

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

We had a fantastic start to the week with the publication of our official OFSTED report, which was shared with parents on Monday. Thank you for your ongoing support, and for all of the lovely messages that you have sent to us this week. I also received a letter this week from Peter Giorgio, the Trust's Director of Education, and would like to share the following excerpt with you: *'The pastoral care shown to pupils and their families is also a highlight of your leadership, which is one of the many reasons why the school has thrived under your care. Personal development is also recognised by you and your dedicated staff as imperative for building an understanding of good character and social responsibility: the opportunities you provide are helping pupils to realise their worth in order to make a positive difference to others, and the wider world. The good behaviour shown by pupils, and the systems in place to support those who need help with self-regulation, reflect the calm and purposeful atmosphere you have created at St Augustine's. Long may it continue!'*. It's wonderful to reflect on the strengths of our school and share it with our community.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the more relaxed environment in the school hall.

Thursday brought a fantastic performance at the Spotlight Dance Show, where 12 of our KS2 children took to the stage with a brilliant routine to Jason Derulo's Colors - how apt for the message of the song to be 'look how far we've come'! Miss B and Mrs Dollin were incredibly proud of them - well done to all involved!

A huge thank you to the FoSA team for organising the special post box for February! It's been great to see the children enjoying the opportunity to send kind notes to their friends – we are so grateful for all that the FoSA team do for all of us at St. Augustine's.

After half term, we are making some changes to our rewards and sanctions in school based on feedback from both staff and parents. Stage 1 reflections will no longer be shared with parents on Arbor and instead, parents will only be notified at Stages 2, 3, and 4. We will continue to record and monitor Stage 1 incidents internally and will inform parents if we notice a recurring pattern or a significant change in behaviour. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are also having an exciting rebrand of 'Tea with Mrs C'! The children with the most virtue points each week will now enjoy 'Storytime with Flossie'! Flossie can't wait for her new role to start.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 24th February.

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Dear God,
Thank You for Your endless love.
Help us to be kind and caring,
To share love with our friends and family,
And to treat everyone with kindness.
Teach us to love like Jesus did,
With gentle hearts and open hands.
May our words be full of kindness,
And our actions full of love.

Amen



THE GIFT OF LOVE - A ST. VALENTINE'S REFLECTION

As we celebrate St. Valentine's Day, we are reminded of the greatest gift God has given us - love. Love is at the heart of our faith, a reflection of God's infinite care for each of us. In our school community, we see love every day: in the kindness of a friend, the encouragement of a teacher, and the helping hands that support one another. Just as St. Valentine shared God's love with courage and generosity, we, too, are called to be messengers of love in both small and great ways.

This Valentine's Day, let us remember that love is not just about cards and chocolates, but about living as Jesus taught us - to love one another as He has loved us.

As our school reminds us, "**Let all that you do be done in love**" (1 Corinthians 16:14).

Whether it is through a smile, a prayer, or a simple act of kindness, we can all share love in a way that makes the world a brighter place. May our hearts be open to giving and receiving love, today and always!



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to our St. Augustine's children who celebrate their birthdays soon!

Kenny in Cedar Class is 6 on Saturday 15th, and Remy in Sycamore Class is 6 on Monday 17th!

Juniper Class has lots to celebrate! Lucy is 11 on Saturday 22nd, Luke is 11 on Monday 24th, and Lola-Rose is 11 on Thursday 27th!

Many happy returns to you all!



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND GREEN TEAM

School Council will meet after half term on Monday 24th February and Green Team will meet after school on Monday 3rd March.



it's okay to feel



your feelings

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - **Stanley** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Sycamore Class - **Remy** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

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

Willow Class - **Elsbeth** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class - **Lilly-Mae & Abel** - **Friendship & Kindness**



PLAYGROUND LEADERS

We are delighted to announce that we now have official playground leaders!

The playground leaders have been trained in their new skills by Carl at Inspire+ and will be on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds at break and lunchtimes to lead everyone in fun activities, with Mrs Smith's guidance.



