

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

What an amazing week in school! This week we have marked our patron's feast day (St. Augustine's feast day is actually 27th May, but we will be on holiday!), and classes have been busy doing extra activities all week to celebrate this special day. On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 pupils visited Christ Church on Green Lane, where they met Anthony, Laura and their team for a range of exciting activities based on the ideas of faith and hope – they looked at the meaning of the logo, designed a youth café and found out all about their mission of providing 'a place to belong' for everyone. Big thanks to all of the team at Christ Church for making us so welcome.

On Thursday, our chaplain Mrs Wright planned and led a range of activities that taught us more about St. Augustine, as the first Apostle to bring Christianity to England. Children have said prayers for Pope Leo, written mission statements about how they can follow in St. Augustine's footsteps, and learned about the Augustine pilgrimage, from Rochester to Ramsgate, and collected lots of stamps along the way! Everything was collated in class scrapbooks and placed on the altar in Church, where we celebrated our final Liturgy, which was beautiful. We then hot-footed it back to school for our (earlier than normal this year) Summer Fayre – enormous thanks go to Charlotte and her FOSA team for planning, baking (with every child in school this week!), organising, setting up, taking down... everything that goes into such a fun event. I'm delighted to say that well over £1000 was raised, to go towards exciting events for our pupils. Please join the FOSA Facebook page, if you haven't already, for more information on upcoming events.

Finally, today we welcomed a group of children from Stamford Welland Academy who have painted our lower school field fence 'Autumn Gold' in order to fulfil their 'service' pledge, on their school 'pledges' afternoon. Huge thanks to the whole group for their help, we are very grateful.

As we end a busy and sunny term, I would like to remind you about some important dates next term. Our sports day is on 20th June with a reserve of 26th June, the Year 6 play will be shown on 15th July at 2pm and 6pm (tickets to follow) and our colour run will take place on 22nd July!

When looking at our schedule for next term (which is a long one), teachers realised that there are only three days across the whole seven and a half weeks where something extra and exciting isn't happening for someone in the school. We can't wait!

In the meantime though, have a great half term – here's hoping the sun keeps shining for us all.

God bless,

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Loving God,
As we come to the end of this school term,
we thank You for all the learning,
laughter, and love we've shared.
Thank You for our teachers, our
friends, and our families
who help us grow in faith and
kindness every day.
Please bless our holidays—
keep us safe, joyful, and close to
You.
Help us to rest well and return
ready to learn and serve once
more.
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
St. Augustine, pray for us.

Amen.



LOOKING BACK WITH JOY, LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, it's a perfect time to pause and reflect. We've shared learning, laughter, and many proud moments together. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or during our special celebrations, this term has been full of growth and friendship.

The end of term is not just a time to look back, but also to look ahead. A new month and a new term bring fresh opportunities - to learn, to be kind, and to try our best each day. We are reminded that every new beginning is a gift, full of possibility and promise.

As we turn the page to a new chapter, let's carry with us the lessons we've learned and the joy we've shared. With open hearts and hopeful minds, we look forward to all that's to come.



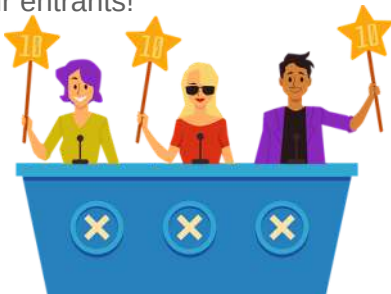
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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.



We can't wait to see all of your amazing talent - good luck to all of our entrants!

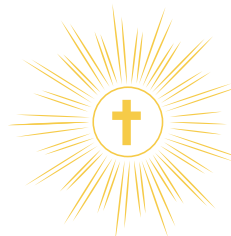


GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council - Monday 2nd June
Green Team - Monday 9th June
School Council - Monday 16th June
Green Team - Monday 23rd June

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 - **Kenny** - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

Acacia Class - **Tyler** - **Hope & Confidence**

Willow Class - **Holly** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class - **Elliott** - **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 - **Maisy**

Sycamore Class - **Liam**

Acacia Class - **Rupert**

Willow Class - **Ellie-Mae**

Juniper Class - **Rainie**



ART POP-UP & SYCAMORE CLASS

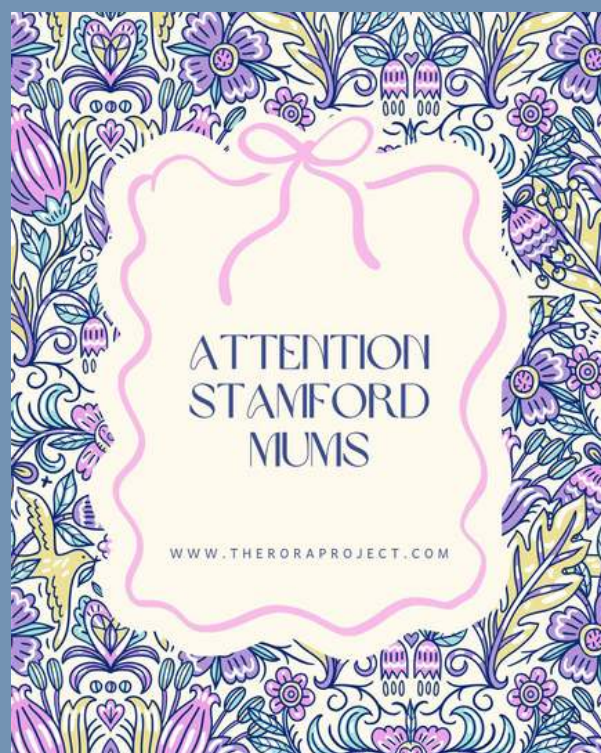
On Tuesday, some of our Sycamore Class children visited Whitefriars Care Home in Stamford for a lovely Art Pop-Up event! The children spent time with the residents, sang songs and enjoyed some cakes and games...what a lovely afternoon!



