

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

What a fantastic week we've had in school! The sun has been shining, lifting everyone's spirits as we busily prepare for our V.E. Day celebration on Thursday 8th May. Excitement is building as we look forward to welcoming families to share in this special occasion. On Thursday, we were delighted to have Mrs Pattison join us as part of The Vintage Singers ensemble, helping us learn some wonderful songs that we'll perform at the event. We've also had thoughtful discussions about the Conclave, with children exploring how a new Pope is chosen. On Tuesday, we came together as a Diocese in prayer for Pope Francis, uniting online in a moment of reflection and faith.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHANGES TO THE MORNING ROUTINE:

Pupils' attendance figures (including lateness) were highlighted by Ofsted as an area that our school must continue to improve.

Last year, we changed the morning routine in school to ensure that our pupils and families arrived on time and pupils were in their classrooms with their belongings away, ready to learn by 8.45am, which is the official start to our day. Currently, gates open at 8.30am, children line up when the bell rings at 8.40am and are collected by a member of staff to lead smartly into school.

From Tuesday, **this routine is changing** to ensure an even smoother start, again encouraging punctuality and readiness to learn by 8.45am. I would value your support in ensuring these changes are put into effect immediately, by making any necessary changes to your morning routines.

NEW MORNING ROUTINE AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S:

- **8.35am** – Playground gates unlocked. Sensory Circuits opens.
- **8.35–8.40am** – 10-minute 'drift in' period. Children should enter their classroom straight away on arrival, through the classroom fire door. They will no longer be asked to line up.
- **8.45am** – All children should be in class and seated, ready to learn. Gates will be locked.

For anything you may wish to discuss with the class teacher, please put a note on Seesaw or in your child's reading diary and alert the teacher to this, so they can get back to you. Teachers will begin their day with the children on entry, completing 'mindful morning' activities from 8.35am, and doors will be manned by TAs with notebooks who can pass on any messages.

All parents should be off-site and gates locked by 8.45am. Anyone arriving later than this will need to sign in at the front office, and any arrivals after 9.00am - when registers close - will be marked as late. **Any child arriving in school after 9.15am will, by law, be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the entire school morning.**

For those pupils who may not have eaten breakfast before school, for whatever reason, Mrs Smith and Miss Bush will continue to provide this daily, stocked by the kind donations from George's Food Hub.

Whilst we love to see our community engaging with one another, many of our pupils attend clubs, interventions or wraparound care after school and, as such, gates need to be locked as soon as possible. **When collecting your children, please leave the school site promptly and ensure you are supervising your children, before and after school, for their safety.** We have had recent reports of unsafe behaviour, such as climbing in restricted areas and damaging trees. During these times, children remain the responsibility of their parents, and we ask for your vigilance in promoting safe and respectful behaviour.

Wishing you a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Cox



LET US PRAY

Dear Mary,
You said "yes" to God with love and trust.
Help us to listen like you did,
To be kind and gentle each day,
And to share God's love in all we do.
Pray for us, Mary, our mother and our friend,
That we may follow Jesus with open hearts.

Amen.



MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

May is a special month in the Catholic calendar because it is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this time, we take a moment to think about Mary's kindness, her trust in God, and the way she showed love to everyone around her. She reminds us of the importance of caring for others, listening with an open heart, and saying "yes" to doing good in the world.

In school and at home, we might celebrate May with flowers, prayers, or quiet reflection. Some families may create a small display or take part in a simple May procession to honour Mary.

However we choose to mark it, this month is a chance to focus on peace, hope, and gentle strength - just like Mary showed us.



ST. A'S GOT TALENT

Sign up sheets for our St. A's children to take part in our St. A's Got Talent 2025 will be pinned up next week!

There will be a KS1 and a KS2 winner, and auditions take place at lunch after half term; please encourage your child to practice during half term!

The final is Friday 13th June at 2.30pm, families welcome to join us for this exciting event!

F.O.S.A NON-UNIFORM DAYS



Don't forget to come in non-uniform on Thursday 8th May for our VE Day celebrations - come to school in anything red, white or blue...or all three colours!

The next non-uniform day will be on 16th May.

In return for coming to school in non-uniform, please bring in a donation for the F.o.S.A Jubilee Fair tombola stall!

Our F.o.S.A team members are very grateful for your continued support of these lovely events for our school.

GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

Green Team - Monday 12th May
School Council - Monday 19th May
School Council - Monday 2nd June



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 - **Elsie** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Tobias** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Althea** - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - **Toby** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Lola-Rose** - **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 - **Ellie**

Sycamore Class - **Maisie**

Acacia Class - **Talitha**

Willow Class - **Jacob P**

Juniper Class - **Alice**



THE MARK 10 MISSION: THE MONTH OF MARY

Please click on the images below to watch the new videos from The Mark 10 Mission for May, the month of Mary.



WILLOW CLASS

Our Year 5 Willow Class children have been enjoying some exciting French lessons this week and even made the most of some sunny outside learning! They have all worked really hard -well done, everyone!



