



POPE FRANCIS
REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Easter Monday, 21st April 2025

**The Bishop of Nottingham, the Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
has expressed his sorrow following the death of Pope Francis.**

In a statement earlier today, Bishop McKinney said: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Pope has left an indelible mark on the Church and the world, as a man of great warmth and humility who made use of his global prestige to highlight and to listen to the concerns of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world. The loss of the Holy Father will be deeply felt in all of our diocesan communities and well beyond, but I believe his legacy will live on.

"I was very privileged to meet Pope Francis in Rome on two occasions — first, upon my appointment as Bishop of Nottingham in May 2015, and once again during the 'Ad limina' visit of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to Rome in 2018. Each time I was struck by his humility and warm welcome, deep love of Christ Jesus, desire to engage in dialogue, and his profound commitment to the Church and her mission. He will be greatly missed.

"The Holy Father once said, that 'it is only through faith in the resurrection that we can face the abyss of death without being overwhelmed by fear'. It is so poignant that Pope Francis has died this Easter Monday just one day after wishing the world a 'Happy Easter'. May the Crucified and Risen Lord reward him for his valiant labours. He named this year, a Jubilee Year of Hope. So, In the face of his death and our experience of grief and loss, I would encourage all Catholics to continue to journey as Pilgrims of Hope trusting in Christ's promise of eternal life to those who are faithful to his teaching, and to commend our prayers for the Holy Father to the intercession of St Ignatius, St Francis of Assisi and Our Lady, Queen of Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

"The Vatican will announce details of Pope Francis' Funeral arrangements in due course, and details of Masses and Services across the Diocese of Nottingham will be soon be shared on the diocesan website (dioceseofnottingham.uk).

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

We returned to school this week with heavy hearts following the sad news of Pope Francis' passing on Monday. As a school community, we give thanks for his leadership, humility, and the compassion he showed to people of all faiths and none. His message of love, peace, and care for others has been a guiding light for so many around the world, and we will continue to honour his legacy in our thoughts and actions. On Easter Sunday, the day before he died, the Pope's final message to the world included these words: "On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas! For all of us are children of God!".

We hope you all had a restful and joyful Easter break. It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Tuesday as we began the summer term. We started our morning with a special Earth Day assembly, followed by some lovely Earth Day activities in each class. Head Girl Alice and Head Boy Flynn then joined me for a special Mass at our parish church - a beautiful and peaceful way to begin the new school term.

Later that day, I had the pleasure of attending a fantastic Art Pop-Up event at the Danish Invader, along with some of the children and Mrs T. It was a wonderful celebration of local creativity, and we even had a lovely chat with Rob Persani from Rutland and Stamford Sound!

Our classrooms are already full of joyful learning, and I've heard many delightful stories of Easter adventures (and, of course, plenty of chocolate!).

Acacia Class had their first swimming lesson of the term today, and they'll be continuing every week until July. It's always such a joy to see the children building confidence and having fun in the water.

Looking ahead, our Year 6 children are working hard in preparation for their SATs, which begin on 12th May. It's a big term for them, and we're so proud of their focus and determination.

A reminder to take a look at our after-school club offerings – there are still spaces available, and all clubs will be starting next week. There's something for everyone, and we'd love to see lots of children getting involved.

Finally, on Tuesday morning next week, we'll be joining Bishop Patrick and schools from across the diocese for a live streamed Mass to reflect and pray together in memory of Pope Francis.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a lovely week ahead.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Dear God,
Thank you for Pope Francis.

Thank you for his love,
his smile, and his words.
We know he is with You
now in heaven.

