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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

What a lovely week it has been at St. Augustine's! The children have been busy with lots of exciting learning and activities, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and engagement.

A special highlight this week was in our EYFS Cedar Class, where the children had a wonderful visit from Viv, the owner of Mrs Bee's Flowers. She shared her passion for floristry, talking about life as a florist and the importance of flowers and plants. The children were inspired to create some beautiful still-life drawings and even had the chance to plant their own sweet peas to take home and care for. A huge thank you to Viv for such a fantastic and inspiring afternoon!

Across the school, children have been working hard in their lessons, and we encourage all parents to stay up to date with their child's learning by checking Seesaw for class updates. It's a great way to see what they've been up to each week!

Today, the school has felt a little quieter as our Year 1/2 Sycamore Class and Year 6 Juniper Class set off bright and early for an exciting trip to the Tower of London! There was a real buzz of excitement as the coaches left at 7:30am, and we are sure they will have had a truly memorable day exploring one of the most historic landmarks in the country - photo updates will be on your Seesaw account.

We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising cake sale for Women's

Aid this afternoon - it was a fantastic turnout! A special mention of thanks to one of our St. Augustine's parents, Chantelle Evans, for organising such a wonderful event, and to MP Alicia Kearns for coming along to support us and chat to us. The setup was beautiful, and the cakes made and donated by staff and parents were absolutely delicious. We are so grateful for your generosity in supporting such an important cause.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father,

As we journey through this season of Lent, help us to open our hearts to Your love and mercy.

Teach us to walk in humility, to seek forgiveness, and to extend kindness to those in need. May our sacrifices bring us closer to You, and may our prayers strengthen our faith.

Guide our school community in Your truth, so that we may grow in wisdom, compassion, and grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Michael in Cedar Class who is 5 on Tuesday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND GREEN TEAM

School Council will meet on Monday 24th March and Green Team will meet after school on Monday 31st March.





LENT REFLECTION - THIRD WEEK OF LENT

As we journey through Lent, we are reminded that this season is a time for reflection, kindness, and renewal. It is a chance to pause and think about how we can grow closer to God by showing love to those around us.

We hear in the Gospel how Jesus teaches about patience, forgiveness, and compassion. Just as He showed understanding to others, we too are called to be kind in our words and actions - at home, in school, and in our communities. Lent is not just about giving something up but also about giving more: more time to help, more smiles to share, and more love to offer.

Let's take a moment this week to think: How can I be a little more like Jesus today? Maybe it's a small act of kindness, a quiet prayer for someone in need, or a moment of gratitude.

Every small step brings us closer to the joy of 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 <u>click here</u> 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.



BOURNE & DEEPING R.C. PARISH

Please <u>click here</u> to read weekly newsletters from our friends at the Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish.

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E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - New TikTok Features

During the 2nd week of March TikTok released some new features which will help with supervision. These new features include Time Away, a feature to decide when it's time for children to take a break and a reoccurring schedule. There's also a feature which allows parents to see who their children are following on TikTok.

More information about these new features can be found HERE and the full range of TikTok Family Pairing features can be found HERE.

For Parents: TikTok, Teens, Social Media and You

MediaSmart have released a wonderful new resource for parents whose children are using TikTok. Designed for 13+ (as you have to be 13 to use TikTok), the resources will help parents better understand their young person's online world and support them through conversation and participation.

There's a campaign film, downloadable guide with practical tips, a school to parent letter and more. Full details can be found HERE.

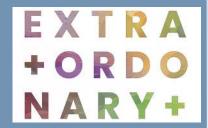


EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Almsgiving'.

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was xxxx%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - xxxx%

Sycamore - xxxx%

Acacia - xxxx%

Willow - xxxx%

Juniper - xxxx%

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 <u>here</u>,



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

#AttendanceCounts"







March

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | CHARACTER! | 7 -COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | | 14 -FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAY! -COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM | 15 | 16 |
| 17. | 18 | 19 | | 21 -FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING 8.45AM -SYCAMORE & JUNIPER CLASS TRIP TO TOWER OF LONDON! | 22 | 23 |
| 24 SA NON-UNIFORM DAY! | 25 -Fosa shed open before and after school for mothers day shop! -Cyberwise campaign session with the conversation, stamford: 8.45AM-10.45AM | | 27 -Fosa shed open before and after school for mother's day shop! | | 29 | 30 |





| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 -F.O.S.A EASTER EGG HUNT! -LAST DAY OF TERM BEFORE EASTER BREAK! | 5 | 6 |
| 8 EASTER BREAK | 9 EASTER BREAK | 10 EASTER BREAK | 11 EASTER BREAK | 12 | 13 |
| 15 EASTER BREAK | 16 EASTER BREAK | 17 EASTER BREAK | 18 EASTER BREAK GOOD FRIDAY | 19 | 20 |
| 22 FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM | 23 | 24 | 25 -F.O.S.A NON-UNIFORM/ CRAZY HAIR DAY! | 26 | 27 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | |
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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.

Click on the links below to view the videos.





Watch Now

Little Liturgies

(ages 4-8)

Grow with Jesus in Lent

Watch Now

The Mark 10 Mission (ages 8-12)

Grow Holy in Lent



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 <u>here</u>.



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









Energy Advice

Energy prices are becoming more expensive. This will be a hard time for anyone already struggling to pay their bills or in debt.

Up until the 31st March, we may be able to help by offering energy advice, which can:

- · Help you with your pre-payment meter
- · Identify energy grants
- Apply for the Priority Services Register
- · Deal with energy debt

We can look at eligibility for energy and food support for people living in the most vulnerable situations.

Please call Adviceline on 0808 278 7996 to get support. We can offer support in multiple languages.













An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

Monday 7 to Tuesday 22 April 2025.

(excluding bank holidays and weekends).

Scan here



Book your place from Tuesday 18th March.

Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

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