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A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX - UPDATE ON STAFFING

I know that last week's announcement that I'm leaving St. Augustine's in September has caused some understandable worry and concern about what will happen next. I wanted to update you on the latest information and next steps that the Trust are working on at the moment.

- 1. The CMAT are going to advertise for and recruit an interim Executive Headteacher from within the Trust, for a minimum of one long term (until Christmas)
- 2. The CMAT will then advertise in September for a substantive Headteacher for St. Augustine's, with a view to ideally, taking up the post in January
- 3. Mrs Oliver and Mrs Donington will continue as Acting Deputy Heads until the substantive Headteacher is appointed

Although the Executive Headteacher won't be able to be on site at St. Augustine's for the whole week, it is anticipated that they will share their time equally across the two schools and will of course, be contactable at all times to support the staff in any pressing matters. Mrs Donington and/ or Mrs Oliver will be given release time and this will be best placed on the days when the Head is not on site; Mrs Garland will of course remain the SENCO and DSL and also has release time to carry out her role.

Whilst I understand that the ethos and drive of a school often comes from the leader, please rest assured that the rapid development, improvement and day to day success of St. Augustine's has been a team effort. I am confident that the school will remain the flourishing success that it now is, in the hands of all of the capable, caring and committed staff that remain. The CMAT have asked me once again to reassure you that they are already working hard on both an interim and permanent replacement and will continue to closely to support all involved 'on the ground'.

Wider staff departures:

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There are three other members of staff that will also be saying a fond farewell at the end of the year. Mrs Jones, teaching assistant in Year 6, will be retiring after over 25 years of service to the school; Miss Bush has completed her apprenticeship and will be moving onto to pursue her career elsewhere, and finally, Mrs Smith has secured a role which will further her passion for family support outside of education. I will share more information closer to the time and let you know about any opportunities in school to say a proper goodbye.

I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement, both on the playground and via email – your congratulations and well wishes mean so much. I shall be extremely sad to leave, but have lots to do before then and am looking forward to so many exciting Summer activities before the end of the academic year – do check the calendar below and pencil everything in your diary!

Have a super sunny weekend, Mrs Cox **St. Augustine's News | Issue 118 | 13.06.25**



LET US PRAY

Generous, giving God, you loved the world so much you sent us your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to show our love for the world too, respecting and protecting it so that all people can enjoy it now, and in the future.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Tyler in our Year 6 Juniper Class, who turns 11 on Thursday 19th June!



We all wish you a super special day!

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bishop Patrick McKinney will be celebrating a special 50th anniversary Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Oakham at 6pm on Friday, 20th June 2025, followed by a celebration Tea Party.

Does anyone have a CD player with a headphone jack that they no longer use? We would be so grateful if you would consider donating it to St. Augustine's so that the children can use it to listen to audiobooks.

GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council - Monday 16th June Green Team - Monday 23rd June **St. Augustine's News | Issue 118 | 13.06.25**





SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 15th JUNE

On Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - a special day in the Church year that reminds us of God's great mystery as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While this might sound a little hard to understand, at its heart, the Trinity is all about love and relationship. Just as families are made up of different people who love and care for each other, the Trinity shows us how God is love itself...always giving, always united.

For children, the Trinity can remind us of the different ways we experience God's love: in the safety and guidance we feel (like a parent's care), in the kindness and friendship of Jesus, and in the quiet strength and joy of the Holy Spirit that helps us do what is right. We might not understand it all, and that's okay; faith sometimes means trusting that we're wrapped in a love bigger than we can imagine.

> This weekend, perhaps we can take a moment to be thankful for the love that surrounds us in our families, our school, our friends, and our world. The Trinity isn't just something we talk about - it's something we live when we forgive each other, help one another, and love each other.



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 <u>click here</u> 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 <u>click here</u> to read weekly newsletters from our friends at the Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish.

ST. A'S GOT TALENT 2025!

After some amazing rehearsals, our finalists took part in the grand final this afternoon! We had singing, dancing, gymnastics, acting and music! A huge well done to everyone who took part and to our judges. We are delighted to announce that our KS1 winners are Freddie and Ripley for their gymnastics, and our KS2 winners are Lila and Lola for their dance! Many congratulations to our amazing winners! and a huge well done to all of our entrants - you are all so talented!



CONGRATULATIONS, JACOB!

Our Year 5 Willow Class recently entered an Art Bytes competition. We are delighted to share that not only did Jacob P win first place for our school, but he was also awarded Regional Winner! Wow! We're so proud of you, Jacob! Enjoy your lovely Art Bytes prize!







ACACIA CLASS - INSPIRE+ MINI OLYMPICS!

On Wednesday, our Acacia Class children went to the inspire+ Mini Olympics! We all had so much fun and learnt some new



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E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MCKENZIE

For Parents - Android Smartphone Guide

Due to the cost and variety of devices, Android smartphones can be incredibly popular with children and young people.

As with other devices there are a variety of parental controls, including controls that allow parents to set the maturity level of apps and games.

Full information including detailed instructions can be found HERE.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90,15%

Our attendance by class is as follows: Cedar - 89.47% Sycamore - 92.72% Acacia - 87.18% Willow - 90.12% Juniper - 90.87%

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.

"From the first day of term to the last, the

small moments in a school day make a real

For more information, please visit the gov.uk website here,



difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts'

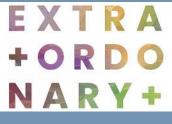


EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Trinity'.

The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully understand, but it is a central part of our Catholic faith. The Trinity is the belief that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are distinct from each other, but they are also one God. This special feast helps us reflect on how we understand God and inspires us to get to know him more

Say a prayer this week to God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and think about who God is to you.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall on 18th, 19th, and 20th June! There will be lots of great books for all ages to choose from, with prices starting at just £2.99.

