

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

We have had another busy week, with staff exploring lots of opportunities for enriching curriculum trips and visits, as well as ways we can subsidise and reduce costs wherever possible. We know pupils gain so much from day trips, workshops and residential visits, so we will always strive to keep costs as low as we can.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the gate survey and for following up with emails, queries and concerns. Schools are always pinch points when it comes to traffic and congestion, and I have yet to work in one where this is not the case. Change is never easy, but I want to reassure you that the welfare and interests of the children remain at the heart of all decision-making. Many of our neighbouring schools also operate single-entry systems. As part of this process, two Trust representatives have visited the site to review both safeguarding and logistics, and we are all in agreement that a one-gate entry system will significantly strengthen site security and safety, which is my absolute priority.

It has also been raised by families and staff that members of the public and secondary school pupils have been using the two-gate system as a cut-through. They should not be on site *at all*, especially as we still have pupils in wraparound care and clubs. We must ensure the gates are closed swiftly to secure the site. The new system will not only strengthen security but will also allow staff to be in the building promptly, ready to welcome and teach your children each morning.

The gate will be supervised daily by myself, a member of the senior leadership team, or our Responsible Property Officer, Miss Bush. If you have any messages or letters, please do pass these on to us at the gate - we are always happy to forward them to staff on your behalf.

We also encourage, as many of you already do, for pupils to be dropped at the gates and make their own way inside. For those children who need extra support from you in the morning, you are of course welcome to accompany them onto the playground. Anyone with access difficulties may continue to use the school's main entrance, where we also have a ramp. This new system will begin after half term, with the main gate being the one nearest the EYFS class and Nursery.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Loving God,

Thank You for the beauty of autumn - the crisp leaves, glowing sunsets, and the comfort of home.

As the seasons change, help us to notice Your presence in the world around us and in each other.

May this season be filled with kindness, gratitude, and peace.

Amen.



WELCOMING AUTUMN

As the seasons turn and autumn begins, we notice the world around us gently changing. The days may grow shorter and the evenings cooler, yet the sun still lingers, casting golden light across the leaves as they turn rich shades of red and gold.

Just as nature moves through its seasons, we too have times of change in our lives. Autumn invites us to slow down, to notice beauty in small things, and to be grateful for the warmth and light that remain with us. It's a reminder that even as one season ends, another begins, each with its own gifts and opportunities.

Since returning to school in September, we have already seen how well everyone has supported one another - showing kindness, working hard, and helping our community to grow stronger together. Just as the autumn trees share their colour with the world, our St. Augustine's school family shares joy, care and encouragement each day.

As a school community, may this autumn be a season of kindness, gratitude, and growth - a time to gather together, to share, and to look for God's presence in the everyday wonders around us.

- Miss Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Sophia-Rae in Acacia Class who is 8 on Thursday!



We all wish you a super special day!

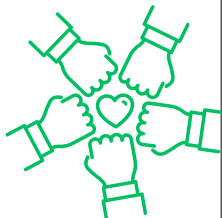
OPEN DAYS

Full details of our Open Day on Tuesday 14th October are below on page 7 - please share with any friends and family who are looking for a school place for September 2026!

GREEN TEAM AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Green Team will take place after school on Tuesday 30th September, and School Council will take place after school on Tuesday 7th October.

Please collect your child promptly from the KS1 playground at 4pm.



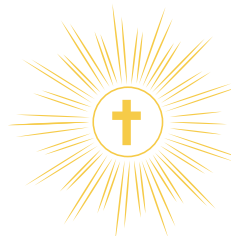
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child, or if you need help and support, please don't hesitate to contact our Safeguarding team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Garland

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Withers

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Oliver

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Reeves

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Taylor

The Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01780 762094 or by email: enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates - we are all very proud of you.

Olive Class - **Azalea** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Sycamore Class - **Tobias** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Acacia Class - **Everleigh** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class - **Holly** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Managing In-Game Spending

In-game spending can be problematic with some children and young people. The urgency to level up, to look unique, to be better than your friends, and to top all this off the persuasive techniques that games companies use.

