



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*
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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WITHERS

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, and the theme is 'Power for Good', which encourages everyone to use their influence to stand up for one another. We can all play a part in creating a safer, more inclusive community by supporting each other and choosing kindness above everything else. It's important to raise awareness and make a positive change together, both on and offline.

This year's theme is about understanding that everyone can make a difference - this can be as simple as offering a kind word or supporting one another. The children learnt that message this week through the book I shared with them called 'Peggy the Always Sorry Pigeon'. The whole school enjoyed the tale, especially Joan the seagull, who helps Peggy find her voice.

World Kindness Day also fell this week on Thursday 13th. A mission for us all going forward could be to show someone a random act of kindness this weekend. Please tell me about it next week if you do - I would love to hear all about it.

Stay safe in this rather wet and stormy weather, and have an amazing weekend.

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

Loving God,
You are our hope and our strength.
Help us to see You in everyone we meet,
especially in those who are poor or in need.
Fill our hearts with kindness,
so that our words and actions bring light and joy to others.
May our kindness grow into hope that changes the world,
one small act of love at a time.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Ellie-Mae in Juniper Class who celebrates her 11th birthday today!

Talitha in Juniper Class is 10 tomorrow, and Stanley in Sycamore Class is 6 on Sunday!



Many happy returns to you all, from everyone at St. Augustine's!

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/ SCHOOL COUNCIL

18 Nov - School Council
25 Nov - Green Team
2 Dec - School Council
9 Dec - Green Team



KINDNESS AND HOPE FOR OUR WORLD

This week we celebrate World Kindness Day, a reminder that small acts of love can make a big difference. A smile, a kind word, or helping someone who is struggling can brighten another person's day and bring light into the world, especially on these darker and rainy days.

On Sunday, we will also mark the World Day of the Poor. In his message 'You Are My Hope' for the 9th World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo reminds us that those who are poor or struggling often show us the true meaning of hope - trusting in God even when life is difficult. He writes that our hope must be rooted in God, who "never disappoints."

Kindness and hope grow together. When we choose to see others with compassion, we help to plant seeds of hope in their hearts - and in our own. The poor, the lonely, and those who are hurting remind us that every person carries the image of God and deserves to be treated with love and respect. In showing kindness, we reflect the heart of Jesus, who never turned away from anyone in need.

When we join kindness with hope, we become signs of God's love in our community. Every act of kindness becomes a spark of hope that helps build a more caring world; the kind of world God dreams of for us all.

Let's make this week a time to spread both kindness and hope - at home, in school, and wherever we go!

- Miss Griffin



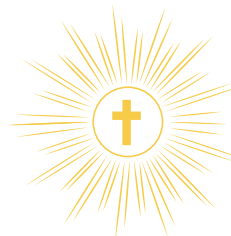
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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 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 - **Cobey** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Ash** - **Love & Respect**

Acacia Class - **Bow-Blue** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

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



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Cyberbullying Advice

Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. Internet Matters have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers which I have listed below:

- Talking to children and conversation tips for ages 6-10, 11-13, 14-17 and vulnerable children - [HERE](#)
- What is cyberbullying and what are the signs - [HERE](#)
- Helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- How to deal with cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Parents experiences of cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Useful resource - [HERE](#)



SAFEGUARDING WITH ANDREW HALL

Enhancing Cybersecurity: Two-Step Verification - Stop! Think Fraud

Cybersecurity like many security functions is locked in a constant competition between offence and defence. Security firms construct a new verification method and soon after hackers discover a new way to overcome it. Of the many ways that hackers attempt to perform their craft, two stick out - extortion and fraud. The latter involves the deployment of confidence tricks to fool the computer user into wilfully opening a security window.

Whilst cybersecurity consultants can improve your gatekeeping capabilities, there are many things that the average computer user can do for themselves. One of those is configuring Two-Step Verification. The British government's Stop! Think Fraud internet safety campaign, has produced a guide on how to best utilise this method for enhanced IT security which you can find [here](#).



THE MARK 10 MISSION - JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

We are invited by Pope Leo XIV to love the poor and preferring the poor is a part of Catholic Social Teaching. This video shares the Sunday Gospel and invites children to help and serve those most in need. This video also marks World Day of the Poor. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about huge disasters. Our encouragement is to always find hope in Jesus whatever hard times come. We pray for the poor and then sing 'Servant King' together.

- The Mark 10 Mission

Click on the image below to watch the video.



MUDDY WEATHER!

