

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

What a fantastic week we've had! So many families joined us for our Family Showcase Open Day on Tuesday, and are keen to become part of our school community. The children were learning beautifully in every classroom and were able to shine a light on the wonderful curriculum and activities offered across all the classes.



A real highlight this week was joining Miss Darby's class and making soup together as part of their Harvest learning. The boys and girls were so enthusiastic about creating recipes from scratch! If you make any soups or bake together as a family this half term, please send in your pictures for Show and Tell - I would love to see them!



We also have our snuggly Non-Uniform Day coming up on the last day of term. Some of the children have been asking me what the cosiest thing I own is - I'm very much looking forward to wearing my giant Snitch snoodie! What will you all be wearing?

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Loving God, you make us in your image. Forgive us when we fail to see your image in each other. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, the ability to work together, and a willingness to share with others our time, our energy, our skills and talents, and our wealth.

Amen.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

This year, Pope Francis invited us to celebrate World Mission Day 2025 with a special theme: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."

At its heart, this message is about bringing light and kindness wherever we go. Pope Francis reminded us that even small actions can make a big difference. When we help someone, include a friend who's feeling left out, or smile at someone who's sad, we become messengers of hope - just like Jesus was in his time.

Hope is something that grows when we share it. It's a bit like a candle; one flame can light another, and soon there is more light for everyone. This mission encourages us to keep that flame alive through prayer, care, and courage, trusting that even when life feels difficult, God's love is still shining.

In our school life, we can live this call in simple, everyday ways; praying for those who need strength and comfort, being kind to others, sharing our time or help, learning about how people around the world live, and what we can do in our own small way to try and make it a fairer world for everyone.

Even though St. Augustine's is a small school community, we can still make a big impact. Everything we do for others is all part of God's great mission of love and hope.

As Pope Francis told us, we are all called to bring hope wherever we are. May our school family continue to shine brightly, showing others that hope is alive in our hearts and in our world.

- Miss Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Woody in Sycamore Class who is 6 on Monday, to Jack in Olive Class who will be 6 on Wednesday, and to Kaian in Sycamore Class who is 6 on Thursday!

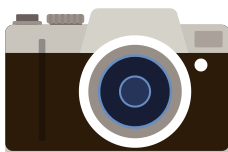
**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

We all wish you a super special day!

GREEN TEAM AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 20th October for individual and sibling school photos! Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full school uniform - if they have PE on Monday, please send their PE kit with them separately so that they can get changed after the school photo session.

Please be advised that Sensory Circuits will not be in session either due to school photos.



GREEN TEAM AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council will take place after school on Tuesday 21st October.

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

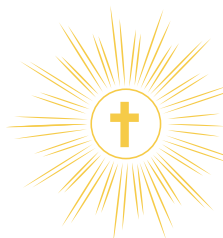


OUR PARISH CHURCH

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 - **Storm** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Sycamore Class - **Cole** - **Love & Respect**

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

Juniper Class Year 5 - **Benjamin** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Roblox Age Estimation

As the most popular game in the world Roblox has come under a lot of criticism recently, particularly in regards to predatory activity on the platform. Whilst Roblox has always had fairly good parental controls in place, ages of users has always been a concern, particularly adults pretending to be younger children.

Recently Roblox have announced that they are expanding facial age estimation and ID age verification to all users who access the communication features within Roblox, as well as new systems designed to limit communication between adults and children unless they know each other in the real world.

The word 'limit' has me a little concerned as there is no information on what that actually means, but regardless it's definitely a step in the right direction which I think may parents will welcome. Apparently there have been over 100 safety initiatives since January 2025 on Roblox, I wasn't aware of that, but there is lots of information for parents [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



CAFOD LIVESIMPLY

We are excited to share that we have taken our first steps towards becoming a LiveSimply school. The Live Simply award is run by CAFOD and encourages communities to live more simply and sustainably, as well as in solidarity with our global family.

We have made nine pledges as a school which we will be working on over the next year or so, many of which we hope you will support us with in various ways. We hope that together we can work towards a better world for all.

- Mrs Wright, Chaplain



THE MARK 10 MISSION - WHY DOES GOD NOT ANSWER ALL PRAYERS?

Why does God not answer every prayer straight away? Does God hear our prayers? In the Gospel, Jesus shares a parable about a persistent widow to teach his disciples to never lose heart when they pray. She goes to a judge time and again, seeking help.

The parable helps us to better understand the importance of persistence and commitment to prayer.

Inspired by this, we pray together and then join Joe as he sings 'Faithful Father.'

Click on the image below to watch the video.



POPPY APPEAL-ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We will be selling Poppy Appeal items on behalf of the Royal British Legion during the period of Remembrance - keep an eye out for our Year 6 children who will be in the playground after school most days with poppies, slap bands, zip pulls and more!



Click on the poppy to find out more.

BOOK CORNER!

Today we mark the [UN International Day](#) for the Eradication of Poverty - a day of global solidarity, reflection, and hope. It's a call to action to move beyond charity and towards justice; to build systems that listen to, respect, and empower families to shape their own futures. This year's theme is "Ending social and institutional maltreatment by ensuring respect and effective support for families."



April's Garden is a lovely Children's story about home and hope. It starts off dark and grey, April is struggling to find a happy place to grow, but it's a beautiful story of survival and finding hope.

Click on the image above to listen to the story.



The Playdate: A powerful story about friendship across economic divides that encourages readers to question why we live in a society where those who have and those who have not live very different lives.