Internet Matters have an excellent guide for parents which includes:

- How do children spend money while gaming.
- How does in-game currency work.
- The benefits and risks
- Supporting resources, and more.
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You can view the guide [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.58%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 91.58%

Sycamore - 90%

Acacia - 96.67%

Juniper - 87.11%

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](#),

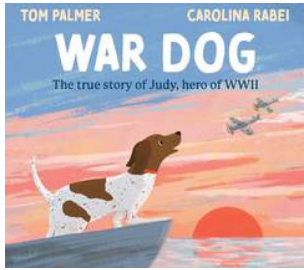
MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"



THEMED READS!

Sunday was The International Day of Peace. To mark this special day, our friends at St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy have been reading some brilliant books! They highly recommend War Dog by Tom Palmer and The Grand Hotel of Feelings By Lidia Brankovic. Have you read either of these books? If so, what did you think?!



Click on the image above to see author Tom Palmer being interviewed about War Dog!



Click on the image above to see Peter the Panda learning more about The Grand Hotel of Feelings, and his own feelings!

NETBALL MATCH REPORT!

Bluecoat V St. Augustine's

Well done St. Augustine's netball team. The score of our most recent match was 4-0 to us. The match was quite unfair since they only had two girls and the rest were boys.

Well done to Molly-Rose for her great goal near the end, and well done Freddie for his great defending. But mostly, well done to our whole team that worked together. The staff were Mrs Oliver and Mrs Sinclair.

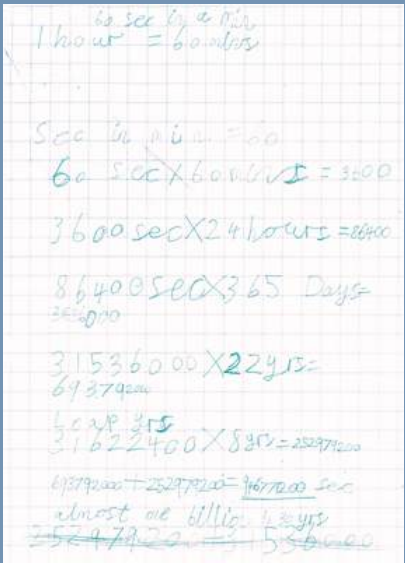
I love this team and hope that we will win against St. Gilbert's.



- Holly Smith, Head Girl

JACOB P - JUNIPER CLASS!

This week, Jacob P asked me how long I had been working in education, and I replied 'almost 30 years'. Jacob came to school the next day and handed me a piece of paper with lots of working out that he had done at home - he has calculated that my 30 years in education equates to approximately one billion seconds...Jacob even factored in leap years!



I am so impressed, Jacob, and delighted that you took the time to work this out! Well done!

- Mrs T



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES!

Celebrate the European Day of Languages on 26 September with us!

What is the European Day of Languages (EDL)?
A day to encourage language learning across Europe.
At the initiative of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, the European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on 26 September.

Why do we celebrate the EDL?
• To alert the public to the importance of language learning in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding
• To promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe
• To encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school

Who is it for?
• Pupils / Students / Teachers
• Universities / Schools / Cultural institutes / Language institutes
• Associations,....
In fact EVERYONE, who wants to celebrate linguistic diversity in Europe

did you know that...?
• There are between 6000 and 7000 languages in the world with about 225 indigenous languages in Europe
• Most of the world's languages are spoken in Asia and Africa
• At least half of the world's population are bilingual or plurilingual, i.e. they speak or understand two or more languages
• Bilingualism makes the learning of additional languages easier and enhances the thinking process
For more facts visit our website!

www.coe.int/EDL
join us on facebook: facebook.com/ecml-ceilv

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES
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Today is the European Day of Languages. Do you speak any other languages at home?! We'd love to hear about it!

If you'd like to learn how to say 'hello' in different languages, click here to have a go!

SHINING BRIGHT: MISS B RECOGNISED AT APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS 2025

Yesterday evening, our former PE apprentice, Miss Ellianah Bush, was honoured with the title of 'Higher Apprentice of the Year' at the prestigious Peterborough Telegraph Apprenticeship Awards 2025!

