

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

As Remembrance Sunday approaches, we take time to honour and remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. This period gives us an opportunity to pay tribute to the Armed Forces community from the UK and the wider Commonwealth, as well as to recognise the contribution of their families and the emergency services.

I will be attending an event on Sunday where my daughter will be paying her respects on behalf of her school, and I am sure many of you will also be remembering in your own ways. This week, you have shown amazing support by allowing your children to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and to purchase items here at school. Across both school communities, I have seen children and adults alike wearing poppies, sharing reflective stories and poems, and taking part in remembrance activities.

Although we may be apart physically, I am sure many of us will be united in a moment of quiet reflection for two minutes at 11am this Sunday, and again at 11am on the 11th of November.

Lest we forget.

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to
God;

may God give peace.
God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

Amen.

- *The Little Sisters of the Poor*



ANYONE WHO LOSES THEIR LIFE (MATTHEW 16:25)

A poem for Remembrance Sunday which invites us to transform the world from hate to love, by Father Mark Skelton:

The petal falls and lies on soil of blood,
and every flower bends beneath the hate.

A silent cry will stretch to reach the fear,
and men of peace will wait in shades of shame.

This is not what they died for, why they climbed
across the barricades of fire and flame.

They gave their all that we might live renewed,
and be a future which gave them a hope.

Each armistice we wear the poppy's shade.

And, silently, we quiet our minds to peace.

But they demand, from trenches drenched with blood,
that we transform our world from hate to love.

-Courtesy of *The God Who Speaks*. Father Mark Skelton is a priest of the Plymouth Diocese and a poet who has always had a keen interest in the interface between Literature and Theology.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Keira in Sycamore Class who celebrates her 7th birthday tomorrow! We all wish you a super and special day!



DECEMBER DIARY DATES!

As we start our Advent 2 term, please make a note of the following special events:

Nativity (EYFS, Y1/ Y2) - Friday 12th December in Church at 2pm.

Carol Service (All) - Tuesday 16th December in school 2.15pm.

GREEN TEAM APPEAL!

Mrs T and the Green Team are in need of a parasol base!

If you have one gathering dust in your shed or garage, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to us!

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



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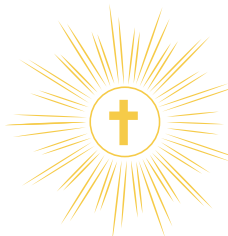
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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.

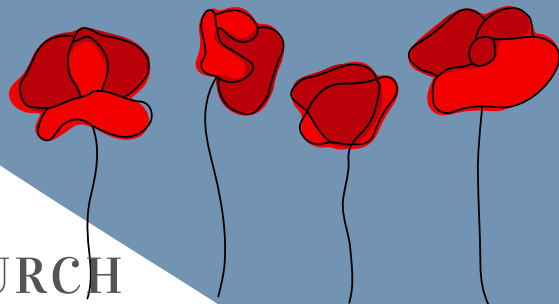
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CLASS LITURGIES

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 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 - **Dilan** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Bella** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

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

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Bella** - **Friendship & Kindness**



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Should I Use Screentime as a Reward?

It's such a difficult one for parents, we're living in a time where screen use starts at a very early age. But should we use screen time to support positive behaviours or even take away screens as a punishment? The answer is that there is no single answer, it very much depends on individual circumstances, but it was a question posed to some experts on Internet Matters which will hopefully give parents some food for thought.

The full article is available for you to read on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



SAFEGUARDING WITH ANDREW HALL

The Impact of News on Children - Internet Matters

The world is one of cycles. The current generation moving through the school system, are doing so in a time of particular instability. The consequence for the media landscape has been a shift from 'light' news to a constant stream of 'heavy' content. Online this trend has been inescapable whether to drive clicks or generate controversy, increasingly our media consumption has been overtaken by gloom.

This pessimistic outlook has been further enhanced by the continuing evolution of AI. News stories that would have once been unquestioned, now straddle the line of real and fake. For children and young people whose critical faculties are not yet fully developed, this can provoke a whirlwind of confusion. Confusion tends to breed negative mental health effects since one can no longer distinguish true from false.

Internet Matters has recently produced a page explaining what can be done, to help children and young people navigate an increasingly murky information space. To read more, please click [here](#).



THE MARK 10 MISSION - JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

In this video, we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the mother church of all churches in the world! We listen to the Gospel of Jesus cleansing the temple, reflect on what it means to treat holy places with reverence, and discover that our hearts are temples made for God's presence. The video includes prayer, worship, and a mission to guard your heart and make it a sacred space for Jesus.

Click on the image below to watch the video.



BEST START IN LIFE

We are pleased to share the details of the Best Start in Life campaign, which aims to increase awareness of the importance of early years in a child's development and the role of early years education.

The [Best Start in Life website](#) brings together trusted advice, support and guidance for parents.

'The Story of You' is a powerful new film celebrating the joyful early years of childhood, narrated by familiar and expert voices including Oti Mabuse, Mummy Pig, Billie Shepherd, Ms Apple, Tay Kabs, and Professor Sam Wass.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)

From pregnancy to childcare, you can get advice and support for your child's development from the [Best Start in Life](#) website.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.48%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 92.98%

Sycamore - 92%

Acacia - 96.97%%

Juniper - 87.09%

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"



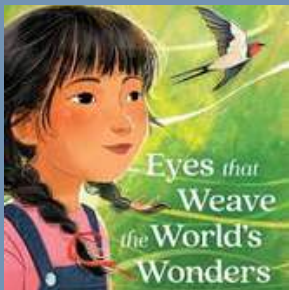
BOOK CORNER!

Ahead of World Adoption Day on Sunday, and Remembrance Day on Tuesday, we have some lovely non-fiction book recommendations exploring these themes.



