

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

The last week of this Lent Term has been a busy one at St. Augustine's with lots happening both in and out of the classrooms. On Monday, Mrs Wright and the Chaplaincy Team led us in a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross; on Tuesday, members of Year 5 went on a Jubilee retreat and pilgrimage to St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Spalding for the Deanery Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick; on Thursday Scarecrow Club was in full swing again as we approach the Uffington Festival and FoSA led the whole school in an amazing Easter egg hunt on the field, with every child being given a chocolate egg to take home. Huge thanks to all involved in these extras, which all happen alongside the exciting end to the curriculum this term – with DT gardens in Acacia class, a special viewing of the film 'Holes' to accompany the class book in Willow class and stitching and sewing in Sycamore class, plus many other amazing and enjoyable activities across the school!

I'm delighted to announce that Miss Bush has also completed the final End Point Assessment of her PE apprenticeship this week! She has worked so hard towards this and although we don't yet know her final marks, the assessor told her she should be 'very proud of herself' – we absolutely agree and are thrilled that she will be continuing to teach PE and coach the sports teams in school for the rest of the year.

Since our exceptional Ofsted report, we have had a flurry of visits from prospective students across all year groups. It's always exciting to welcome new pupils to the school and show prospective families all of the amazing things we have to offer – the conversations are always very positive and people often marvel at the space and facilities we have, which can't be realised from the road. Please do continue to spread the word in the local community about our school as we are excited to continue to grow – there is often a misconception that families have to be Catholic to attend, so please do reassure people that we welcome people from all faith or no faith backgrounds and embrace our diverse community. We still have places in all year groups and it would be great to welcome more pupils into our school family.

As we enter the holidays and forthcoming Holy Week, we come together as a community to reflect on one of the most sacred times in the Christian calendar. Holy Week marks the final week of Lent, leading up to the joyful celebration of Easter. It is a time for us to walk alongside Jesus through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness, we are reminded of God's great love for us and the deep sacrifice that Jesus made for the world. It's a time for families to gather, for students to reflect on their spiritual journeys, and for everyone to embrace the hope that Easter brings. In the spirit of Holy Week and Easter, we encourage everyone to take time to reconnect with what truly matters – love, compassion, and faith. Whether it's through acts of service, spending time with loved ones, or taking a moment for quiet reflection, this season invites us to renew our commitment to living with kindness and grace. Let us continue to support one another as a community and share the joy and peace that Easter brings into our hearts and lives.

I wish you a wonderful, peaceful and joyful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Loving God,

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we thank You for the gift of new life and the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings. We pray for Pope Francis - grant him strength, good health, and wisdom as he continues to guide our Church.

Bless our families as we come together in love and faith during this holy season. May our homes be filled with peace, joy, and kindness. We also pray for our teachers, who nurture and inspire us each day. May they be renewed in spirit and continue to share their gifts with generosity and patience.

Lord, help us to carry the light of Easter in our hearts and to share Your love with those around us.
Amen.



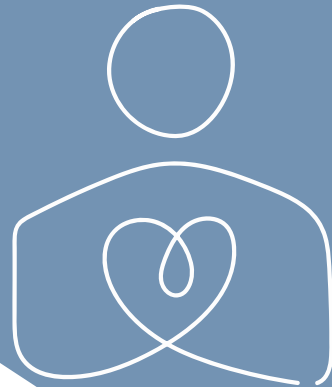
A MESSAGE OF HOPE THIS EASTER

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, we take a moment to pause and reflect on the journey we have shared. The Easter season is a time of renewal, reminding us that even in the darkest moments, hope and new beginnings are always within reach.

The story of Easter teaches us about love, kindness, and the promise of brighter days ahead. Whether in the small acts of friendship in the classroom, the perseverance in learning something new, or the joy of helping others, we see these values reflected in our school community every day.

As we step into the Easter break, may it be a time of rest, joy, and togetherness. May we return refreshed, ready to embrace the opportunities ahead with open hearts and hopeful spirits.

Wishing all our St. Augustine's children and families a peaceful and happy Easter.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have some birthdays to celebrate over the Easter break!

Many happy returns to:

Liam in Sycamore Class who is 7 on the 8th April, Jake in Willow Class who is 10 on the 8th April, Kyle in Juniper Class who will be 11 on the 18th April, Tobias in Willow Class who turns 10 on 19th April, and to Rio in Juniper Class who will be 11 on 20th April!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

WOOL/ STRAWS APPEAL!

Do you have any old wool or plastic straws that you don't need anymore? If so, please would you consider donating them to school for an upcoming Green Team project? We would be very grateful indeed.



GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council - Monday 28th April
Green Team - Monday 5th May
School Council - Monday 12th May
Green Team - Monday 19th May

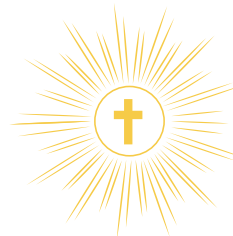
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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.



BOURNE & DEEPING R.C. PARISH

Please [click here](#) to read weekly newsletters from our friends at the Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish.

VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

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

Cedar Class - **Dominic** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

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

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

Juniper Class - **Rio** - **Love & Respect**



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 - **Elliot**

Sycamore Class - **Emma**

Acacia Class - **Saoirse**

Willow Class - **Holly**

Juniper Class - **Rainie**

Woof!



PETERBOROUGH SINGS!

Mrs Cox is taking part in a wonderful evening of music at Peterborough Cathedral on Friday 3rd October...*'Cinema's most iconic themes brought to life by over 70 musicians in the stunning setting of Peterborough Cathedral by candlelight, with a breathtaking light show... unmissable!'*

- Early performance 7.00-8.10pm
- Late performance 9.15-10.25pm

Tickets are selling fast - if you would like to book tickets, please send an email to enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.co.uk with 'Peterborough Sings tickets' in the subject line, and include the performance time that you would like to attend - we have a discounted rate for bookings. More info available when you click on the image below.



WHAT IS HOLY WEEK? A SHORT FILM

Mission Together have produced a short film which helps children to discover more about the most important week in the Christian calendar. Please click the image to watch the video!



Mission Together also have lots of lovely Easter colouring/worksheets available [here](#) for you to print out and enjoy over the Easter break!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to Molly and Evie, who are the winners of the School Council Easter raffle!

The School Council raised just over £35, and a £15 donation will be made to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. The remaining funds will be used by the School Council for upcoming events.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.



E-SAFETY

The Easter holiday is a time of relaxing at home with family, and also for children to have more time on their tablets and phones.

The NSPCC have produced a useful online safety guide for parents, with tips on how we can be 'Share Aware'.

Click on the image below to access the full guide.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.51%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 95.68%

Sycamore - 95.47%

Acacia - 88%

Willow - 95.68%

Juniper - 93.78%

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"

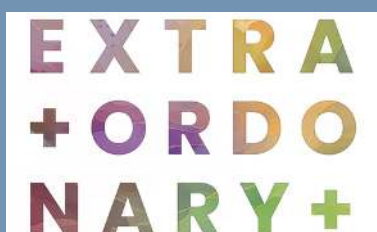


EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Journey'.

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Spend some time in prayer thinking about your lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.



THE BIG LENT WALK

We are delighted to announce that Kaian, Maisy, Molly and Austin were our top Big Lent Walk fundraisers! They raised £240 between them, and will each receive an Easter Egg prize.

Many congratulations to you all, and to everyone who took part - the funds that you have raised will help CAFOD enormously.



ART BYTES COMPETITION

Our Year 5 Willow Class children are taking part in the brilliant 'Art Bytes' schools competition! The children's entries are their creations based on their portrait learning.

Please click on the image on the right to view our Willow Class entries and vote for your favourite!



WE NEED



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OUR HUMAN LIBRARY EVENT.

Do you have family stories from World War II? We'd love to hear them! As part of our VE Day celebrations this May, we invite you to share your stories with us.

If you're interested, please email enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk with 'VE Day' in the subject line.

We would also love to showcase any photos, medals, or artefacts from your family's history in our special WW2 museum.

More details coming soon!



2025 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3 -F.O.S.A EASTER EGG HUNT!	4 LAST DAY OF TERM BEFORE EASTER BREAK!	5	6
7 EASTER BREAK	8 EASTER BREAK	9 EASTER BREAK	10 EASTER BREAK	11 EASTER BREAK	12	13
14 EASTER BREAK	15 EASTER BREAK	16 EASTER BREAK	17 EASTER BREAK	18 EASTER BREAK GOOD FRIDAY	19	20
21 EASTER MONDAY	22 FIRST DAY OF NEW TERM	23	24	25 -F.O.S.A NON-UNIFORM/ CRAZY HAIR DAY!	26	27
28	29	30				



KIDS EAT FOR FREE THIS EASTER

Save on the cooking and pennies this Easter! **Family First** rounds up the best places in the UK that kids can eat for free during the school holidays.

The Easter holidays are a time for families to relax and enjoy spending quality time together, but with endless activities to entertain little ones, they can quickly add up... especially when it comes to eating out. Fortunately, many restaurants have come to the rescue with 'Kids eat free deals', running throughout the Easter holidays, so you can enjoy dining out without worrying about breaking the bank. Whether you're looking for a big breakfast, light lunch or delicious dinner, we've rounded up the best 'kids-eat-free' deals to make sure both your wallets and appetites are satisfied this Easter.