E-SAFETY

Competition for 9-11 Year Olds (UK)

Internet Matters are running a competition (final entries by 6th June) to create a new online safety champion design. The winning design will be turned into a Digital Matters character that will feature in an interactive lesson and there are some amazing prizes on offer.

All details can be found [HERE](#).

For Parents - More Concerns with Roblox

As one of the more popular games with all age groups, particularly younger children, Roblox is getting its fair share of negative press lately.

Most recently (13th April) Revealing Reality have released results of their investigation called 'A Digital Playground - The Real Guide to Roblox'. As part of this investigation the researchers created multiple accounts pretending to be persons aged 5, 9, 10, 13 and 40+ in order to explore the safety settings and the user experience which included:

- Adults and children can easily interact.
- Easy access to highly suggestive environments, including participation in adult-themed conversations.

You can read the full report [HERE](#), which was then followed up by two articles in The Guardian [HERE](#) and [HERE](#), the latter of which is the experience of some parents and their own child's use of Roblox.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.15%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 94.44%

Sycamore - 95.06%

Acacia - 91.03%

Willow - 95.68%

Juniper - 95.11%

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](#),

**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 'Faith'.

Having Faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things we can't prove and see. St. Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can find it, and hold on to it, faith gives us strength, comfort, and hope.

Think of something you need to have faith in this week. Spend some time in prayer to ask God for the faith you need.

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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.

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

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



2025 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	6	7 COFFEE WITH NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT ADVICE SERVICE 1.30PM	8 - V.E DAY CELEBRATION! -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 -F.O.S.A -NON-UNIFORM DAY	17
18	19	20	21	22 -ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY! -F.o.s.A JUBILEE FESTIVAL!	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

STAMFORD CROSS COUNTRY SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

On Saturday 26th May, I met Mrs Cox very early in the morning for the Inter School Cross Country Event at Burghley House.

We had four children representing St. Augustine's, and seven other schools also took part.

Thank you to the children that took part in the event - we are so proud of your determination and spirit - and to their parents for their support and cheers. We came in sixth place overall!

- Miss B



L-R - Alice (Y6), Ada (Y3), Saoirse (Y3), Jacob (Y5)

OUR ENTRY FOR THE UFFINGTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL!

Come and meet our tribute to Florence Nightingale at the Uffington Scarecrow Festival on Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May (full details on last page)!

As well as helping Mrs Ellis and Mrs Jones make the Florence scarecrow, our Scarecrow Club children have researched some amazing facts about Florence!

Why not take a selfie with Flo if you find her at the festival, and share your photos with us on Seesaw - we'd love to see them!

Huge thanks to our Scarecrow Club children, and to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Jones, for all of your hard work and dedication over the past few weeks - we are so proud of you all!



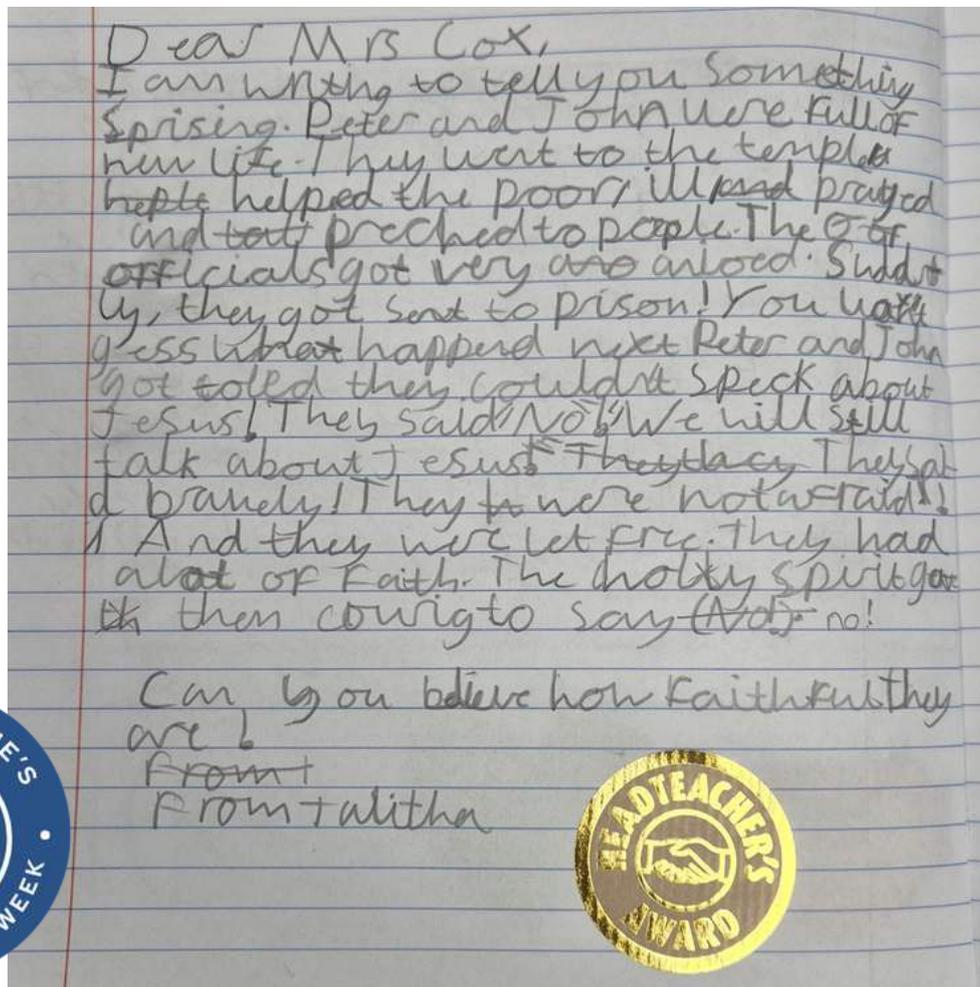
L-R - Zachary, River, Ava-Lilly, Evie, Ada, Saoirse, Nevaeh