Click here for a preview of the books that will be on sale. You will be able to pay for books while you're at the Fair; simply scan a QR code on your phone to easily access the payment platform.

Weds 18th June: 3.15pm-3.45pm Thurs 19th June: 8.30am-8.45am

Fri 20th June:

& 3.15pm-3.45pm 3.15pm-3.45pm



Writer of THE WEEK

Woody in our EYFS Cedar Class is our Writer of the Week! Woody wrote about his friend, Cole, and drew a lovely picture of them having lots of fun together. Miss Darby is so proud of you, Woody...congratulations!









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 AUDTIONS!	6 -FOSA NON UNIFORM DAY! -ST. A'S GOT TALENT LUNCHTIME AUDTIONS!	7	8
9	10]] 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! PARENTS WELCOME FROM 12.45PM FOR A 1PM START.	21	22
23 SCASTERTON SCIENCE TRIPI 30	24	25	26 FOSA ST. AUGUSTINE'S SUMMER PARTY! RESERVE SPORTS DAY!	27	28	29





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Join Us at St. Augustine's Voluntary Academy

*Enjoy coffee, cake, and a conversation about all things SEND!** Discover more about *The Ultimate SEN

Journal*:

Learn about my inspiration behind this initiative.

Get a sneak peek at specially designed pages that will assist you in documenting your child's journey with ease. Created by a SEN mum, for SEN mums!



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ACTIVITY		LOCATION	
Vellbeing Chat (9 June)	10.30 - 11.30am	The Wellbeing Hub	
ourne Autistic Support Group (9, 25 June)	llam - Ipm	Wake House, 41 North St, Bourne PE10 9AE	
Sarden Help Out (weekly)	1-4pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
arent & New Baby Relaxation (weekly)	1.30 - 2.15pm	Pure Ora, 2a Broad St, Stamford PE9 IPB	
arent & Carer Autism Support Group (16 June)	1.15 - 2.45pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
rilates (weekly)	time	The Unity Centre, Stamford	
Playing With Words (16 June)	7,30 - 9pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
to 1 Listening (weekly - booking essential)	5.30 - 6.15pm & 8.45 - 9.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Night Light Café (weekly)	6.15 - 8.45pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Soxing (non-contact) (weekly)	10,15 - 10,55am	Impact Boxing Fitness, Unit 6,	
		West St Business Park, Stamford PE9 2PL	
Informal Mindfulness (6, 13, 20 June)	11am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Expressive Art Journaling (weekly – apart from 27 June)		The Wellbeing Hub	
Ladies' Basketball (weekly)	7,40 - 8.40pm	Stamford Junior Knights, Unit 1, Casterton Rd Business Park, Stamford PE9 4E	
Sound Spa in the garden (10 June)	6pm - 7.30pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
Stamford Bumps (10, 24 June)	6.30 - 8pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
PeriMenoPlus (3, 17 June)	7 - 9.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub wednesdays	
British Sign Language Taster (4, 18 June)	10 - 12pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Sketching with Karen Neale (garden) (4, 18 June)	10 - 11,30am	The Wellbeing Garden	
Sketching with Karen Neale (hub) (11, 25 June)	10 - 11,30am	The Wellbeing Hub	
Tea & Chat (weekly)	12.30 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Evening Walk (weekly)	6.30 - 7.30pm	Meet at The Wellbeing Hub	
Stamford Autistic Support Group (12, 26 June)	10am - 12pm	The Activity Room, Stamford Day Centre, 33	
		Ryhall Rd, Stamford PE9 1UF	
Hoarding Support Group (monthly - 12 June)	10.15 - 11.45	The Wellbeing Hub	
Tea & Chat (weekly)	12.30 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Afternoon Yoga (weekly)	12.45 - 1.45pm	The Unity Centre, West Street, Stamford PE9 2PR	
Makers Crafting (5, 12, 19 June)	2.45 - 4.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
Art Pop Up's Community Crafternoon (26 June)	2.30 - 4.30pm	St Augustine's Church Hall, Broad St, Stamford, PE9 IPG	
Boxing (weekly - booking essential)	6.00 - 6.50pm	Impact Boxing, Unit 6 West St Bs. Park, PE9 3L	
After Work Connect (weekly)	5.30 - 7pm	Cornish Bakery, 56 High Street, PE9 2AW	
Night Light Café: Games Night (weekly)	7.30 - 9.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
		fridays	
MindSpace 5K Running Group (weekly) Couch to 5k Running Group (weekly)	9.30 - 10.15am	Stamford Rugby Club, Hambleton Rd, PE9 2RZ (meet on playing fields to rear of club)	
Sue Ryder's Grief Kind Space (weekly drop in)	10 - 12noon	The Wellbeing Hub	
Family Hour at the garden (weekly)	11 - 12noon	The Wellbeing Garden	
Tea & Chat at the garden (weekly)	1 - 2.30pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
Herb & plant talk in the garden (21 June)	10am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
		Ryhall Village Hall	

Book at mindspacestamford.com or call us on 07563 385273

18th June at St Augustines

JEBOUTO

ON THE

on National Picnic Day

children will enjoy a picnic lunch on the field, followed by milk/squash and biscuits after!

FEEL THE HEAT, JOIN THE BEAT

MUSIC, FANCY DRESS, FOOD & DRINK, PARTY BAGS

FOSA PRESENTS

26TH JUNE 2025

ST AUGUSTINE'S

PIRATES AND LEAVERS HAWAIIAN BURGERS PRINCESSES DISCO HOLA HOT DOGS **Tickets avaliable at the FOSA HQ £5** DOORS OPEN AT 3.15 PM - 5.00 PM

Thank you for your continued support!