Angus Steakhouse - Kids (under 18) eat free with a full paying adult dining on a main course, available everyday from 12pm-5pm. Not applicable on Saturdays in Bond Street, and Oxford Circus branches. The Kid's Menu also comes complete with an activity sheet and colouring crayons to keep the little ones happy! Find out more: angussteakhouse.co.uk/kids-eat-free

Beefeater Grill Restaurant - Two kids (under 16) get a free unlimited breakfast with every adult breakfast purchased. Find out more: beefeater.co.uk/en-gb/school-holidays

Bella Italia - Kids (age 2-11) can enjoy a free meal, all day, every Thursday and for just £1 until 6pm, Sunday-Wednesday when an adult meal is purchased. They also offer a colouring sheet to keep the little ones entertained! Find out more: bella-italia.co.uk/kids

Bill's - Up to two kids can eat free all day (excluding Saturday and Sunday), if one adult orders any main dish (breakfast, lunch or dinner), from 7th - 25th April. Find out more: bills-website.co.uk

Brewers Fayre - Up to two kids (under 16) can eat a free breakfast with any adult traditional or full breakfast or a free child's hot meal or pick n mix lunch box with any adult main course. This offer is available every day and also includes a free child's drink. Find out more: dobbies.com/restaurants/offers

Dobbies Garden Centres - Enjoy a free children's breakfast with any adult traditional or full breakfast or a free child's hot meal or pick n mix lunch box with any adult main course. This offer is available every day and also includes a free child's drink. Find out more: dobbies.com/restaurants/offers

Future Inns - In the Bristol, Cardiff and Plymouth restaurants, kids (under 5) eat for free with any adult meal (including breakfast, lunch and dinner). Find out more: futureinns.co.uk/special-offers/kids-eat-free-at-future-inns/

Gordon Ramsay Restaurants - Kids (under 18) eat a free main course at selected restaurants with a purchase of an adult meal from the à la carte menu. Find out more: gordonramsayrestaurants.com/whats-on/kids-eat-free-at-gordon-ramsay-restaurants/

Las Iguanas - Download the 'My Iguanas' app and kids (under 12 years old) get a free main course, two sides and a dessert with every adult ordering a meal from the à la carte menu. One app perk can be redeemed per table. Find out more: iguanas.co.uk/kids-menu/

Morrisons Cafés - Kids (under 16) eat one free meal from the customer café when an adult buys a meal over £4.50. Find out more: my.morrisons.com/kids-eat-free--tsc/

Pausa Cafés at Dunelm - All-day every day, for every £4 spent by an adult in the café, kids can enjoy a free mini meal deal (includes a main, two snacks and a drink). Find out more: dunelm.com/info/about/pausa-coffee-shops

Pizza Express - Kids (up to 12 years old), eat free with every adult main meal ordered. This includes a children's starter, main & dessert! This offer is running from 7th March - 24th April. Find out more: pizzaexpress.com/offers

Premier Inn - Two kids (under 16) can eat breakfast for free with every adult meal ordered. Find out more: premierinn.com/gb/en/why/food/breakfast.html

Preto - Kids (under 10) can eat for free all day at the weekend and every weekday from 4pm with a paying adult. Find out more: preto.co.uk/offers/children-eat-free

Prezzo - Kids (under 12) can eat a 3-course meal for free anytime at selected locations from 31st March - 27th April with every full paying adult meal. Find out more: prezzo.co.uk/about/kids

Purezza - Children (under 10) get a free mini pizza with every adult meal purchased - all sites, every day. Find out more: purezza.co.uk/kids-eat-free/

Table Table - Two children (under 16) can get a free breakfast every day when one adult purchases an unlimited breakfast for £10.99. Find out more: tabletable.co.uk/en-gb/breakfast

Tesco Cafés - Choose a kid's sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink for free with any adult purchase in a Tesco Café. Find out more: tesco.com/zones/tesco-cafe/kids-menu

TGI Fridays - If you are a Stripes Rewards Member, kids can eat free all day every day when a full-priced adult main meal is purchased. Find out more: tgifridays.co.uk/offers/kids-eat-free

The Real Greek - Kids (under 12) eat free every Sunday when an adult spends £75. Find out more: therealgreek.com/offers/

Travelodge - Two kids (age 15 or under) can eat breakfast for free for every full paying adult at selected locations. Find out more: travelodge.co.uk/about/breakfast/

Whitbread Inns - Up to two kids (under 16) eat free with one full paying adult breakfast (£20.99). Find out more: whitbread.co.uk/en-gb/school-holidays

Asda Cafés - Kids (under 16), enjoy a hot meal for £1 all day every day, all year round with no adult purchase necessary. A free piece of fruit is included with all kids' hot meal deals as part of the deal. Find out more: asda.com/instore/cafe