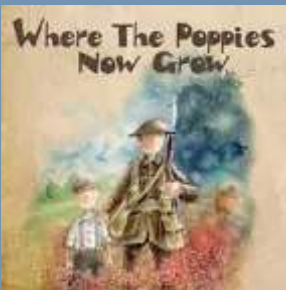
Rainforest Warrior: The Story of Chico:
A fascinating tale of one of the first well-known environmental activists, Chico Mendes, who fought tirelessly to save the Amazon rainforest as well as fighting for people's rights.

Click on the image above to learn more about Chico Mendes and his work to save the rainforest.



Eyes that Weave The World's Wonders:
a powerful companion picture book about adoption and family. A young girl who is a transracial adoptee learns to love her Asian eyes and finds familial connection and meaning through them, even though they look different from her parents.

Click on the image above to listen to the story.



Where The Poppies Now Grow: Set during the First World War, in simple rhyme, this charming book takes readers on a journey of friendship set against a changing landscape of innocence, of war and then finally, of peace.

Click on the image above to learn more.

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is
'Remembrance'.

Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped and inspired our lives today.

Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.



CHAPLAINCY NEWS

The second half of our Advent term begins with the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls. Over the weekend, the Catholic church has celebrated the Feast of All Saints; a day which commemorates all of the saints who have died and are now in Heaven.

This 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 all to follow. All Soul's Day (2nd November) is a day on which the Church remember everybody who has died. It is an opportunity for us 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.

The remainder of November will see us hold Remembrance Services in honour of all of those who have died in conflict throughout history, stand up for kindness throughout Anti-Bullying week (W/B 10th November), raise money for the charity Mary's Meals in recognition of World Day of the Poor (16th November) and celebrate the end of the Jubilee Year for schools on Friday 21st November.

Advent begins on Sunday 30th November, and throughout this important liturgical season we will be preparing for the coming of Jesus into our hearts at Christmastime. In school, we will be using Visio Divina - the traditional Catholic way of praying and meditating using visual art or images - to encounter God. We look forward to the fun and excitement that this season always brings to our school community!

- Mrs Wright, Chaplain

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 16TH NOVEMBER

We will be taking part in World Day of the Poor next week. We will have lots of activities to enjoy whilst raising money for this great cause.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

MARY'S MEALS CAN SERVE A SCHOOL MEAL TO A HUNGRY CHILD FOR JUST 10P!



LINCOLNSHIRE PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS ADVENT TERM 2

November

- 🧑🏽 Thu 6 Nov | "Space for Self?" — Juggling the Joys of parenting Workshop (11:00–12:30, Online)
- 🧑🏽 Mon 17 Nov | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)
- 🧑🏽 Wed 19 Nov | 11.30 – 1pm In person coffee event – Skegness - Parents need to book their place.(see events page)
- 🧑🏽 Thu 27 Nov | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Self-Compassion (19:30–21:00, Online)

December

- 🧑🏽 Thu 4 December | "Communication" — Juggling the Joys of parenting Workshop (11:00–12:30, Online)
- 🧑🏽 Thu 11th December | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Anticipating Christmas (19:30–21:00, Online)
- 🧑🏽 Mon 15th December | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)

🔗 [Book Events Here](#)



JOIN US FOR OUR

OPEN SHOWCASE DAY!

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN CLASSROOMS FOR
INFORMAL CHATS, AND YOUR
CHILDREN'S WORK WILL BE ON
DISPLAY FOR YOU TO ENJOY.

3.15PM - 5.00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!



Urgently needed volunteer Delivery Driver

Collecting food surplus & serving the community

In order to support the growing need of our customers, during increasingly difficult economic times, the amazing team at Nisa have provided us with an additional 4 stores to collect surplus food from. We therefore need **volunteer drivers to help us collect from these stores & deliver to our hub**, in Stamford, as follows;

- one day (multiple if you have availability, or all 5 days would be amazing, only if you can realistically meet the commitments), between Monday & Friday
- 2-3 hours per day, (each morning approx. 9/9:30am to 11/12pm)
- **full driving licence & access to own vehicle is essential**
- ability to lift potentially heavy boxes or bags of goods

If you'd like to find out more about what we need or would like to volunteer with us, please contact **George** via email or **07891 437914**

At George's Food Hub, our aim is to reduce food waste & support local people to reduce their food costs. **We now feed in the region 700 people in need, each week**, including working families, veterans, elderly members of the community & those without housing. Our dedicated volunteers operate at 5 different locations, to make it as easy as possible for our customers to reach us, 5 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday) & operate a Soup Kitchen & Warm Space on Tuesdays. With the growing need for our services, we are always in need of more volunteers Georges FoodHub Volunteer form. You can find further information on our CIC at georgesfoodhub.co.uk

All Saints' Children's Advent Workso.



In church on Saturday 29th November
from 10am to 12pm.
Christmas crafts,
with hot chocolate and mince pies.



Everyone welcome!

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult

All Saints' Church, Red Lion Square, Stamford, PE9 2AG



Stamford
Town Council

STAMFORD Christmas MARKET



Sunday

30th November 2025

CRAFTS | GIFTS | FOOD & DRINK | ENTERTAINMENT

10am - 5pm

Stamford Santa Fun Run

Sunday 7 December 2025
Burghley Park

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in an unforgettable musical celebration*

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Little Drummer Boy
Mary's Boy Child
We Three Kings
Silent Night
Sleigh Ride
Little Saint Nick
White Christmas
Away In A Manger
Once In Royal David's City

Tickets available online at www.peterboroughsings.org.uk (fees apply)
2.30pm & 7.30pm Saturday 13th December

In aid of Peterborough Singers Registered Charity Number: 117393