

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 week we've had at St. Augustine's! With the sun shining, it's been wonderful to see children playing happily together at break and lunchtime, enjoying the fresh air and each other's company ON THE FIELD! Hooray! We have asked for now, that if children want to go on the field, they bring in a spare pair of shoes just to save our carpets whilst it's still a bit muddy.

It has also been a very busy week of learning. On Shrove Tuesday, Cedar Class had a delicious time making (and eating!) their own pancakes - what a treat! Wednesday was a special day of reflection as we gathered for our Ash Wednesday Service of Reconciliation. Together, we listened to the parable of the Prodigal Son, reminding us of the importance of forgiveness and love.

Thursday brought excitement with World Book Day! The school was filled with cosy pyjamas, incredible costumes, and the magic of storytelling. We were treated to wonderful guest storytellers and even a French version of 'Guess the Story' - merci, Miss Hawkins! A huge thank you to Mrs. Oliver for all of her hard work in organising such a brilliant day.

Adding to the excitement, we also welcomed the amazing Science Boffins into school for an action-packed, explosive assembly filled with experiments and reactions! The children were absolutely enthralled. Thank you to Mrs. Donington, our science lead, for organising such a fun and inspiring event, which also celebrated the wonders of non-fiction books.

As we head into the weekend, let's keep Pope Francis in our thoughts and prayers as he remains in hospital, stable in his condition. In his message broadcast from St. Peter's Square last night, he expressed deep gratitude for the countless prayers and support, which he says have carried him through.

Wishing you all a restful weekend - ready for another wonderful week of learning ahead!

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

A prayer for the Holy Father:

Lord Jesus,
who went about doing good and
healing all,
we ask you to bless Pope Francis
who is sick.
Give him strength in body, courage
in spirit,
and patience with pain.
Let him recover his health,
so that, restored to the Christian
community that he watches over,
he may joyfully praise your name,
for you live and reign for ever and
ever.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Bow-Blue in Acacia Class who is 7 today and to Logan in Acacia Class who is 9 on Sunday!

Raven in Acacia Class is 10 on Wednesday, and she shares her birthday with Maisy in Cedar Class who will be 5 on Wednesday!



We hope that you all have a great time celebrating your special day!

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND GREEN TEAM

School Council will meet on Monday 10th March and Green Team will meet after school on Monday 17th March.



WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH LENT

As we begin the season of Lent, we are invited to take a step back from the busyness of daily life and journey closer to God. Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal; a season where we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert, we, too, are called to make small sacrifices, show kindness, and grow in faith.

In our school community, we can live out this season by supporting one another, offering a helping hand, and remembering our school's message: "*Let all that you do be done in love*" (1 Corinthians 16:14). Whether it's through prayer, giving to those in need, or making time for quiet reflection, every little act of love brings us closer to God. May this Lent be a time of renewal for us all, filling our hearts with faith, hope, and kindness as we walk together towards Easter.



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.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CLASS LITURGIES

Our classes celebrate their liturgies every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm until 3.15pm. Classroom doors will be open at 3pm if you would like to join us.



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - **Elliot** - **Hope & Confidence**

Sycamore Class - **Rocky** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Willow Class - **Ellie-Mae** - **Friendship & Kindness**

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



STORY TIME WITH FLOSSIE!

Congratulations to all of Flossie's Friends who earned virtue points this week...have a lovely storytime with Flossie!

Cedar Class - **Willow**

Sycamore Class - **Rakshith**

Acacia Class - **Blake**

Willow Class - **Romeo**

Juniper Class - **Nazim**



OUR NEW BIRTHDAY BISTRO!

We have a fabulous new addition to our dining hall!

Anyone celebrating their birthday at school can choose a friend to share their lunch with in the Birthday Bistro!

Thank you to Miss Bush and Miss Fiona for organising this lovely new space for us!



F.O.S.A EVENTS

Friday 14th March and Friday 21st March* will be non-uniform days at St. Augustine's!

