

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

It's been a lovely sunny week at St. Augustine's this week, with lots of brilliant learning in all of our classes.

Today is World Mental Health Day and we are joining thousands of schools, communities and companies wearing yellow today to raise awareness and show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in, and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better. Please see our [Mental Health and Wellbeing support resources](#) on our school website or contact the school to speak with a Senior, Adult or Youth Mental Leader. [Young Minds](#) offer a range of support including a parent advice and support helpline.

At St. Augustine's, we are committed to creating an environment where every child feels safe, valued and listened to. Through our curriculum, assemblies and daily interactions, we encourage pupils to talk about their feelings, support one another and understand that it's okay not to be okay. Building emotional resilience and empathy are key parts of helping our children to flourish both now and in the future.

We are also grateful for the partnership we have with our parents and carers, who play such an important role in supporting children's wellbeing at home. Taking time to talk, share worries and celebrate small successes can make a huge difference.

Together, as a caring school community, we can continue to nurture hope, kindness and strength in every child.

Wishing you a happy weekend ahead,

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee;
blessed art thou amongst
women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death.

Amen.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tuesday was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a special day that reminds us of Mary's faith, courage, and quiet trust in God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is often called Our Lady because she watches over us with care and love, guiding us closer to God and to one another.

The Rosary is a prayer that helps us reflect on important moments in the life of Jesus, seen through Mary's eyes - times of joy, light, sorrow, and glory. Each bead of the Rosary lets us pause, find peace, and remember that prayer can bring comfort and strength, even in the middle of our busy lives.

Mary's story shows us what it means to say "yes" to God, even when the path ahead is uncertain. Mary's faith was steady, her heart was open to love, and her life was full of quiet acts of service. She reminds us that true strength often shines through gentleness, kindness, and hope.

As we mark this feast day, perhaps we can take a few moments to pray, to be still, or to simply think about the people who guide and support us; people who reflect Mary's love in everyday ways. Something as little as a kind word, a helping hand, or a moment of gratitude could be our own small prayer this week.

May Our Lady of the Rosary inspire us all to live with peace, courage, and compassion.

- Miss Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Benjamin in Juniper Class who is 10 tomorrow, and to Bella in Sycamore Class who will be 6 on Wednesday!



We all wish you a super special day!

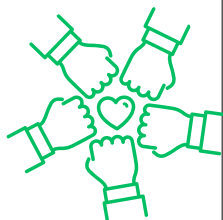
OPEN DAYS

Full details of our Open Day on Tuesday 14th October are on page 9 - 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 14th October and School Council will take place after school on Tuesday 21st October.

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



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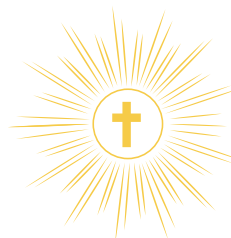
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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 - **Phoebe** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Elliot** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class Year 5 - **Archie** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Stanley** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - App Safety Settings

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important; they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. So this feels like a good time to either send a reminder out to parents or to take a look at the links on your school website to some of the more popular social apps which I've shared below, all from the Internet Matters website:

- Discord app settings - [HERE](#).
- TikTok parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Snapchat parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Instagram parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- WhatsApp privacy guide - [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



OLIVE CLASS - EYFS!

As part of our hope to gain the Woodland Trust Silver Award, our EYFS children produced this beautiful piece of art using materials foraged from our school grounds.



Isn't it beautiful?!
Well done,
everyone!

- Mrs T



Keep in touch with the nature you love

THE MARK 10 MISSION - THE POWER OF THANK YOU

This coming Sunday, we hear how Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one returned to say 'thank you.' In these videos, we encourage children to be people of gratitude and to know that Jesus is the one from whom all blessings come.

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.53%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive - 97.66%

Sycamore - 92.89%

Acacia - 93.65%

Juniper - 91.81%

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.**

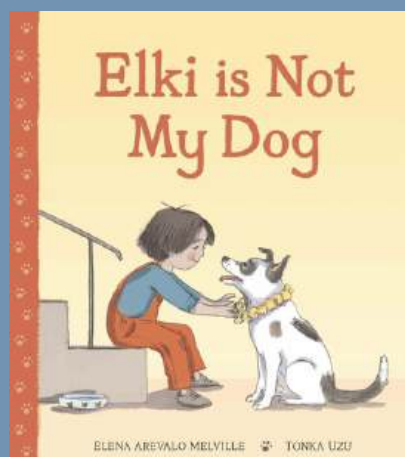
"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."
#AttendanceCounts"



BOOK CORNER!