Help us to be kind and
caring, just like he was.
Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We have lots of birthdays to celebrate this week! Many happy returns to:

Margarita in Juniper Class who is 11 on the 26th April, Alex in Juniper Class who is 11 on the 28th April, Austin in Cedar Class who will be 5 on the 28th April, Remy in Acacia Class who turns 9 on 30th April, Bella in Willow Class who will be 10 on 1st May, and to Blake in Acacia Class who will be 8 on 1st May.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

If you had an Easter clear out and have any clothes in the Bags 2 School bags that came home with the children before the Easter holiday, please bring the bags in to school! They can be dropped off at the front reception. Many thanks 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

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IN MEMORIAM: POPE FRANCIS - 1936-2025

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis, our beloved Holy Father, who served as the leader of the Catholic Church with kindness, humility, and great love.

Pope Francis was known around the world for his warm heart and his deep care for all people, especially the poor and those in need. He reminded us that God's love is for everyone, and he encouraged us all to live with compassion, mercy, and joy. His simple words and actions helped millions feel closer to Jesus.

Born in Argentina, Pope Francis became the first pope from South America and the first Jesuit pope. He loved creation and often spoke about caring for our planet, calling it "our common home." His teachings inspired many to look after one another and the world around us.

As a school community, we give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis. We are comforted knowing that he is now resting peacefully in the arms of God, and we ask the Holy Spirit to guide the Church as we look to the future with hope.

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and let perpetual light shine upon him.
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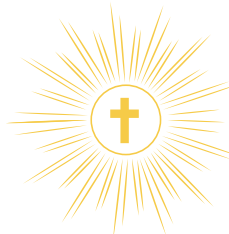
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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 - **Maisy** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Indie** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Ava-Lilly** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class - **Arlo** - **Friendship & Kindness**



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 - **Ellie**

Sycamore Class - **Eli**

Acacia Class - **River**

Willow Class - **Stanley**

Juniper Class - **Kyle**

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.



LEGO ROBOTIC CLASSES!

Exciting hands-on learning awaits in Term 5 and Term 6! Kids will explore the fascinating world of STEM, building and programming with LEGO Education kits in a fun and engaging way!

Our classes focus on hands-on learning to develop creativity, critical thinking, logic, imagination, fine motor skills, analysis, and problem-solving abilities.

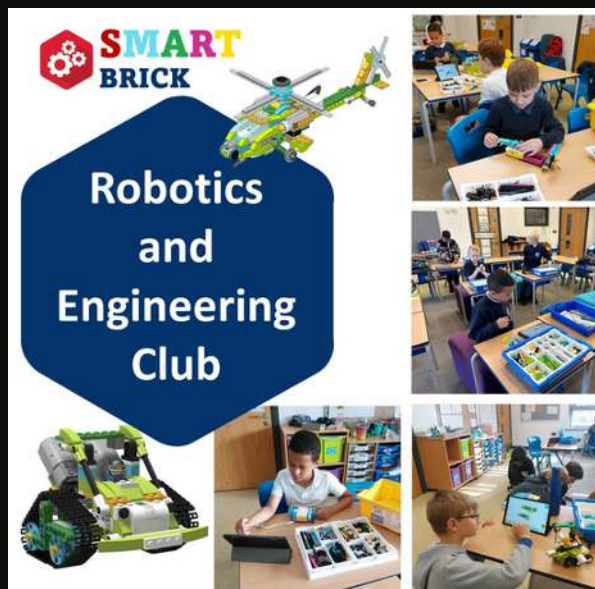
📍 Available places:

📅 Monday:

3:20-4:20 PM - for young engineers aged 5-6

4:30-5:50 PM - for engineers aged 7-9

🚀 Term 5 Starts Soon - Register now at <https://smart-brick.co.uk/> and let your child become a young engineer with Smart Brick Robotics!"



E-SAFETY

Online Safety and Social Media

Social media is an online platform that allows users to connect with others online. Depending on what platform you use, social media can allow you to communicate and share information with others with the intention to update or engage a specific audience. This can often include sharing videos, images, status updates or posts with a group of followers that can sometimes cover a global scale.

