



# POPE LEO XIV

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# St. Augustine's

## Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*  
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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

What a joyful and memorable week we've had here at school - filled with community spirit, creativity, and a deep sense of gratitude.

Firstly, we were thrilled to take part in this year's Uffington Scarecrow Festival with our wonderful St. Augustine's entry, 'Flo', in honour of Florence Nightingale. Thank you to everyone who supported the event - we hope you had a fantastic time if you were able to attend and spot our tribute to such an inspiring historical figure.

Our Cedar Class (EYFS) had a very special outing to Pizza Express, where the children became little chefs for the day! They had the opportunity to make their own pizzas with the talented kitchen staff and bring them home to share. A huge thank you to Pizza Express for your kindness and warm hospitality - the children haven't stopped talking about it!

In preparation for VE Day, we enjoyed some baking with FoSA - and the scones were a hit with all our visitors! Yesterday's VE Day celebrations were a real highlight. The children looked fantastic dressed in red, white, and blue, and enjoyed rotating through a variety of activity stations in the morning. We were honoured to welcome some very special guests; a representative from the RAF, cadets from Stamford Welland Academy, George from the Food Hub, and parishioners and friends of the school, Mr Armitage and Mrs Gallagher.

Thanks to FoSA, our lunch area was transformed into a lovely celebration space where we all shared a meal together. The afternoon was filled with joy as we welcomed families for a singalong and cream teas; a beautiful moment of fellowship and remembrance. Thank you to every single person who helped make this event so special - our dedicated staff, FoSA, volunteers, and school families - your generosity of time and spirit was truly appreciated - and grateful thanks to Mr Atkinson for loaning us his collection of WW2 artefacts, which made our pop-up museum such a fascinating experience for the children.

As the day came to a close, I found myself reflecting on the richness of the day's celebrations and was delighted and moved by the news that the cardinals in Rome have elected our 267th Pope - Pope Leo XIV. We keep him in our prayers as he begins his sacred ministry.

We also hold in our prayers our Year 6 children in Juniper Class, as they prepare for their SATs beginning on Monday. We are so proud of all their hard work and know they will do their very best.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend and hope you enjoy the welcome return of some sunshine.

Mrs Cox



## LET US PRAY

Dear God,  
Thank You for the gift of peace,  
and for those who worked so  
hard to bring it into the world.  
Help us to remember the  
courage and kindness of others,  
especially in times of struggle.  
Teach us to have faith -  
in You, in each other, and in  
brighter days ahead.  
May we always be people of  
hope,  
who choose kindness, share  
peace, and never give up.

Amen.



## VE DAY – A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND FAITH

This week, as we remember VE Day, we reflect on the courage, hope, and resilience shown by so many during a time of great hardship. Victory in Europe marked the end of a long and painful conflict, and brought with it a renewed belief in peace, unity, and a better future.

In school, we talk often about faith - not just in a religious sense, but as a trust in goodness, in one another, and in the hope that even in dark times, light will come. The stories of VE Day remind us of the strength found in community, in standing together, and in never giving up hope.

As we learn and grow together, may we be inspired by that same faith: a quiet strength that helps us to be kind, brave, and hopeful every day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to:

Layla in Sycamore Class who turns 7 today, Charlie in Juniper Class who is 11 tomorrow, and to Jack in Juniper Class who is 11 tomorrow!



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

## GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

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



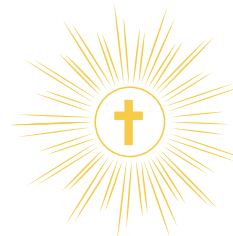
## OUR PARISH CHURCH

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 - **Finn- Love of Learning & Determination**

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

Acacia Class - **Nevaeh - Hope & Confidence**

\*Mrs Worrick has also given **Arlo** in Year 6 a special **Friendship & Kindness** certificate this week!

Willow Class - **Jacob P - Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Juniper Class - **Rocco - 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 - **Maisie**

Acacia Class - **Saoirse**

Willow Class - **Toby**

Juniper Class - **Flynn**



# ROBERT PREVOST - POPE LEO XIV

Yesterday evening, the white smoke rose over St. Peter's Basilica, and the bells of the Vatican rang joyfully to announce the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As Catholics around the world joined in prayer and celebration, we witnessed a historic moment - the beginning of a new chapter for the Church, full of faith, hope, and renewal. Pope Leo XIV steps into the shoes of St. Peter with a heart for service and a vision rooted in compassion, unity, and the teachings of Christ.

Following in the footsteps of Pope Francis, who inspired us with his humility, care for the poor, and deep concern for our common home, Pope Leo XIV brings a fresh spirit to the papacy. With great trust in God and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we now look to the future; ready to grow in faith, love our neighbours, and live as joyful disciples. Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV as he leads the Church with courage and wisdom, and may his pontificate be a time of great blessing for Catholics everywhere, especially for the children and families of our school community.