Our F.o.S.A team have asked for donations of gifts such as bath bombs, toiletries, chocolates, nail care, face care etc. for Mothering Sunday gifts.

Children will soon be able to purchase a bag for £5, and will make their own cards in class, and will spend time with F.o.S.A to choose items, and decorate their gift bags...more to follow soon from F.o.S.A!

You can follow our fabulous F.o.S.A team [here](#) on Facebook to stay up to date with all of their news and upcoming events.

**If your child is going on the Sycamore/ Juniper trip to London on 21st March, they will need to come to school in their school uniform. Many thanks.*



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Making Online Viewing Safer for Children

There is so much amazing content online for children and young people, but as we all know, some of that content isn't suitable for younger eyes and ears. Much of the most serious and concerning content it being viewed and consumed at home, often in the child's bedroom. It is vital that parents and carers know there is plenty of help and support available to them, including from organisations such as Internet Matters who have a fantastic advice guide to make online viewing safer for children.

Within this guide there is advice on filters and parental controls, advice about watching and browsing together, screen time and more.

You can access the guide [HERE](#).

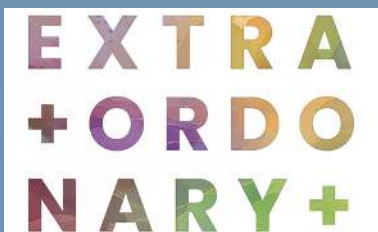


EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Prayer'

Prayer is a conversation with God. It is a way of opening our hearts to him and sharing our thoughts and feelings with him. Prayer can be done in many different ways, such as through words, music, or silence. During Lent, we can use prayer to reflect on our relationship with God, and to ask for his guidance and strength.

Take a moment this week to pray. Think about what you want to say to God and what he might be saying to you.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.34%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 98.69%

Sycamore - 93.65%

Acacia - 91.56%

Willow - 97.53%

Juniper - 97.22%

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"



GREEN TEAM

This week, the Green Team children marked World Wildlife Day by looking at endangered species around the world and compiling fact files.



"The biggest threat to Mountain Gorillas is people."

"There are fewer than 70 Asian Rhino's remaining in the world."



"The bones of Amur Leopards are used in traditional Asian medicine."

"A jaguar can bite through a crocodile skull and a turtle shell."



For more information on the work of the WWF, please click [here](#).

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY SUPPORT COURSES

The National Autistic Society have support courses for parents with children with ASD or on the ASD pathway:

NAS Teen Life Parent Programme (Parents of autistic young people aged 10-16 YRS) - One programme offered each full term-6-week commitment. There will be further information on our website. Parents/carers are invited (with a supporting professional), once they have read/watched some information about the programme and completed an application form via outreach@gosberton-house.lincs.sch.uk and been added to the waiting list. The pupil should either have an autism diagnosis or be on the diagnostic pathway as this is part of our licensing arrangements with NAS.

NAS Earlybird Plus Programme – Information can be found via the NAS website with parents; <https://www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/support-in-the-community/family-support>

This 10-week training programme is for parents whose child is between the ages of 4 and 9 and who has received a diagnosis of ASD. The programme works on understanding autism, building confidence to encourage interaction and communication, and understanding supporting behaviour. The programme allows for a professional who works regularly with the child to attend the session alongside the family. Places are applied for and added to a waiting list. For more information and an application form, please contact outreach@gosberton-house.lincs.sch.uk



**National
Autistic
Society**

LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS COLOURING PAGES

We have helped the Bourne and Deeping RC Parish create some Stations of the Cross colouring pages for Lent.

Over the next few weeks, you will be able to download the complete set of 14 stations from the Bourne and Deeping RC Parish website, colour in the picture and say the prayer.

The first two pages are available now - please click [here](#) to download.



VOLUNTEER APPEAL: GEORGE'S FOOD HUB NEEDS YOU!

George's Food Hub is going from strength to strength, now supporting families not only from our school but also from other primary schools across Stamford. This incredible project rescues surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and ensures it reaches those in need within our community. However, as the hub grows, so does the demand for extra helping hands!