A lot of the time, social media is a positive place where users support each other. Despite this, it can also house toxic and harmful behaviours, which can be directed towards specific individuals or groups with the intention to harass, or cause upset.

Benefits of Social Media

- 1 Available and accommodating to most audiences
- 2 Can promote positivity and healthy expression
- 3 An accessible platform to connect with others
- 4 An instant platform for news and global awareness

Harm on Social Media

Many social media platforms have adapted to include reporting features in order to tackle certain types of online harm. Some of these harms to watch out for include:

- 1 Fake online profiles
- 2 Misinformation or fake ads
- 3 Scamming or fraud attempts
- 4 Radical online content

Considerations for Social Media

- 1 Harmful and offensive content may be seen across platforms
- 2 Can be used to promote misleading information
- 3 Can promote unhealthy expectations and pressure for young people
- 4 Can impact digital wellbeing if not managed correctly

Socialising Online

Social media provides a lot of freedom in how to connect with other users as well as how information and content is made available. This has provided certain platforms with worldwide appeal, giving anyone an opportunity to connect and engage with others. To promote keeping safe on social media, ensure that young people know how to:

- 1 Report harmful content online
- 2 Block and report users who are being offensive or harmful
- 3 Manage privacy settings to limit exposure to known friends and family members
- 4 Speak to a trusted adult if they are concerned about something online

To find out more about Social Media visit the SWGfL hub: swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/

Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com

UK Safer Internet Centre

NOMINET



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.85%*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 97.62%

Sycamore - 97.35%

Acacia - 92.27%

Willow - 88.1%

Juniper - 93.14%

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](https://www.gov.uk),

*Based on a four day school week due to Easter Monday

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

"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 'Mercy'.

Mercy is God's love and forgiveness in action. We see this gift in a powerful way during Eastertide as we remember what Jesus did for us out of love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is a reminder that we must be merciful to others, just as God is merciful with us.


Try and be merciful with everyone you meet this week, just as God is merciful with us.

**EXTRA
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NARY+**





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 ST. GEORGE'S DAY	24	25 -F.O.S.A NON-UNIFORM/ CRAZY HAIR DAY!	26 POPE FRANCIS'S FUNERAL	27
28	29	30				



2025 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	6	7	8 - V.E DAY -F.O.S.A -WEAR RED, WHITE OR BLUE FOR V.E DAY!	9	10
11	12 YEAR 6 SATS	13 YEAR 6 SATS	14 YEAR 6 SATS	15 YEAR 6 SATS	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY!	23 LAST DAY OF TERM	24
25	26 BANK HOLIDAY MON/ HALF TERM HOLIDAY	27 HALF TERM HOLIDAY	28 HALF TERM HOLIDAY	29 HALF TERM HOLIDAY	30 HALF TERM HOLIDAY	31



Coffee morning at St. Augustine's C.V.A Wednesday 7th May 1.30pm

We would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday 7th May at 1.30pm for a chat with Matt from the National Bereavement Advice Service.

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

Come to the main school entrance - no need to book!

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.lines.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!

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

STAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

COACHING PROGRAMME

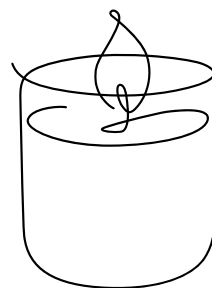
JUNIORS

MINI BLUE/RED(4-8YRS) FRIDAY 1630-1730
ORANGE BALL(8-9YRS) FRIDAY 1730-1830
GREEN BALL(9-10YRS) FRIDAY 1830-1930
FULL BALL(11-18YRS) MONDAY 1800-1900

ADULTS

ADULT HIT 100 MONDAY 1000-1100
ADULT BEGINNER MONDAY 1900-2000
ADULT INTERMEDIATE WEDNESDAY 1900-2000
ADULT ADVANCED THURSDAY 1830-2000

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Pope Francis

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UPON HIM,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM.
MAY HE REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.

