

St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

Autumn is a beautiful season, ablaze with vibrant colours, changeable weather, and delicious seasonal food and treats. I find this half term a wonderful time to reset, spend quality time with my children, and enjoy everything Lincolnshire and the wider area have to offer.

I hope to find time for family walks, cooking, and catching up with those I don't often see during the busy school term. It's also a great chance to recharge and prepare for the excitement, colour, sights, and sounds of Advent and the festive period ahead.

The Advent 2 term is always a busy time in schools, and this year I'll be experiencing twice the discos, nativities, concerts, and much more! That's why half term feels like such an important opportunity to slow down and get ready for all the excitement to come.

In terms of planning a wonderful festive season for our school community, the first week of Advent 2 will include the FOSA AGM. This will be held on Thursday, 6th November at 3:15pm in the school lunch hall. Refreshments will be provided, and we'd love to see any parents or staff interested in joining the committee.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break,
and I look forward to seeing you
next term.

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Thank you, God,
for family and friends.
We remember our loved
ones who have died
and pray they are at
peace in your loving
arms.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Emilia in Juniper Class who is 10 on Wednesday 29th October, to Anastasia in Acacia Class who will be 8 on Wednesday 29th October, and to Lucy in Juniper Class who is 10 on Sunday 2nd November!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

We all wish you a super and special day!

YEAR 6 PARENTS

The main deadline for secondary school transfer applications is 31st October. This a reminder to apply as soon as possible if you haven't already.

You can apply online [here](#) or phone 01522 782030 and make an application over the phone.

GREEN TEAM/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

11 Nov - Green Team

13 Nov - Youth Council (Town Hall)

18 Nov - School Council

25 Nov - Green Team

2 Dec - School Council

9 Dec - Green Team



TURNING BACK THE CLOCKS

This weekend, we turn our clocks back an hour and step into a new season.

The evenings grow darker, the air feels cooler, and the pace of life begins to slow a little. It's a small change, but one that reminds us how time moves in cycles - day and night, summer and winter, growth and rest.

As we adjust to the shorter days, we can take a moment to notice the beauty in this season: the cosy warmth of a cup of hot chocolate after a walk, crunchy golden leaves, the comfort of being indoors together.

Just as nature takes time to rest and prepare for new life, we too can pause, reflect, and find quiet moments of gratitude in our days.

Even as the world outside grows darker earlier, the light we share through kindness, friendship and care for one another continues to shine brightly - and that light makes all the difference.

- Miss Griffin

KING CHARLES AND QUEEN CAMILLA MEET POPE LEO AT THE VATICAN

Today, King Charles became the first British monarch in 500 years to pray in public with a pope during a historic state visit to The Holy See.

His Majesty, accompanied by his wife, Queen Camilla, was introduced to Pope Leo XIV in the Apostolic Palace library - the traditional place for such meetings.

Buckingham Palace described today's visit as a 'significant moment in relations between the Catholic Church and the Church of England', and added that the visit recognised the ecumenical work both Pope Leo and King Charles have taken in their lives.

Today's meeting also reflects the Jubilee's theme of walking together as Pilgrims of Hope.

-Miss Griffin



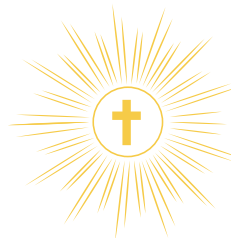
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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

Sycamore Class - **Éirinn** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class Year 5 - **Zachary** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Toby** - **Hope & Confidence**



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

Report - Understanding the Impact of News on Children's Wellbeing

There seem to be a lot of reports coming out at the moment. This new report from Internet Matters called Informed or Overwhelmed looks at how social media is reshaping how children and young people consume news, the opportunities and challenges.

This is an important one to understand. Annual reports from Ofcom continually show us that children and young people don't get their news the traditional way, it comes from a range of other sources with social media being a big one.

This report looks at how distressing news stories, mis and disinformation (plus AI-generated content) can impact a person's wellbeing with the algorithmic design having a big impact in pushing out negative and distressing news, creating anxiety, overwhelming feelings. Over a quarter of children have believed a fake AI-generated story, another 41% think they have. This leaves children feeling embarrassed, confused and less trusting.

At 58 pages it's a big report but there is lots of useful information in the Executive Summary if you are time-limited. You can read the full report [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



SAFEGUARDING WITH ANDREW HALL

Social Media Bullying - Childline

Bullying doesn't stop at the school gates. Social media means children can face harassment anytime, often without adults knowing. Teachers and Support Staff are in a key position to notice, respond and signpost support.

