

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

As I prepare to say goodbye to St. Augustine's, I wanted to capture the spirit of our wonderful school community in a few heartfelt verses - this poem is my way of reflecting on the memories, the laughter, and the journey we've shared:

We've Flourished in Love

In classrooms bright, fresh whiteboards gleam, Little Stars rise, chasing every dream.
Provision enhanced, with purpose and care, where pastoral hearts are always there.
Classrooms gleam, with new carpets laid, walls refreshed, each corner made.
The sound system sings, assemblies strong, in the food hub, kindness belongs.
Stability built through thick and thin, growing in capacity from within.
A curriculum rich, results that shine, progress measured over time.
SEND support, with thoughtful reviews, EHCPs guiding paths students choose.
Safeguarding strong, our daily vow, a team of staff that shows us how.
Sports teams rally, proud and loud, phonics echo, EYFS so proud.
Networks grow where little seeds sprout, in outdoor spaces, joy breaks out.
In harmony with Laudato Si, the Green Team acts to keep Earth free.
A garden blooms, where hands have toiled, and allotments thrive in well-loved soil.
CSI helps us build our powers, HAF lights up the holiday hours.
Two Ofsted's passed with steady grace, Good with Outstanding, we've held our place.
With parishes close, bonds ever near, our media voice is strong and clear.
Virtues shine through branding true, a mission in all we say and do.
From website reach to newsletters read, our local rep has widely spread.
Facebook friends and family praise, the growth in pupils lights our days.
With policies shaped, firm but fair, virtues project guiding care.
A new RPO will join the way, open days bring light and play.
PTA fun days, full of cheer, nurture dogs bring comfort near.
Forest school in woodland shade, in the community, our mark is made -
From hearts of gold, one truth shines clear:
Do everything in love – each day, each year.
My head held high, proud memories will stay;
God's love and these happy thoughts will light my way.

With every blessing,

Mrs Cox

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LET US PRAY

Loving God,
Thank You for the gift of
summer - for rest, sunshine, and
time with family and friends.
Keep us safe in our journeys,
joyful in our days, and close to
You in all we do. May we return
refreshed and ready to grow.

Amen.



"SMALL ACTS, GREAT LOVE"

Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

As we reach the end of another busy term, it's a lovely time to pause and remember the many small acts of kindness that have filled our school days - smiles shared, hands offered, words of encouragement, quiet moments of care. These are the things that help shape a community like ours.

We may never know the full impact of those little moments, but when they're done with love, they always matter.

As we head into the summer holidays, we carry those small acts with us. Whether we're travelling far or staying close to home, we'll have lots of chances to share kindness with others - family, friends, even strangers.

And when we return in September, we'll begin again - bringing those same small acts, that same spirit of love, into a new school year. Because even the smallest things, when done with great love, can help change the world.

May your summer be filled with rest, joy, and moments of quiet kindness - and may the love we've shared this term continue to shine in all the places we go.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to:

Evie in Acacia Class celebrates her 8th birthday today, Eli in Sycamore Class is 6 on Monday, and Logan in Acacia Class is 8 on Monday!

Many happy returns to everyone who has a birthday to celebrate during the summer holiday!



We wish you all a super special day!

YOUTH COUNCIL

Our School Council members made a suggestion at a Youth Council meeting for the tired-looking railings in the Meadows to be painted and freshened up.

Mrs T received an email from Allie, Communications and Engagement Officer at the Town Council, this week:

"I just thought the Youth Councillors would like to see the freshly painted railings at the Meadows! Lovely to see a result!"

Well done to our Youth Council members and thank you to Mrs T for all of her work with the Youth Council, School Council and Green Team.



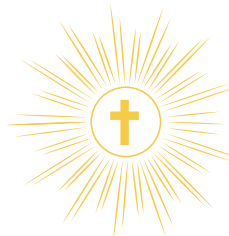
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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.

GOODBYE, JUNIPER CLASS - YEAR 6 LEAVERS 2025

As we say goodbye to our wonderful Juniper Class, it's hard not to feel a bit emotional. This brilliant bunch of Year 6 children have brought so much energy, personality, and joy to our school - and they'll be very much missed by all of us.

Some of them are heading off to new schools, some will be staying together, but wherever they go, we know they will continue to shine. They've been role models for the younger children, kind friends, and an important part of our school family.

We're also very proud of Willow and Rio who joined Juniper Class during this school year - they were welcomed with open arms and have quickly become such an important part of the team. It's been a joy to see them settle in, grow in confidence, and finish their primary school journey alongside their classmates. And of course, we're also thinking of Aurora and Lilly-Mae, who left us earlier in the year - we hope they're finishing Year 6 with big smiles and bright futures too.

