILS COMING SOON!	12 -PARENTS EVENING -F.O.S.A STARGAZING WITH PARENTS- DETAILS COMING SOON!	13 LAST DAY OF LENT 1 TERM	14 INSET DAY	15
16	17 HALF TERM	18 HALF TERM	19 HALF TERM	20 HALF TERM	21 HALF TERM	22
23	24 FIRST DAY OF LENT 2 TERM	25	26 F.O.S.A. DISCO - DETAILS COMING SOON!	27	28	



‘Hope’
by our Acacia Class Children