Writer of THE WEEK

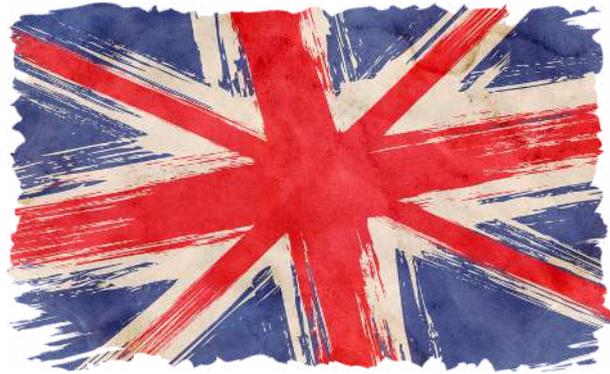
Congratulations to Talitha in our Year 3/4 Acacia Class... you are our Writer of the Week!

Talitha wrote a letter to Mrs Cox to tell her about the actions of Peter and John.

Mrs Worrick is so proud of you, Talitha - well done on your wonderful work.



TALITHA
RANDALL-CARRICK



THURSDAY

8th of May

**V.E DAY
CELEBRATION**

We are celebrating Victory in Europe Day at St. Augustine's!

Activities in the morning include a Human Library and our very own museum library.

Parents, carers and families are invited to join us from 2pm to take part in WW2 playground games, followed by a special VE Day presentation at 2.45pm.



stars in the making

creating the stars of the future

Performing Arts Holiday Club

For children aged 5-16

Stage Acting, Screen Acting, Dancing, Singing, Music and Games!

Bourne: 28th July - 1st August at 1Hub
Stamford: 18th August - 22nd August at ESPA

9am - 4pm with a SHOW at 5pm on the FRIDAY
 (Early drop off/late pick up available in Stamford for a small fee)

£155 per child

10% off for 2nd/3rd siblings
 Book BOTH weeks this Summer for £280
 Early bird offer...£145 if paid before 1st June
 Contact: kayleighbrooke12@icloud.com



Uffington Scarecrow Festival

ADMISSION £5 PER CAR, INCLUDING PARKING & QUIZ SHEET (QUIZ SHEET ONLY £2.50)

SUNDAY 4 AND MONDAY 5 MAY 2025
 11AM - 4PM

Festival Attractions:

- Scarecrow Quiz Trail
- Dog Show (Sunday)
- Rutland Morris (Monday)
- Ride-on mini fire engine
- Craft Barn
- Bouncy castles
- BBQ, Cake stalls and ice creams
- Alpacas
- Welly Wanging
- Bric-a-brac stalls
- Classic Cars
- Tomboles
- Face painting
- Farm Machinery
- Book and Plant Stalls
- Model Railway
- Miniature Steam Train
- Traditional Games
- Church Tower tours
- Fire Engine and Police Car*

THEME FOR 2025:
HEROES & HEROINES

 [uffingtonlines](https://uffingtonlines.org.uk) [Uffington Lines](https://uffingtonlines.org.uk)
 email: scarecrows@uffington.org.uk

uffington.org.uk/scarecrows

*Emergencies permitting!




VE DAY

BOTH ANNIVERSARY BEACON LIGHTING



THURSDAY 8 MAY
 8PM - 9:45PM

JOIN US ON STAMFORD RECREATION GROUND
 DRUMHEAD SERVICE

VE DAY

BOTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 10TH MAY
 3PM - 9:30PM

FREE ENTRY

- LICENSED BAR AND FUNFAIR
- FOOD STALLS
- RUTLAND BIG BAND
- HUGE MARQUEE FOR DANCING
- HISTORY SOCIETY EXHIBITION
- VINTAGE SINGERS
- WI TEA TENT
- FACE PAINTING... AND MORE

Stamford Town Council 




An RAF Lancaster flypast (weather dependent) will mark the opening of this event so arrival by 2:30pm is advised to ensure you don't miss it!