This is a season of change; exciting, a little bit daunting, but full of possibility. We are so proud of everything they've achieved, and even more proud of who they are: resilient, thoughtful, and full of promise.

We send them off with all our love, luck and best wishes for the future. Juniper Class - we'll miss you terribly, but we can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll do next. Remember, ***"Let all that you do be done in love."*** Keep being you.



VICTORY! OUR NEW BOOK!

We are thrilled to announce the publication of our second book, Victory! With the guidance of Mr Rawnsley, who led inspiring art workshops for each class, every child in the school has contributed to this wonderful compilation. Victory showcases the creativity and talent of our pupils and is a truly special achievement.

Thank you to Head Girl Alice and Head Boy Flynn for their thoughtful foreword.

Here's Mr Rawnsley presenting Mrs Cox with the very first copy - hot off the press!



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.18%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 90.06%

Sycamore - 89.68%

Acacia - 90.11%

Willow - 93.75%

Juniper - 94.69%

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"



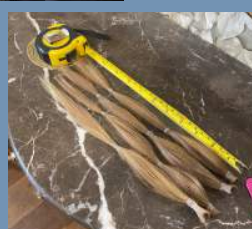
SUPERSTAR PEGGY!

Peggy from our Year 5 Willow Class was part of the team representing the East Midlands region at the 2025 Inter-Regional Final competition in Birmingham on Saturday! We are delighted to say that Peggy is now 3rd in Great Britain in the DMT (vault) category, and 4th in Great Britain for trampolining - how amazing, Peggy! We are so proud and wish you continued success in your sport.



RIVER'S FUNDRAISING!

River has had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust, and as well as having a beautiful new hair style, has raised a brilliant £165! We are so proud of you, River! Donations can still be made by clicking on the logo below.



SCHOOL COUNCIL & GREEN TEAM

Huge thanks to our School Council and Green Team children - your fundraising efforts throughout the school year have helped us to enhance our school environment further through the purchase of a water butt and a range of treats for our feathered friends!



MINDSPACE COMPETITION

MindSpace Stamford, are inviting people to design a charity Christmas card that will go on sale in the community and they would like to sell the cards in the run-up to Christmas to raise funds.

Pip Tiffin from the charity said: *"We are very excited to see the designs that people will come up with. There is no set theme. It could be something from a lovely festive scene of Stamford, to a bright, bold reindeer. It is a chance to explore your creative side and come up with something colourful that will help spread Christmas cheer."*

If you would like to take part, your design entry should be drawn or painted to fit within a box on the competition form, available to collect from MindSpace in Broad Street, Stamford, or downloaded from www.mindspacestamford.com.

No glitter or collage can be used due to the printing processes that will be used.

Completed entries can be dropped back into MindSpace or at The Place in St Mary's Street, or emailed to info@mindspacestamford.com



YEAR 6 LEAVERS FUN LASERFORCE!

Our Year 6 Juniper children hopped on a train yesterday to Peterborough for a brilliant day at Laserforce! Everyone had so much fun - thank you to our FoSA team for such a great time!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS PLAY!

Well, after weeks of rehearsing, our Year 6 Juniper children put on a spectacular show for us all on Tuesday.

Our very own version of Romeo and Juliet...with a football theme that Shakespeare would surely be proud of! The children impressed with their lines, comedy timing, singing and dancing...not to mention the innovative staging!

Well done to you all for a truly magnificent and memorable end to your time with us here at St. Augustine's. Huge thanks to Mrs Oliver for her wonderful planning and directing, and to Mrs Jones, Mrs Ellis and Miss Worrick for their beautiful set design and building.



WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful school year, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the many volunteers who have given so generously of their time, talents and hearts in support of our school community.

A special thank you to Mrs Christina Armitage, who has faithfully come in each week - rain or shine - to read with our Year 5 children. Her kindness and gentle encouragement have given confidence to so many young readers.

To Mr Nicholas Armitage, whose green fingers and storytelling flair have brightened both our grounds and our imaginations. From keeping our gardens in tip-top condition to donning historical costumes and bringing stories (including those of the Swiss Guards!) to life, we are so grateful for your enthusiasm and dedication.

To Mrs Aileen Frisby, who has poured countless cups of tea with warmth and cheer at our class and fundraising events - thank you for helping create such welcoming and memorable moments.

To Mrs Pat Gallagher, thank you for the gift of your storytelling and for sharing your wisdom and experiences with our children - threads from your tapestry of life that will stay with them.