Click on the image above to learn more about this lovely storybook.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.93%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 91.23%

Sycamore - 93.78%

Acacia - 89.95%

Juniper - 89.44%

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"



GREEN TEAM

This week our Green Team children foraged for leaves and berries in the school hedgerows, and designed their own creatures using what they had discovered.

What a lovely job they all did, and a great start to working towards a Woodland Trust Silver award!

- Mrs T



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Counsel'.

Counsel, sometimes called 'right judgement' is the way in which the Holy Spirit enables us to make the right decisions in our lives.

Pray before making an important choice 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



ST. AUGUSTINE'S NETBALL TEAM!

Our St. Augustine's netball team had a great match at St. George's on Monday afternoon! We had a 7-4 win and showed a great example of team spirit and worked so well together, as St. Augustine's children always do!

Many thanks to St. George's for welcoming us and for a great match.



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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YEAR 1/ 2 SYCAMORE CLASS

In History, Sycamore class have been exploring the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Last week's lesson looked at how a Jubilee is celebrated.

On Monday, Wilbur talked to the class about his dad flying in The Red Arrows as part of Jubilee celebrations. The class were amazed looking at all the photos.

Well done Wilbur for an informative lesson giving us lots to discuss.

- Mrs Sinclair



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Little Stars Wraparound Care

We've had so much fun in Little Stars this week...we made delicious chocolate cornflake cakes with unicorn sprinkles!

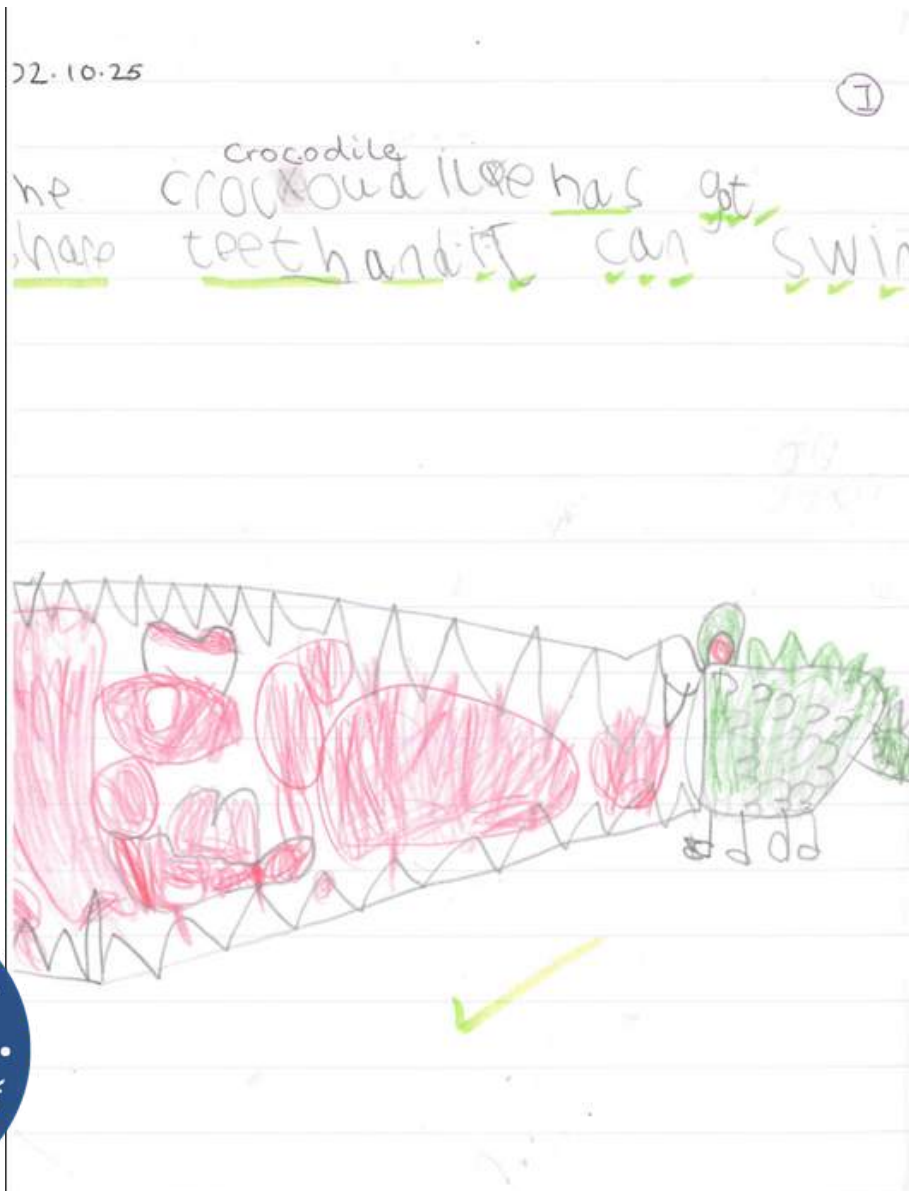
- Miss Fiona



Writer of THE WEEK

Our Writer of the Week is Jack from Olive Class! Jack wrote a super story about a crocodile, along with a brilliant illustration of the crocodile with lots of meat in his tummy!

Miss Darby and Mrs Donington are so proud of you, Jack - well done!



JACK DORAN

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/>



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Community Garden
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Bring in your donations for
George's Food Hub
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Tuesday 21st October 2025



Spooktacular
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26 OCT, 2025	RECREATION GROUND	OPEN 1.30PM - 3PM
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