Childline has useful advice for children about online bullying, giving them practical steps on reporting abuse, blocking bullies, and coping strategies. You can find their advice [here](#).

What you can do (Childline Advice):

Most websites and apps have rules against bullying and harassment, and can help if it's happening to you or someone you know.

If you've seen or experienced bullying on social media, it's important to:

- Report what's happened on the site or app
- Block the people bullying you
- Take screenshots of nasty messages, but don't reply to them
- Tell someone you trust, like your parent, carer or a teacher



THE MARK 10 MISSION - THE PHARISEE AND TAX COLLECTOR

In the Gospel, Jesus shares a parable to help us understand the value of honest, humble prayers. We hear about a pharisee and a tax collector and how they lay down different prayers before God. We reflect upon how Jesus views the two prayers and how we can follow the example of one of the characters in this parable. We then share our honest prayers with God, encountering his love. Our celebration concludes with the hymn 'Be Still.'

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.

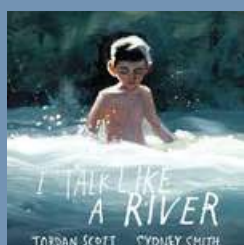
BOOK CORNER!

Diwali was celebrated across the world on Monday. BBC Bitesize have lots of brilliant Diwali activities and videos [here](#).

Click on the picture below to listen to 'The Best Diwali Ever'.



Wednesday was International Stammering Awareness Day. Stamma has some great resources to support - click [here](#) for more information and click on the image below to listen to Ed Sheeran reading 'I Talk Like a River'.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.48%*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 88.72%

Sycamore - 94.86%

Acacia - 91.56%

Juniper - 90.6%

**Based on a 4 day school week due to half-term*

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](#),



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



WHAT'S ON IN STAMFORD!

Stamford offers a variety of activities suitable for different interests during the half-term break. Here are some recommended things to do in Stamford this half-term:

- [Visit Burghley House: Explore the historic Elizabethan house and its beautiful park designed by Lancelot Brown.](#)
- [Enjoy the Stamford Arts Centre: Experience a wide selection of art forms, including live satellite screenings from The National Theatre and The Royal Opera House.](#)
- [Attend a Theatre Performance: Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre offers a range of performances, including Shakespearean plays.](#)
- Take a Walk on the Meadows: Enjoy the serene views at the meadow set alongside the River Welland.
- Participate in the Stamford Market: Experience the local market atmosphere and enjoy food and crafts.

- Mrs Withers



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



EYFS OLIVE CLASS

On Tuesday morning, our EYFS children visited the Stamford Orchard to celebrate Apple Day!

It was a beautiful sunny morning and the children loved learning all about the apples growing in the orchard. When they came back to school, they carried on their learning by baking a delicious apple cake with Miss Hawkins!



THE MULBERRY BUSH NURSERY

The Mulberry Bush Nursery has recently put up signs in the turning circle car park to kindly remind parents that children should not ride bikes or scooters around the parked cars. This is simply to help keep everyone safe and to avoid any accidental damage.

We'd be grateful if parents could ensure children are supervised when using the car park area before and after school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



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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All Saints' Day

1ST NOVEMBER



All Saints' Day commemorates all of the saints who have died and are now in Heaven. The celebration began many centuries ago. The Church wanted to remember all the holy people. These are people who lived good lives and followed Jesus. They are examples for us to follow.

Suggested activities:

- Go to Mass (All Saint' Day is a day of Holy Obligation - this means we should attend Mass on this day).
- Read a story about a Saint.
- Research one or more saints and create a fact file or poster.



All Souls' Day

2ND NOVEMBER



All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died and it is a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. On this day especially, we should pray for their soul. We should pray that they will be joined with Christ and all of the saints in Heaven.

Suggested activities:

- Research how All Souls Day is celebrated in different countries around the world.
- With an adult, light a candle for a loved one who has died. Pray that they are in the company of God in Heaven.

A Prayer for the Dead

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

- Mrs Lucy Wright, Chaplain

Farewell to Mrs Garland...

This week, we say a very fond farewell to Mrs Kat Garland, our wonderful Safeguarding Lead, SENCO and Pastoral Lead, as she leaves St. Augustine's for pastures new. Mrs Garland will be joining Mrs Cox at Tulip Academy in Spalding, where she will continue her amazing work supporting children and families.

