

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

What a fantastic and busy week it has been at St. Augustine's! We have been fully immersed in activities for Children's Mental Health Week, ensuring that our children feel supported, valued, and confident in expressing themselves.

We've been on the football pitch, with our school team hosting St. Gilbert's for a great game. It was a brilliant match, played with fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship from both sides, and we were thrilled to come away with a 3-1 win! St. Gilbert's were a great opponent, and we really appreciate them making the journey to play against us. Well done to all the players involved!

A huge highlight of the week has been our KS2 performance of Peter Pan. The children have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, songs, dance moves, and stage placements, and it has been truly wonderful to see their confidence grow—especially in some of our more reserved pupils. The performances have been full of humour, beautiful singing, and truly moving moments, with some parents shedding tears! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Oliver (director), Mrs Jones and Mrs Ellis (costumes and sets), and Mrs Worrick and Mrs Dollin (co-directors) for their incredible dedication and for ensuring that every child felt happy and supported through both their nerves and excitement. Special thanks also go to Mrs Oliver and Mrs Dollin for running the after-school performance club in the run-up to Christmas—your hard work has certainly paid off. I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the show and appreciated the tremendous effort that the children put into it.

I am also delighted to share that I now have the official report from our recent Ofsted inspection. This will be sent to you all on Monday, and I look forward to sharing the feedback with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend; we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday and Wednesday for parent consultations before we break up for half-term on Thursday 13th February.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, you showed us what compassion is when you felt the sadness of others and reached out to them.

Help us to follow your example today. Help us to understand how others might be feeling, just as you did.

Help us to sit with those who are upset, just as you did.

Help us to stand by those who are treated unfairly, just as you did.

Dear Jesus, you showed us what compassion is, help us to show the world the same

Amen



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HOPE: TRUSTING IN GOD'S LOVE

Hope is like a bright light that shines in our hearts, even on the darkest days. It helps us remember that no matter what happens,

God is always with us, guiding us and loving us. Sometimes, things don't go the way we want, or we feel sad or worried, but

hope reminds us to trust in God's plan. Just like a rainbow appears after the rain, hope helps us believe that better days will come.

We find hope in Jesus, who taught us to trust in God's love and promises. When we pray, show kindness, and help others, we spread hope in the world. Even a small act—like sharing a smile or comforting a friend—can remind someone that they are loved.

Let's keep hope alive in our hearts and share it with everyone around us, knowing that God is always leading us towards His light!

HOPE KEEPS
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Many happy returns to
Lila, in our Year 6 Juniper
Class, who is 11 today!

We all hope that you
have a lovely birthday,
Lila!



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND GREEN TEAM

Green Team will meet after
school on Monday 10th
February, and our School
Council will meet after half
term on Monday
24th February.



OUR PARISH CHURCH

The Children's Liturgy takes place at the
9:00am Mass. All children are welcome to share in
this opportunity to participate in their own Liturgy of the
Word at Mass at an appropriate level for them.

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

YOU CAN
DO IT!

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates - we are all very proud of you.

Cedar Class - **Finn** - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

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

Willow Class - **The whole class!** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Jonah** - **Friendship & Kindness**



FLOSSIE'S CORNER!

This week I have been working hard in rehearsals and starring in the Peter Pan pawformance - I loved playing the part of Nana in the show and really enjoyed being on stage with all of my St. Augustine's friends - they were all brilliant. I wasn't too sure about that crocodile though...

I was a really good girl and everyone said that they were very proud of me. I can't wait for the next show...woof!



WORLD BOOK DAY AT STAMFORD LIBRARY

Donate last year's clean gently used costumes

World Book Day sorted!

Browse the rail for this year's character

World Book Day costume swap rail at Stamford Library

Looking for World Book Day costume inspiration? You'll find it on our costume swap rail. Available during opening times from 6th February-6th March.

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World Book Day Costume Creator Workshops at Stamford Library

Spaces limited, booking essential. Speak to a member of staff to book your space

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E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

Screen time - Brain Rot?

I have never been a fan of the word 'screen time'. It tells us nothing, there's no context, yet is used by the media to instil and exacerbate fears upon parents leading to other concerns such as addiction. Screen 'time' can be a factor, but screen 'use' is much more important, this gives us context - what are they doing and why?