Miss B began her P.E. apprenticeship with us at St. Augustine's three years ago, and we couldn't be prouder to have had her as part of our team. During her time with us, she truly made the role her own - her dedication, energy, and the encouragement she gave to our pupils were nothing short of inspiring. She is greatly missed by everyone here, but we are thrilled to see her achievements recognised in such a wonderful way.

Huge congratulations, Miss B - we are absolutely delighted for you!



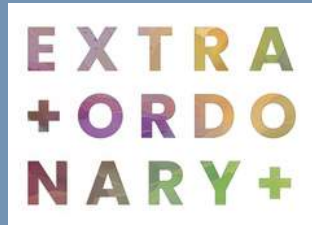
Photo courtesy of Miss K Bush

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is '**Prudence**'.

Prudence is the ability to make wise decisions. It is based on knowledge, experience, and good judgment. Prudence is essential for making good choices in all areas of life, and the example of Christ inspires us to act carefully and deliberately for the good of those around us.

When faced with a difficult decision this week, think about what Jesus would do.



GEORGE'S FOOD HUB!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that George's Food Hub won 'Best Social Enterprise' at last week's Rutland & Stamford Mercury Business Awards 2025!

We are so proud of George and his amazing team of Hub volunteers - they do such wonderful work for our wider community...and all on our doorstep! Many congratulations from all of us at St. Augustine's.



L-R - George, Steve, Logan, Mrs Oliver, Molly, Krystal and Layla

Thank you to Mrs Wright, our Lay Chaplain, for this lovely resource for Little Way Week. Mrs Wright has also created this National Teaching Assistants' Day poster to say, on behalf of all of us, happy National Teaching Assistants' Day to our wonderful St. Augustine's Teaching Assistants!



Writer of THE WEEK

Our Writer of the Week is Molly from Acacia Class! Molly wrote a three page narrative called 'The Lost Village'.

Mrs Dollin is so proud of you, Molly - you used super vocabulary in a very well written story.

Narrative

The Lost Village

On a sunny day, a boy called Wols was peacefully sleeping. Wols loves animals and nature. He was a kind and loving boy. Wols woke up with a start. It was 6.50 ~~at~~ 6.00 in the morning. A nag was cheeping outside the window. Wols lives in a small village with his Mum and older brother. The beach is around the corner.

Wols decides to go have a paddle in the morning. So Wols put on a red T-shirt, blue trousers and his own leather jacket. When Wols got to the beach, he saw a mysterious map sticking out of the sand. Wols picked up the map and swept the sand. Wols could see it was a treasure map.

For dreams come true, Wols decided even if he's scared, he will go on and find the lost village. He goes home to pack his bag, sets off on his adventure. Wols arrived at a lush green jungle with trees of every size.

Wols started to walk into the jungle. Suddenly, he heard a yelp or ~~agony~~ from deep in the jungle. Wols started to follow the yelping shouts of the creature but when Wols got there, he realised it was a man screaming, not a beast. So Wols ran so he could help the man. Wols suddenly stopped, he was petrified. The man was lying on the floor, there were two mouse bites in his middle, the man was barely alive.

The man unexpectedly got up and held himself. The man said "I will lead you to the lost village for your kindness." Wols, trembling in surprise, followed the man. The man led Wols to the willow tree. Wols trembled in surprise. Why would a willow tree be in the jungle? The man beckoned Wols into the tree. Wols saw a trunk, but instead of a trunk, there was a portal. The man walks into the jungle portal. Wols follows. On the other side of the portal was a beautiful village. Wols knew it must be the lost village. Wols had finished his quest. The End.



MOLLY PARSONS



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OPEN EVENTS



Tuesday 14th October 2025

9:15am - 10:15am

3:15pm - 4:15pm

5:15pm - 6:15pm

at St. Augustine's Catholic Academy
Kesteven Road, Stamford, PE9 1SR

Come and see why our school is a
fantastic choice for your family

Find out more: tinyurl.com/staugstamford

Why visit St. Augustine's?

During our open day tour with the headteacher, you will get an insight into the high standards our children achieve through our inspiring and creative learning environments.

You can talk with our teachers about our high-quality teaching and find out why our school is a fantastic choice for your family.

We welcome children from all cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds whose families support our Catholic ethos and want their children to experience the caring environment of the school.