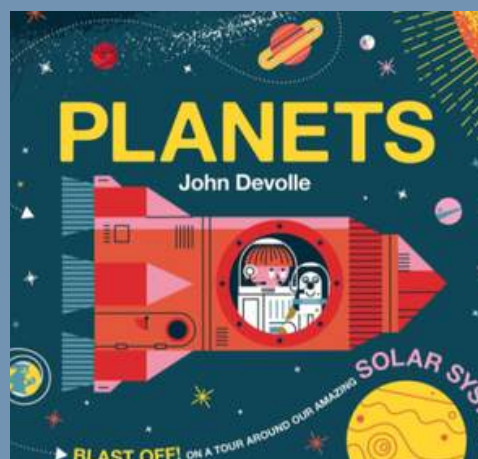
St. Augustine's and St. Norbert's have some great book recommendations for you this week.

To mark World Homelessness Day today, we have the lovely 'Elki is Not My Dog' - a story by Elena Arevalo Melville about small children befriending a stray dog:



Click on the image above to read 'Elki is Not My Dog' with illustrator Tonka Uzu.

'Planets' by John Devolle combines bold, colourful illustrations with jokes and brilliant science facts to take young readers on a fun-filled journey across the solar system:



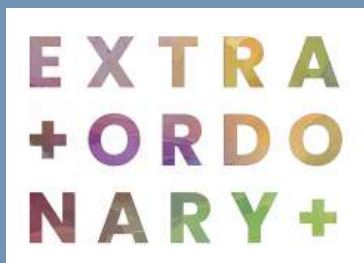
Click on the image above to watch a book review of 'Planets'.

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Inclusion'.

Inclusion is about welcoming everyone as a child of God, regardless of their differences. It is about creating a community where everyone feels valued and respected. We can promote inclusion by being open to others and by standing up against discrimination. We can also make sure that everyone has a voice and that everyone is included in decision-making.

Look for someone in your community who may be on the margins, take time to make them feel included this week.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Application forms are available now for our First Holy Communion Programme 2025/26, leading to the celebration of First Holy Communion next year.

If your child is in Year 3 at school or aged 7 or over and has not yet made their First Holy Communion, then please obtain an application form available at the back of Church.

The closing date for registering for the Programme is Sunday 26th October. Those not attending weekly Mass, at least from the time of application, will not be eligible for the subsequent classes or to make their First Holy Communion, as this is a Diocesan expectation.

- Canon Peter



Recycling Appeal in aid of

CAFOD

18th -26th October 2025

We are collecting

Jewellery	gold silver fashion cufflinks costume broken
Watches	any condition
Old currency	banknotes coins Foreign British
Stamps	British Foreign albums first day covers
Electronics	mobile phones cameras satnavs ipods MP3 players

Collection points during above dates

Sacred Heart and St Gilbert Church Bourne - after Mass
Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlac Deeping St James - after Mass
St Augustine's School Stamford.

please note we can only accept items listed

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BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION!

500 Words is open for entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.

Our official panel of celebrity judges, Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce will return to crown our next winners.

Click on the image below for more details!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S NETBALL TEAM!

Our brilliant netball team played Uffington Primary School on Thursday afternoon.

Unfortunately we didn't secure a win this time but it was a great game, and Uffington were a great opponent.

Well done to our players for their team spirit and support of each other during the match.