During her time here at St. Augustine's, Mrs Garland has made a lasting difference to so many pupils, parents and staff. Her warmth, compassion and tireless dedication have been at the heart of so much of what makes our school community special. She has led countless initiatives to strengthen our pastoral care and inclusion, always ensuring that every child feels valued and supported.



One of Mrs Garland's most memorable contributions was introducing our much-loved nurture dogs, Bonnie and Baxter. They become an important and treasured part of school life - offering comfort, smiles and a sense of calm to everyone they met...just like Mrs Garland.

Mrs Garland's positivity, kindness and care have left an incredible mark on St. Augustine's. While we're very sad to see her go, we're also excited for her and the next chapter in her journey. On behalf of all pupils, families and staff, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for everything you've done, Mrs Garland - and we wish you (and Bonnie and Baxter!) every success and happiness in your new adventure.



Good Luck!





Spooktacular

ON THE REC

26 | **RECREATION** | **OPEN**
OCT, 2025 | GROUND | 1.30PM - 3PM

CRAFTS | GAMES | FANCY DRESS | FOOD & DRINK

In partnership with:



SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

OCTOBER HALF TERM MOVE & FOOD CAMP

Exciting Activities for 5-16 year olds

SPORTS - FUN - GAMES - ARTS & CRAFTS & MUCH, MUCH MORE

NUTRITIOUS LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACKS INCLUDED

Dates:
Weds 29th Oct - Friday 31st Oct

Time:
09:30 - 15:30

Location:
The Bluecoat School,
Green Lane, Stamford,
PE9 1HE

Funded places available

SCAN THE CODE



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LIGHT PARTY

A CHRISTIAN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY, 31-OCT-2025
5:00PM - 7:00PM



**ST. GEORGE'S
Stamford**

- A Family Event
- Games & Fun
- Hot Dogs & Jacket Potatoes
- Come in Fancy Dress!
- No Halloween Costumes Please.

Please note this is not a drop off event. You are responsible for your group whilst in the Church building.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Want to know what else St. George's church is doing? Scan here...



Have you thought about inviting another family? Party bags for every child!

SCAN TO BOOK



October Half Term at Stamford Library -

Something for all the family

All these activities are free and there is no need to book -

just come along and have fun.

- Junk Modelling - Tuesday 28th October, 10am-11.30am. A free children's activity. | Make a masterpiece with recycled materials.
- Stamford Bees are back! - Saturday 1st November 10.00am - 2.00pm. An activity for all the family to enjoy. Learn about bees in the local area and how you can help them. You can even taste some honey!
- Halloween Costume Swap Rail - 13th - 31st October. Swap a pre-used costume for a different one - to get the most of Trick or Treating.
- Book Sale - the whole month of October - Pick up a bargain and help support your local library. Children's books as well as books for adults.

Green Libraries Week this year is the same week as Half Term -

- Seed Swap - Monday 13th - Saturday 1st November.
Have some seeds to spare - then come and swap with us! Bring along your spare or unwanted flower and vegetable seeds (labelled in envelopes or bags) and swap them for something new to enjoy growing.
- SKDC Waste Team - Tuesday 28th October - 9.00am - 2.00pm.
Speak to the South Kesteven District Council Waste Team to learn about how to recycle even more. If you are not sure what to put in each bin, come along and chat with the SKDC Waste Team.





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

Annual General Meeting

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

JOIN US AT 3.15PM

ST AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A
KESTEVEN ROAD

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FOSA work hard to fundraise for the school throughout the year to provide extra resources, experiences and treats for our pupils.

At the AGM, we will recap on our fundraising in the last year and discuss plans for the upcoming year. We will also elect our new committee. Everyone is welcome to run and vote in the elections.

We look forward to welcoming you.



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025**
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS
Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG
1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING
From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO
Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

FLAMING GRILL
1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App

HUNGRY HORSE
2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS
kids eat for £1 during the october half term

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS
2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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FUNDRAISER
QUIZ
NIGHT

FRIDAY
7TH
NOVEMBER

· 7pm to 9pm ·

£10 per team [pay on the night] - max 6
per team

You must register teams before October
31st for venue numbers

Register via Danish Invader or message
07548246132

Danish Invader
Stamford

Prize for top team

Raffle also available- £1 per strip

Drinks to be purchased on premises.



STAMFORD
Christmas
MARKET

Sunday
30th November 2025

CRAFTS | GIFTS | FOOD & DRINK | ENTERTAINMENT

10am - 5pm