THE RORA PROJECT

One of our school mums is launching an amazing new not-for-profit book and SEN Journal, created to raise funds that support neurodivergent children in accessing assessments and the help they need.

Click on the image below for a really fun way to get involved!



E-SAFETY

For Parents - Should Your Child Have a Smartphone?
It's the big question that's been around for years, but there's no single answer that will fit every age, there's no single piece of advice that will fit every family dynamic.

My friend and fellow consultant Wayne Denner has put together a simple article which I think will help parents ask the right questions in order to come up with an informed decision. In his article, Wayne asks what is the appropriate age, he delves into the hidden impact of social media and filter bubbles, then gives some advice about ground rules and agreements.

You can find Wayne's article [HERE](#).

For Parents - Pinterest Privacy and Safety Settings
Pinterest is an enormous and hugely popular platform. Known as a 'visual discovery engine' which basically means it is a user-to-user platform, meaning that individual users upload content for anyone else to see. You can use it for a variety of things to get ideas, create mood boards, scrapbooks and so much more. I use it myself for inspiration for my drawing projects.

But because it is user to user there will be content that isn't suitable for everyone. Back in 2022, during the inquest into the death of a 14 year old, even Pinterest admitted the [platform wasn't safe](#).

Internet matters have an excellent page full of advice and guidance about filtering content, reporting tools and more which you can find [HERE](#).



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.58%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar** - 90.36%
- Sycamore** - 91.27%
- Acacia** - 85.12%
- Willow** - 93.83%
- Juniper** - 88.84%

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 'Example'.

An example is a model of behaviour. It is something that we can look to in order to learn how to live our lives. The lives of the saints, and other holy men and women, remind us that we are all called to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We too, should also be an example to others by trying to live a life of love, service, and forgiveness.

This week, Think of a something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example to others.



LOGO COMPETITION!

This week, we have been looking at all of the different logos of churches in Stamford, as well as their mission statements. Over half term, why don't you see if you can come up with your own logo and mission statement for our parish church, the Catholic Parish of St. Mary and St. Augustine? This could be for the church, or just for the Sunday Children's Liturgy group. All designs will be given to Canon Peter and he will choose a winner - maybe your design will be used in the future!

We can't wait to see your ideas - if you would like to do some research, you can visit the parish church website [here](#). Good luck! .

Writer of THE WEEK

Ada in our Acacia Class is our Writer of the Week! Ada has written a poem about dreams for an external competition...and it is fabulous!

Mrs Worrick is so proud of you, Ada - well done on your beautiful work.

Name: Ada Surname: Daniels - Young Age: 8
Teacher's Name: Mrs Worrick
School Name: St. Augustine's Postcode: _____

POEM TITLE: Are Dreams Meant to be Forgotten?
My brother says he dreams every single day
but I don't think I do.
I dream in my bed of things that are strange and new,
and sometimes they scare me too.
Like the time I ~~dreamt~~ I was a gorgon and had
long, red, flowing, snakey hair.
I ~~preferred~~ the time I dreamt about a city made of sweets
and I could eat everything including car seats.
Getting to sleep is sometimes hard for me.
Mum says she can sometimes hear me chatting to but
I'm just chatting to the friends I meet in my dreams.
In the morning she asks me who I was talking to but
I can never remember.
You can't always go back to the places you once dreamed
about. So as my tale closes to an end I just want
to say one more thing: **GO WHERE YOUR
DREAMS Take You!**
(and try to remember what
they are Xha ha ha)

(Continue on a separate sheet, should you need to)

Details required for competition purposes only and will not be passed to any third parties.
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A D A D A N I E L S - Y O U N G



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 FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAY	17
18	19	20	21 -COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE VIRTUAL AUTISM HUB 1.30PM	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



2025 June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 BIKEABILITY TRAINING	3 BIKEABILITY TRAINING	4 BIKEABILITY TRAINING	5 -Y5 & 6 RAF STEM WORKSHOP -ST. A'S GOT TALENT LUNCHTIME AUDITIONS!	6 -FOSA NON UNIFORM DAY! -ST. A'S GOT TALENT LUNCHTIME AUDITIONS!	7	8
9	10	11 Y3 & 4 MINI OLYMPICS	12	13 -FOSA FATHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP! -ST. A'S GOT TALENT GRAND FINAL!	14	15 FATHER'S DAY
16	17	18 NATIONAL PICNIC DAY- WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC!	19	20 SPORTS DAY!	21	22
23 Y5 CASTERTON SCIENCE TRIP!	24	25	26 RESERVE SPORTS DAY!	27	28	29
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Send parent Coffee & chat

Come down & learn more
About the RORA Project



18th
June
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St Augustine's
Catholic Voluntary
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all things SEND!**

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Half Term Activities at Stamford Library

The Bees are Back!!

Saturday 24th May 10.00 - 4.00pm.

Stamford and Bourne Beekeepers Association are returning to Stamford Library. Learn all about our wonderful insect friends. Meet real bees and taste some local honey.

Medieval Window Craft

Tuesday 27th May 10.00am - 11.30am

Design and create a medieval-style paper window to take home with you. In celebration of Local History Month.

Stamford Family Walking Quiz

Saturday 24th – Saturday 31st

Take time during half term to find out more about your lovely town. Collect the Trail from the Library and go out and explore, discovering some hidden secrets as you go.

Contact us For more information about any of our activities please **speak to a member of staff** or email us at **stamford.library@gll.org**