I came across an article in The Guardian which I thought was so well written and thought provoking, written by real experts, not self-proclaimed or media-hyped experts, which gives a much more balanced view of screen time and what the science does and does not tell us. It's definitely worth a read and you can find the article [HERE](#).

For Parents - What is Kick Streaming?

Many parents will be aware of Twitch, especially if their children are gamers. Owned by Amazon it has become incredibly popular over the years for children to either watch live streams or to live stream themselves. But in the past there's been plenty of controversy about the platform, particularly in relation to restrictions that imposed upon streamers. So it's no surprise to see other platforms becoming more popular and one of those platforms is Kick (not to be confused with Kik Messenger).

It was launched in 2022, users should be 13+ and it follows the same process as Twitch where live streamers can make money. However, much of the content on Kick is adult in nature.

Internet Matters has a good article about Kick and it may be useful to share this with your parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).

- Alan Mackenzie, e-safetyadvisor.com



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.13%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 96.32%

Sycamore - 93.52%

Acacia - 96.3%

Willow - 97.53%

Juniper - 97.33%

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](#).



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



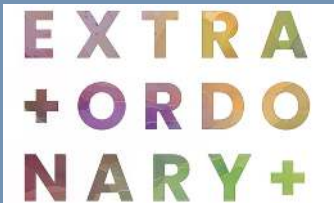
EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Diversity'

Diversity inspires us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.

Think about those people in your community who may feel left out.

This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.



NETBALL SUCCESS!

Holly and Ellie-Mae in our Y5 Willow Class are members of Shooting Stars Netball Club; both play for the U10 team and help the U11 team. On 26th January, the girls played in the U10 and U11 final and they won, both taking both teams to be undefeated champions! Holly received 'Player of the Match' recognition from the umpire.

Last Saturday, the U10 team competed in the ENG Sports UK U10 champions at Essex University and they were amazing; Holly scoring first in the first game and Ellie being great in defence.

Unfortunately, Shooting Stars lost out at the quarter finals, but still placed 5th out of 12 teams in the East Anglia area! Huge congratulations to Holly and Ellie-Mae - we are so proud of you - you have certainly embodied our virtue of determination!





2025 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 -CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	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	

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week at St. Augustine's, we have all worked on some activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week.

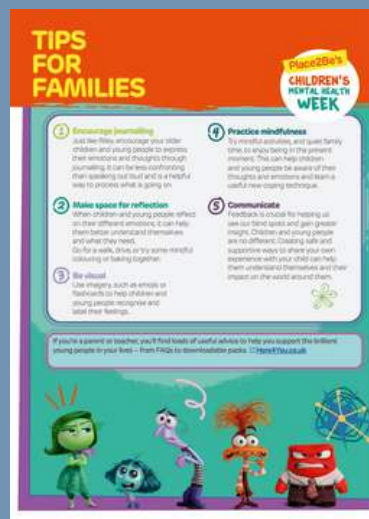
What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, [Place2Be](https://place2be.org.uk/). The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company!

Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is joining forces with Here4You to explore the importance of self-awareness and expressing emotions. Here4You is supported by The Walt Disney Company, and through the characters of Pixar's Inside Out and Inside Out 2, the resources encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Throughout their website, you might spot some of your favourite Inside Out 2 characters, helping you to explore the theme of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. Please [click here](#) for some brilliant free resources!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Here's some of the things that we have been doing in school this week for Children's Mental Health Week!



FOOTBALL AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S



Here are the children who took part in the match against St. Gilbert's on Thursday!



Back L-R: Tyler, Toby, Jacob, Mia, Flynn, Arlo and Stan
Front - Ronan

SMART BRICK ROBOTICS CLUB

We are delighted to share details with you of this brilliant new Smart Brick Club! We are the first host school in Stamford and there is a trial session taking place at St. Augustine's next week; there are limited spaces available for this session - full details on how to book below!

Welcome to the SMART BRICK Robotics and Engineering Club!

Would you like your child to have fun while learning?

Join our trial session on the 13th of February at St. Augustine's School in Stamford!