George urgently needs more volunteers to keep this vital initiative running smoothly. If you can spare a few hours to assist with sorting, serving at a hub, or distributing food around the hubs, your support would make a real difference. Whether you can help regularly or just now and then, every bit of time counts. If you're interested in getting involved, please call George – he would love to hear from you! george@georgesfoodhub.co.uk



THIS IS LENT! THE MARK 10 MISSION

We are now in the season of Lent and The Mark 10 Mission are inviting children to journey through this sacred season with them. The Mark 10 Mission File is included on the next page.

Click on the links below to view the videos, or scan the QR codes.



Little Liturgies (Ages 4-8)

Episode 24: What is Lent?



The Mark 10 Mission (Ages 8-12)

Episode 24: The Meaning of Lent



THE MARK 10 Mission

This Lent, The Mark 10 Mission are delighted to be partnering with Mary's Meals, a wonderful charity who feed over two million of the world's hungriest children every school day. We are inviting children to make a simple promise this Lent: to fast and donate what they save to Mary's Meals.

For more information about the amazing work of Mary's Meals and ways to donate, click [here](#).

A graphic titled 'THE MISSION' by Mary's Meals. It features a calendar icon with '40 DAYS' and a cross, a game controller, a jar of coins, and a chocolate bar. The text reads: 'Your Mission is to choose something to fast from that usually costs money to buy. This could be a particular food or another type of treat like a new game or something you collect. The money you save can be donated to Mary's Meals and help feed some of the world's hungriest children.' The Mary's Meals logo is in the top right corner.

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mary's meals
a simple solution to world hunger

MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PRAYER

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God wants to help you know him more this Lent. Prayer is where we meet him in our hearts. Is there a prayer you can write asking God to help and guide you this Lent?

Read your prayer to God and spend some quiet time listening to his voice.

Wonder Questions

Why do you think the devil waited until the end of the forty days to test Jesus?

Where did Jesus' strength come from?

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COLOUR



2025 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 WORLD BOOK DAY! -COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PJ'S OR AS A BOOK CHARACTER! -BOOK IN A BOX COMPETITION	7 -COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 -FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAY! -COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 -FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAY! -FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM -SYCAMORE & JUNIPER CLASS TRIP TO TOWER OF LONDON!	22	23
24 31	25 CYBERWISE CAMPAIGN SESSION WITH THE CONVERSATION, STAMFORD: 8.45AM-10.45AM	26	27	28 COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM	29	30

FUNDRAISER!

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 team 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 on the right to book your place.



Cake Sale



St Augustine's
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Academy

Kesteven Rd, Stamford PE9 1SR

21st March 2025 2pm

Fundraising



Cake sale

women's aid

A representative will be
attending should you need
support



Ash Wednesday Service of Reconciliation



Flossie enjoying the wind in her fur on her way to school!



Some of the children's eggcellent entries for the FoSA Easter Eggstravaganza competition!



Ava-Lilly, Ada and Olivia from Acacia Class on World Book Day!

THIS WEEK



Willow Class on World Book Day! Mrs Dollin, Molly-Rose, Nolan, Mrs Mason, Mrs Kaczmarek, Holly, Ellie-Mae and Peggy-Grace!



Stanley and Sam from EYFS Cedar Class assisting a Science Boffin with an experiment!



Flossie enjoying a fuss from Martin and Molly-Rose from Willow Class!



Remy from Sycamore Class having his guitar lesson with Mrs Pattison!

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"What a difference it has made to our sons reading after just a few weeks with Becky! He also really enjoys his sessions and asks when the next one is. It has given him so much more confidence reading and he actually wants to read more now.

Thank you!"

Childcare Survey

Calling all parents and carers in Lincolnshire... we want to hear from you about your childcare requirements. Please help us to make sure you have the right childcare in your area!



The survey will be open between
17th February and 18th March 2025

To access the survey please use the QR code or online at
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2025



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

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

Come and chat to other school parents and
enjoy a warm drink with new friends.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Garland 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 - come to the main
school entrance - no need to book!