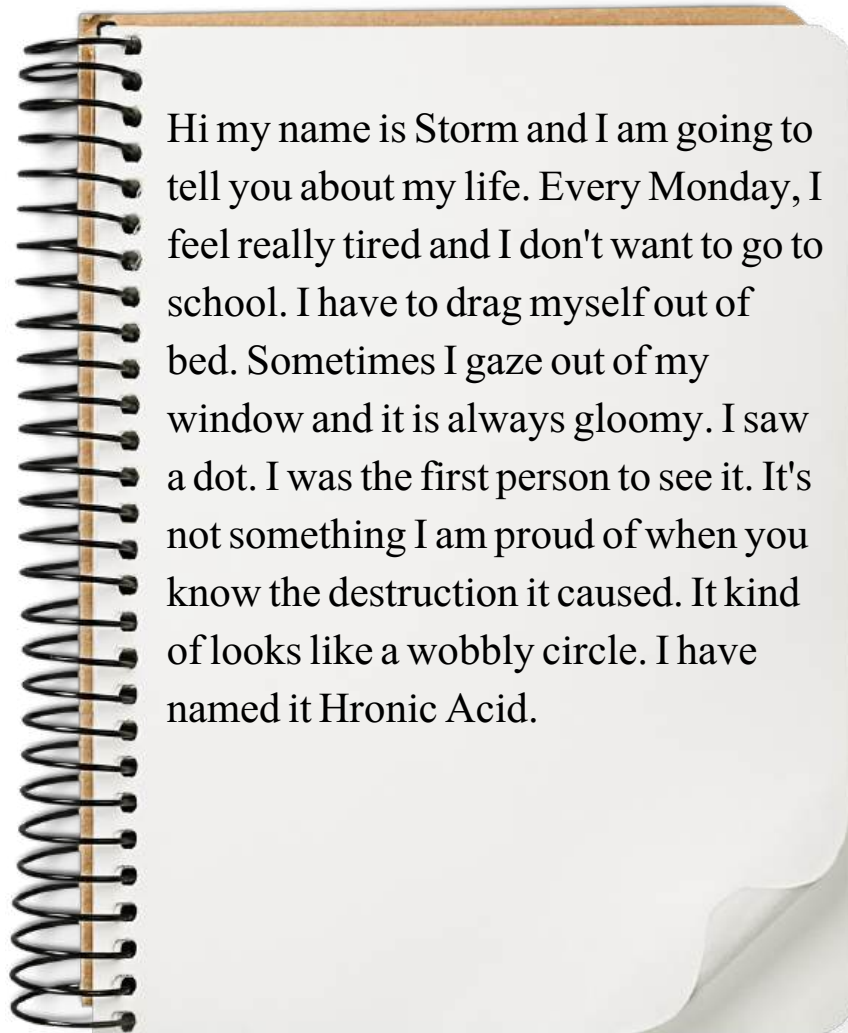
L-R - Mia, Nolan, Ada, Freddie, Stanley, Ella and Holly.

Writer of THE WEEK

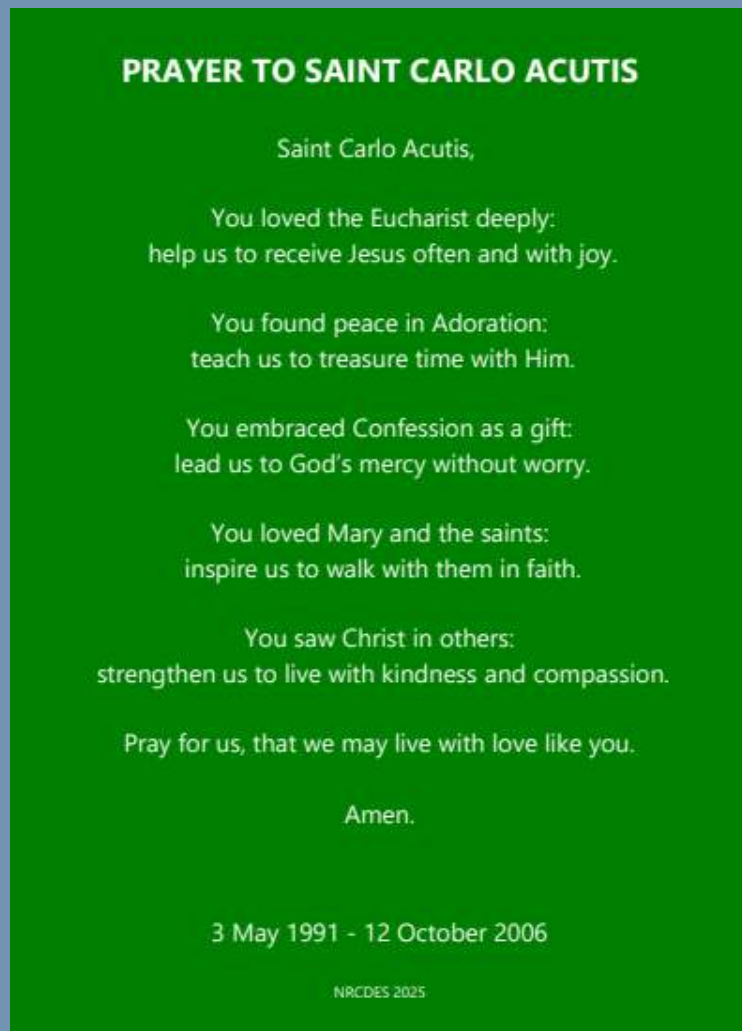
Our Writer of the Week is Storm from Juniper Class! Storm has written an introduction to her own apocalyptic narrative (with an imaginary name), based on our hook book 'Boy in the Tower'.