- 3:20 – 4:20 PM – Ages 5-6 (Limited to 6 children per group)
- 4:30 – 6:00 PM – Ages 7-10 (Limited to 10 children per group)

Regular sessions will take place on Mondays starting from the 24th of February.

In our classes, children will:

- ✓ Build their first robots
- ✓ Learn the basics of programming
- ✓ Explore how real-world mechanisms work—cars, planes, bridges, lifts, and more!

Together, we develop essential skills:

- ◆ Fine motor skills
- ◆ Focus and perseverance
- ◆ Spatial thinking and creativity
- ◆ Logical and analytical thinking
- ◆ Teamwork and collaboration

Maths, computer science, physics, mechanics, and coding have never been this fun and engaging! All lessons are conducted in a playful and interactive way using LEGO sets that children love.

★ Trial session fee: £5 per child (to be paid by the 11th of February)

★ Payment details:

Recipient: The Smart Brick Robotics Club

Bank: Lloyd's

Sort Code: 30-99-50

Account Number: 61373668

Reference: (child's name)

If you decide to continue, we offer term-based subscriptions:

- £12 per session
- £72 for Term 4
- 10% sibling discount available

Register here: <https://smart-brick.co.uk/>

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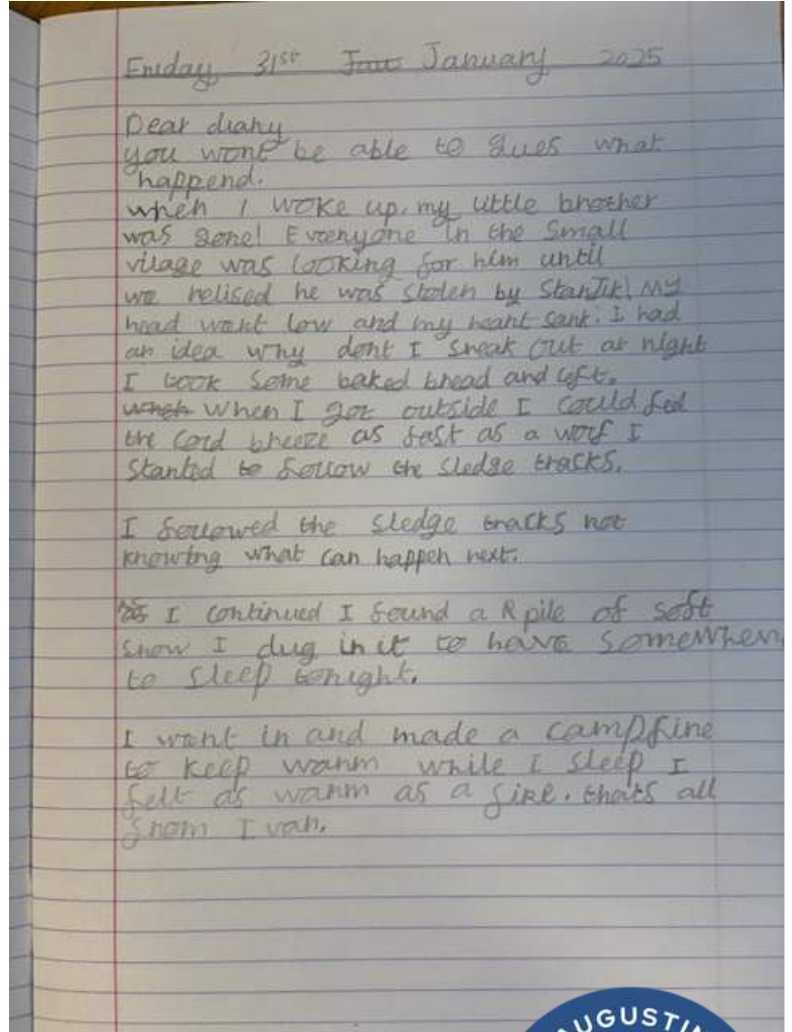


Writer of THE WEEK

Congratulations to Benjamin in our Year 4 Acacia Class... you are our Writer of the Week!

Benjamin wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a character in 'The Ice Palace'.

Mrs Worrick is so proud of you, Benjamin - well done on your brilliant work.



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