You'll also find out about:

- our child-centered early years provision
- our wraparound care
- our indoor/outdoor learning environments.
- our Forest School area

If you're unable to attend one of our scheduled open events, we'd be delighted to welcome you for a personal visit to see the school in action.

To arrange an appointment, please contact the school office on **01780 762094** or email enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate - and the rich man does nothing to help him.

It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

A Word from the Saints

"Give something, however small, to the person in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing." St Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday 24th September 2025

The question of a successful life is not: "How much did I accumulate?" but rather, "How did I use what God had given me to help others?"

So, let's not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today. Enjoy your week and help share God's love.

Don Henry Wadsworth

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 28th September 2025

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He looked up from Hades and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this heat.' 'My son,' Abraham replied, 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here.'"

Adapted from Luke 16:19-31
The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

Having Hope in our Families

God wants each one of us to share with people who are in need - people around us and people all over the world and, just like Lazarus, to share in God's everlasting happiness now and forever.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring GOOD NEWS to your friends by sharing THE WEDNESDAY WORD



Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always wore the most expensive clothes and always ate the best food every day. There was also a very poor man, named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to sit outside the rich man's house. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the scraps of left-over food that the rich man didn't want. When Lazarus died, he was carried away by the angels to heaven. But the rich man, who had ignored poor Lazarus and did not help him, was not taken to heaven."

Why did Lazarus sit outside the rich man's house?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community."

Saint Baldwin of Canterbury

Ask your child what the word 'sharing' means to them. Ask them to talk about a time when they shared something. Is it easy or difficult for them to share things, and why? Sharing is part of everyday life, particularly family life. Talk about when your family shares with others. Who has recently shared something with your child? How did your child feel to be on the receiving end of someone's generosity?

SHARING

Even small, everyday acts of sharing around the home, school or in the workplace are most valuable in God's eyes. What difference would it make to our school and to the world if we shared more? Each of you choose a way in which you can share at home, at school or in the community in the coming week. Why not visit the CAFOD and MISSION-TOGETHER websites for ideas about how to share and help the poorest in the world? See: kidzone.cafod.org.uk & missiontogether.co.uk

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Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us with many good things. Please help us to see the needs of others and to share with anyone in need. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

HUNGRY MAN
SORES GATE
ANGELS CARRIED
LAZARUS HEAVEN

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

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M	Y	L	E	G	S	L	E	G	N

Cross out the letters o b f in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

fabngoels hoeafvebn fabwaoy latzoarbus

"When _____ died, he was carried _____ by the _____ to _____"

Jesus told the story of Lazarus so that we would understand how important it is to share and to be kind. True happiness comes from sharing and giving, just as much as it comes from receiving.

More about the Catholic faith: wednesdayword.org & cbccw.org.uk



This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



- PYO Pumpkins this October, free entry
- Children's activities incl pedal tractors
- Hot drinks, sweet treats & stone baked pizza
- Stonepit Lodge Farm, Fotheringhay, Oundle, PE8 5HX



For dates and further info, follow or contact us:

- Fotheringhay Pumpkin Patch
- @fotheringhay_pumpkin_patch
- fotheringhay_pumpkin_patch@outlook.com

STAMFORD FAIRTRADE'S ONE WORLD WEEK 2025

"EXPLORING WHAT 'ONE WORLD?' MEANS TO YOU"

A WEEK OF INSPIRATION FOR TAKING ACTION FOR A MORE JUST, EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE WORLD

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 6:30PM - FREE

EXHIBITION PREVIEW
- LIVE MUSIC, BAR AND FAIRTRADE SNACKS -

ALL WEEK
- INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS AND ACTIVITIES -
- ARTWORK AND PROJECTS BY LOCAL STUDENTS -

FRIDAY + SATURDAY - ALL DAY
FAIRTRADE STALLS
- BUY FAIRLY TRADED GIFTS AND FOOD -
- FIND OUT ABOUT GROUPS THAT ARE TAKING ACTION LOCALLY -

20TH - 25TH OCTOBER
THE GALLERY, STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE
WITH THANKS FOR SUPPORT FROM CENTRAL CO-OP