*"Peace be with all of you!"  
- the first words of Pope Leo XIV.*

## E-SAFETY

### For Parents - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a really useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help.

You can see all the details [HERE](#).

### For Parents - New Tools to Manage Roblox

At the beginning of April Roblox announced some new tools which will allow parents a greater degree of control over their child's Roblox experience. These tools include:

- Limiting who their child can connect with.
- See which experiences (games) their child plays the most.
- Limit experiences their child can access.

There's a lot more, all summarised in an article from Roblox [HERE](#).



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.97%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Cedar** - 97.6%

**Sycamore** - 93.65%

**Acacia** - 86.81%

**Willow** - 90.48%

**Juniper** - 92.98%

\*Figures based on a four day school week due to Bank Holiday Monday.

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"

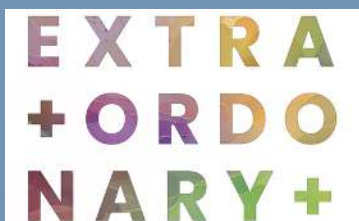


## EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Vocation'.

A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives.

Spend some time talking to people about what you feel called to do with your life this week.



## GOOD LUCK, YEAR 6 JUNIPER CLASS!

We want to wish all of our Year 6 Juniper Class good luck for their SAT's next week.

Lola-Rose, Arlo, Abel, Alicia, Charlie, Jack, Jonah, Tyler, Flynn, Elliott, Lila, Rocco, Alice, Oliver, Kyle, Luke, Nazim, Ronan, Margarita, Alexander, Mia, Tommy, Rio, Lucy and Rainie - we wish each and every one of you all the very best of luck. You've worked incredibly hard, shown real determination, and should feel so proud of everything you've achieved.

We're very proud of you; not just for your learning, but for the fantastic attitude you've shown every step of the way and the young people that you are. Believe in yourselves and do your best – you've got this!



# Writer of THE WEEK

Zachary in our Year 3/4 Acacia Class is our Writer of the Week!


Zachary made a 'WANTED' poster for Mr Fox from Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox and used some brilliant descriptive language.

Mrs Worrick is very proud of you, Zachary - well done on your wonderful work.

Friday 9th May 2025

To know to create a wanted poster for a book character

To know to describe why the character is wanted	To know to describe the character's clothes	To know to describe what the character looks like	To know to use description for the character's personality
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Have you seen this fox? He is wanted for stealing and being so sly. Last seen wearing, blue and white party bandana, purple ~~xx~~ <sup>and</sup> yellow waistcoat. This fox was last seen at a hen. If found, contact 999. This fox has a long snout, two big googly eyes, long bushy tail, and red/orange fur. The big, milk coloured yellow, is the object he likes to steal.  
Reward: \$1000 in chickens



ZACHARY NYE



# 2025 May

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

**VE DAY**  
80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
**SATURDAY 10TH MAY**  
3PM - 9:30PM

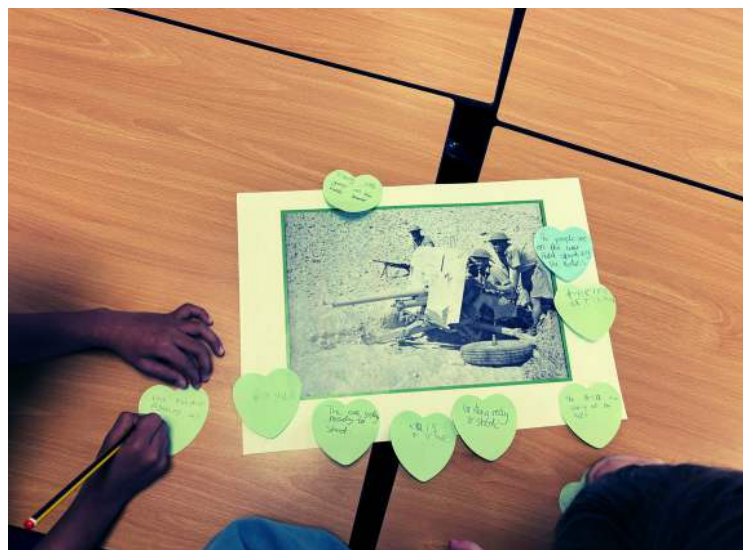
LICENSED BAR AND FUNFAIR  
FOOD STALLS  
HUGE MARQUEE FOR DANCING  
HISTORY SOCIETY EXHIBITION  
VINTAGE SINGERS  
RUTLAND BIG BAND  
FACE PAINTING... AND MORE  
WI TEA TENT  
STAMFORD RECREATION GROUND  
**FREE ENTRY**

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!*

HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A...  
**VIRTUAL AUTISM HUB**  
**COFFEE & CHAT**

GARETH & INGRID FROM THE VIRTUAL AUTISM HUB WILL BE JOINING US!  
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY  
1.30PM  
MAIN ENTRANCE



**VE Day Celebration**  
**80 year anniversary - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**