L-R - Rainie, Elliott, Bella, Jake, Joseph and Clara

WORLD BOOK DAY AT STAMFORD LIBRARY

STAMFORD CYBERWISE CAMPAIGN

The Conversation, Stamford, has made a recorded version of their Cyberwise Campaign webinar available on their website and on YouTube. This ensures that parents who missed the live sessions can still access this valuable information.

Click the image below to watch the webinar on YouTube, and [click here](#) to find out more about the campaign on The Conversation Stamford's website



THANK YOU - CHRISTMAS TUBS!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated chocolate and sweet tubs from Christmas!

Thanks to your generosity, we've collected nearly 50 tubs, which will be delivered to Greene King for their Tub2Pub appeal - helping to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Your support truly makes a difference!



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Responsibility'

We all have rights and responsibilities. Jesus tells us that we have a responsibility to serve those around us and work for a world where everybody has what they need and deserve. We are called to work for a fair and just society and we all have a part to play in making it a reality.

Take responsibility for something this week and do something positive to benefit those in your communities.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.66%*
*Figures shown are for a four day week due to inset day on 14.02.25

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 96.64%
- Sycamore** - 89.95%
- Acacia** - 88.1%
- Willow** - 92.06%
- Juniper** - 97.71%

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"



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On Tuesday, we commemorated the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. This special day honours the story of Saint Bernadette, who experienced visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a cave in Lourdes during the 19th century. It is a time for prayer, reflection, and devotion, particularly for those seeking healing and comfort.

Many pilgrims travel to Lourdes, believing in the miraculous nature of its waters and the spiritual significance of the site.

Our school is proud to be part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, which is named in her honour, reflecting our commitment to faith, learning, and service.





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	

EXCITING NEW BREAKFAST INITIATIVE AT ST. A'S!

You may have read that the Department for Education (DfE) is implementing a new breakfast club scheme later this year. As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the well-being of our children, we are delighted to announce that we will be trialling our own breakfast initiative when we return after half-term on Monday, 24th February.

This trial is being generously supported and provided for by George's Food Hub and aims to ensure that every child has the best possible start to their day. If your child has not had breakfast at home, they are welcome to come to the dining hall between 8.40am and 9.00am to help themselves to a nutritious breakfast. Mrs Smith, our Family Support Worker, will be coordinating this provision and will work with all children that drop in, guiding them on the life skills involved in making their own breakfast and helping to clear away, which we believe are valuable skills. We also hope that this will provide a 'soft landing' for any pupils who find the start of the school day a busy or difficult time.

We believe that a good breakfast, eaten in a safe space with others, sets children up for success, helping them to feel ready to learn and thrive throughout the school day. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have on our pupils!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help with this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



FUTURE SAINTS CHAPLAINCY TEAM

Our Future Saints Chaplaincy Team have been working hard this term to prepare for the Jubilee Year of Hope. We have made a Jubilee symbol for our prayer area in the hall and we will be writing some meditations to try in our classes.

We have been keeping in touch with Sister Cecilia in Wajir and we are looking forward to hearing how the children will choose to spend the money we raised. Next term we will be part of the team creating the Hope Garden and working with all the classes to write and display our Jubilee pledges. Look out for our posters and messages for the upcoming Big Lent Walk!

Here's Molly and Freddie from our Sycamore Class, with the amazing artwork that they created with Mrs Wright, our school chaplain - isn't it brilliant?

- Mrs Donington



MINDSPACE & ART POP-UP: FAMILY WINTER WARM SPACE

Every Thursday evening until the end of March, George's Food Hub provides a free, home-cooked hot meal for all attendees, there is tea/coffee/squash too. It's completely free, hosted by MindSpace volunteers – who can offer support and a listening ear if needed, while Art Pop-Up provide creative activities. You are free to do whatever you choose – join in, have a chat, bring a book, do your homework or just relax in a warm, friendly space.

Family Winter WarmSpace takes place between 4.30 – 6.30pm at the Free Church hall on Kesteven Road, PE9 1SU in Stamford and sessions are running up until March 27th 2025. Booking is preferable so that George's know how many people to cater for – however if this is a barrier on your first visit just turn up that's fine too!

Please click on the image below to book your place.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI

From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Click on the logo above
for more info on our Little Stars
Wraparound Care provision.





'Peter Pan'
KS2 Production February 2025



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