To George Hetherington - your work at the Food Hub and your visits to share your stories with our children have greatly enhanced our school community - thank you for giving your time to us.

To our fantastic Friends of St. Augustine's (FoSA) team, thank you for all the joyful events, delicious treats, and community spirit you have brought to us throughout the year - you have all worked so hard to make such special occasions for us all.

To our governors, thank you for the tireless work you do behind the scenes. Your steady guidance has been invaluable, especially during this year's OFSTED visit, and we are truly blessed by your commitment to St. Augustine's.

To Canon Peter, thank you for your faithful presence in the life of our school, your prayers, and your pastoral care.

To our Reading Doctor, Becky Birch, thank you for the love, care, and dedication you pour into every child you support. You make a real difference.

To Mrs Lucy Wright, our Lay Chaplain, thank you for your outstanding work with our children and our chaplaincy team, and for guiding us through the liturgical year with such reverence and joy.

And to Mr Darren Rawnsley, our local Artistic Director - thank you for your time, creativity and dedication in leading inspiring workshops that resulted in not just one, but two beautiful books this year! Your efforts in securing funding and arranging printing have left us with something truly special - a wonderful legacy that we will always treasure. We couldn't be more proud or more grateful.

To each and every one of you, and our St. Augustine's families; thank you for the time, love, and dedication you've shared with us this year. Your contributions have helped build up our school family in the very best way.

THE FONDEST OF FAREWELLS...



MRS JONES



MRS COX



MISS SMALLEY



MISS B



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MRS SMITH



MS HAMLYN



MISS LEE

...WE WILL MISS YOU ALL VERY MUCH 

**A summer holiday club for primary-aged children on
30th, 31st July & 1st August 2025 at 9:30am – 1pm at Ryhall Methodist Church**

Join us for a fun time exploring the theme of 'Secret Agents', including:

- 🕒 arts & crafts
- 🕒 lunch (fruit & drinks throughout)
- 🕒 drama & stories
- 🕒 songs, actions, prayers
- 🕒 fun & games
- 🕒 scavenger hunts

Come along and enjoy our varied activities, as well as solving the question: who is Jesus?

Secret Agents

Our holiday club is free, but we rely on your kind donations to fund the materials and lunch. A £3 donation per day would be hugely appreciated if you are able – whether in cash on the day or via BACS (see booking form for details).

Families are also invited to join us for our Secret Agent themed Sunday worship on 3rd August from 10:30am with activities suited to all ages.

Book online: <https://tinyurl.com/SecretAgentsRyhall>
Request paper booking forms or direct any queries to Charlotte: ryhallprayers@gmail.com or 0797 606 4410



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**WOODLAND
WORKSHOP
FAMILY BEE
HOTEL BUILDING**

TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST

10:00AM - 12:00PM

**ANGLIAN WATER BIRD WATCHING
CENTRE, EGLETON, OAKHAM, LE15 8BT**

**CREATE A HOTEL FOR THE
POLLINATORS IN YOUR
GARDEN.**

Join us in celebrating Honey Bee Day this August. Bring the whole family for some hands on fun creating a Bee Hotel to take home and put in your garden!!



Scan the QR code to find
out more or book online

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

EDGE

**SIGN UP USING
THIS QR CODE**



EDGE is our open to all youth group, with table tennis, pool, wide games. We also offer a tuck shop. EDGE is a great space to just unwind at the end of a long week!

WHERE: No.1 Cheyne Lane, Stamford, PE9 2AX
WHEN: Fridays 7:30pm-9pm (Term time)
W110: Year 7-13





As the Summer Term heads to the holidays, and September approaches, many parents will be facing the question "Should my child have a phone?"

Often young people only see the benefits of their new device...



But as parents, we worry about the harms they may be exposed to...



For more information



www.internetmatters.org

Top tips for keeping children safe online

- Consider choosing a 'dumb phone' or basic phones with limited features.
- Turn on broadband filters to provide basic protection from inappropriate websites.
- On a smartphone, use controls to limit chat functions, manage privacy settings & control what content children can access.
- Always set screen time limits to help manage and control device usage of your child inside and outside the house.
- Shut down mobile phones at least an hour before bedtime and charge devices outside of their bedrooms to promote better sleep.
- Develop digital rules for your family, stick to them and review them regularly as children grow to ensure they remain effective.
- Set a password in app stores to restrict what children can download on their devices.
- Discuss how suitable social media platforms are for your child & the potential risks vs benefits before creating accounts.