Hungry Horse - Kids eat for £1.00 every Monday with every full paying adult meal. Find out more: hungryhorse.co.uk/deals/kids-eat-for-1

Ikea - Kids can enjoy pasta with tomato sauce, a soft drink and a piece of fruit for 50p. Find out more: ikea.com/gb/en/stores/restaurant/#?id=3080-2e86-1fed-a867-d5dc921e45d4

Sizzling Pubs - Kids eat for £1.00 Monday to Friday from 12pm when you buy one adult main meal. Find out more: sizzlingpubs.co.uk/offers/kids-eat-for-1pounds/

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 images below to view the videos.



Watch

Little Liturgies
(ages 4-8)

Stones in the Sand



Watch

The Mark 10 Mission
(ages 8-12)

Jesus Always Stands By You

THE MARK 10
Mission

JUBILEE STATION MASS: TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2025

Year 5 students enjoyed a very special day on Tuesday engaging in a mini retreat at St Norbert's School Spalding on the theme of: "Hope", in this very special Jubilee Year 2025. A Jubilee year only occurs every 25 years and Tuesday marked one of the special events in the Diocesan Calendar for our Deanery. The school Chaplain, Mrs Wright, went to extraordinary efforts to make their afternoon very special and memorable; she organised fun activities, prayer time, meditation and reflection and made sure that there was plenty of time for playing and making new friends with students from St Norbert's. Mrs Cox and Mrs Withers, the headteacher at St. Norbert's, cooked everyone a wonderful supper and then everyone was ready for the main event.

Students from both schools made the pilgrimage to the local Catholic Church: The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Spalding. Canon Peter and Canon Stephen from Stamford and Oakham were so thrilled and delighted to see students at this special Mass to celebrate the Jubilee. The Bishop of Nottingham, Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney gave a very special welcome to the students and was so pleased that they were Pilgrims of Hope and encouraged them to be ambassadors for Hope in their schools, families and community.

It certainly was a long day but a great way to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. On behalf of everyone a great big thank you and well done to our school Chaplain Mrs Wright, who did such a magnificent job organising everything; thank you Mrs Wright. Naturally, none of this would have happened without Mrs Cox and Mrs Donington who continue to work tirelessly to maintain develop and enhance the Catholic life at St Augustine's School.

- Mr Gallagher, School Governor



Join us for a fun-filled family day out focused on food, farming and the countryside.

COUNTRYSIDE Lincs

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

10AM - 4PM

£6 CHILD
2 - 16 years

UNDER 2'S GO FREE

£12 ADULT

£34 FAMILY
2 adults & up to 3 children

*Advanced tickets, plus booking fee

EASTER 'HAF' WORKSHOPS 2025

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH HALL

wildcats theatre school

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL
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4.15-5pm

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PAACT: PARENTS AND AUTISTIC CHILDREN TOGETHER

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL AT 1:30PM

Join us at St. Augustine's CVA for an informal parent workshop with a member of PAACT, an amazing local support group providing resources to help parents better understand their child's unique needs.

You will have the opportunity to chat to an expert with lived experience of children with Autism and PDA, and other neurodiverse conditions.

EMBRACE DIFFERENCES AND SPREAD UNDERSTANDING




CAP LIFE SKILLS

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 8 weekly sessions: Georges Place, Cheyne Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AX
 Hosted by St Georges Church
 Find your nearest course at caplifeskills.org




Spring into our free Easter Egg Hunt

Explore our park to find giant easter eggs hand decorated by local community groups, each marked with a hidden word.

Visitor Centre – Rutland Water

Saturday 12 to Monday 21 April
10am to 4pm daily
 No need to book, just turn up.

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anglianwater



Scan the QR code to find out more or visit anglianwaterparks.co.uk/rutland-water
 Rutland Water Visitor Centre, Sykes Lane, Empingham. LE15 8QL

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

THE FROG AND THE PRINCESS (AND OTHER STORIES)
 Saturday 5th April, 2:30pm
 Suitable for ages 3+
Theatre Show

SIX THE MUSICAL LIVE! (12A)
 Sunday 6th April, 2pm & 5pm
 Tuesday 8th April, 8pm
Event Cinema

THE MYSTERY OF STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE
 Thursday 10th April, 2:30pm
 Suitable for ages 7+
Theatre Show

A MINECRAFT MOVIE
 Saturday 12th – Thursday 17th April
Cinema

WONDERDOME PLANETARIUM.
 Tuesday 15th April, sessions from 10am
 Suitable for all ages
Planetarium Show

EASTER CRAFT MORNING
 Thursday 17th April, 10am
 Suitable for ages 2+
Craft Workshop



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