This introduction has been written in true author style - wanting the reader to read and know more

Mrs Worrick is so proud of you, Storm - well done!



S T O R M C L A Y T O N



STAMFORD WELLAND ACADEMY - 'LOVE BEING ME'

Students at Stamford Welland Academy have been working hard to create a heartfelt performance titled "*Love Being Me*." This inspiring show aims to raise awareness about positive body image and to share an important message - that we should all celebrate our individuality and feel confident in who we are.

The performance will take place on Friday 24th October at 6:00pm at Stamford Welland Academy (SWA) and is especially suitable for Year 6 students.

♦ Tickets:

- Adults: £5.00
- Children: Free

Tickets can be purchased in advance via Bromcom (for families with a sibling already at SWA) or on the door on the night.

All proceeds will go to Beat – Eating Disorders, a charity dedicated to supporting those affected by eating disorders and promoting positive body image.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support this worthy cause, please [click here](#) to donate.



WELLBEING WITH ART POP-UP

On Wednesday afternoon, our St. Augustine's TA's had a wellbeing session with Sam Roddan from Art Pop-Up. The session included mindfulness and making flower posies. Many thanks to Sam for making time for us - we all really enjoyed it.

- Mrs T



Art Pop-Up

THE RORA PROJECT - COMMUNITY GARDEN!

🌱 The RORA Project made it through 🌤️

Now we need your help! Vote for us via the Co-op Community Fund from 19th October 2025. Every vote increases the funding we receive to create our very own community green space.

If you're not a Co-op member, consider signing up - it's easy, affordable, and supports local community projects like ours. Learn more on our website

🔗 Read more: <https://theroraproject.com/>

📄 How to vote: <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>



FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Click on the image below to read the latest edition of Family First.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The [Anna Freud](#) mental health charity has lots of information and resources to support mental health and wellbeing in children and young people, having developed and delivered pioneering mental health care for over 70 years.

Click on the image below to download a self-care plan for primary school children.



THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION
POSTER EXHIBITION
THE TOWN HALL
SATURDAY OCT 11TH 10.00AM TO 3.00 PM
FREE ENTRY
CRAFT WORKSHOP | KIDS QUIZ | REFRESHMENTS
JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF CRAFTS WHILST EXPLORING THE AMAZING PHILLIPS COLLECTION!
Stamford Town Hall on St Mary's Hill
Stamford Town Council
STAMFORD TOWN HALL @STAMFORDTC

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@ Ketton Sports & Community Centre
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AGES 5-12
£49.50 PER DAY
20-24 & 27-31 OCTOBER 2025 9AM - 4PM
CAMP FEATURES:

- Multi Sports,
- Team Building,
- Tag Games
- Life Skills
- Wrap around care 8am-5pm

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sales@mpwactive.co.uk

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3:15pm - 4:15pm
5:15pm - 6:15pm
at St. Augustine's Catholic Academy Kesteven Road, Stamford, PE9 1SR

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.

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/staugstamford

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OUR TIN FOR TUESDAY BIG HARVEST COLLECTION

George's food hubs
Community Interest Company

Bring in your donations for George's Food Hub on or before Tuesday 21st October 2025