To help us keep our classrooms clean and our carpets in good condition, we kindly ask that children do not play on the grass or muddy areas before school, even when supervised by parents. We're finding that a lot of mud is being brought into the building first thing in the morning, which is causing significant wear to our classroom and corridor carpets.

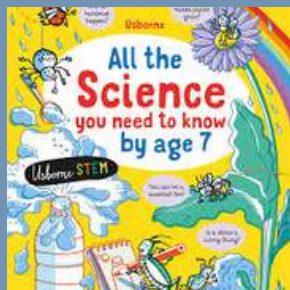
Children are very welcome to bring a pair of slippers to change into during the school day, as long as they are sensible and not a distraction (please avoid novelty slippers).

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our learning spaces clean and comfortable for all pupils.



BOOK CORNER!

As well as Anti-Bullying Week this week, we have also marked World Science Day and Remembrance Day, and we have some lovely book recommendations based on these themes.



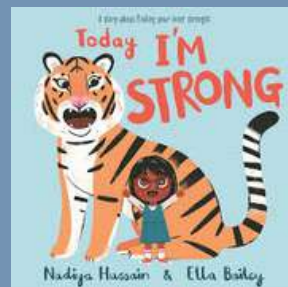
All the Science You Need to Know by Age 7 is a children's book by Katie Daynes that serves as a perfect introduction to science concepts for young children. The book explores various topics like plants, animals, magnets, and the properties of matter through clear, accessible explanations and hands-on experiments.

Click on the image above for a preview of the book.



The children's book The House by the Lake by Thomas Harding is a picture book adaptation of his adult biography, telling the true story of a small house near Berlin from just before World War II through the present day.

Click on the image above to listen to the story.



Today I'm Strong by Nadiya Hussain is a children's book about a girl who uses her inner strength to overcome bullying at school. The story follows a young girl who loves school but sometimes faces unkindness from another student. With the support of a gentle, invisible tiger, she finds courage and confidence to stand up for herself and remember the importance of kindness.

Click on the image above to listen to a snippet of the audiobook.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.61%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 92.4%

Sycamore - 96.44%

Acacia - 94.95%%

Juniper - 91.37%

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"



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Youth'.

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude and we can see in young people and example of how to live life to the full.

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH CHURCH

Veni Emmanuel: An Advent Meditation of seasonal music and readings by the St Peter's Singers, featuring works by composers from the 16th century to the present, will be held here at St Mary & St Augustine Church on Saturday 29th November at 7:30p.m. Entry is free. A retiring collection will be taken, and refreshments available.

Christmas Carol Singing - all welcome: The Choir will be singing on Stamford High Street on Saturday 20th December at 3p.m. to spread Christmas cheer in aid of church funds. They will entertain you with a seasonal selection of traditional music and all donations will be gratefully received.

As a community Choir, we welcome any interested new members to join us. If you would like to learn to sing some Christmas music with us, please contact our Director of Music, Ruth Proctor (ruthproctor73@gmail.com), or come along and join us for Choir Practice in church, 7:00p.m. Fridays, anytime throughout the rest of November and December.



ANNUAL TOY DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN'S WARD AT PETERBOROUGH CITY HOSPITAL

Please [click here](#) to read more in the Stamford Mercury about this lovely toy drive, organised by Polly Hurst and her son, Caden.

**Peterborough City Hospital
'Amazon Ward'
Toy Drive**
Organised by Polly & Caden Hurst

For the third year running, we are trying to organise some toy donations for the children's ward at PCH for Christmas.

Last year, we successfully collected 192 toys to be donated to the children's ward. This was a collection of both new and second hand toys.

The hospital are asking for donations to **only be brand new or unopened/unboxed please.**

If you wish to donate via the online wish list with presents getting sent directly to the ward, please scan the QR code here.

If you would like to donate to the cause, please contact me on:
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-pollyannamc@hotmail.co.uk



LINCOLNSHIRE PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS ADVENT TERM 2

November

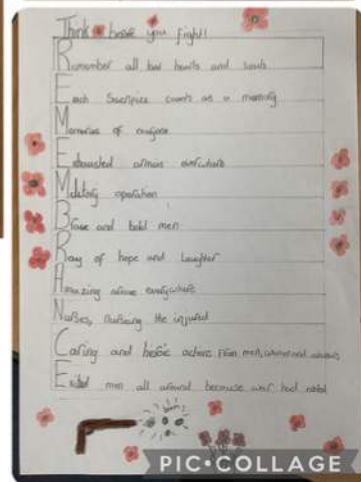
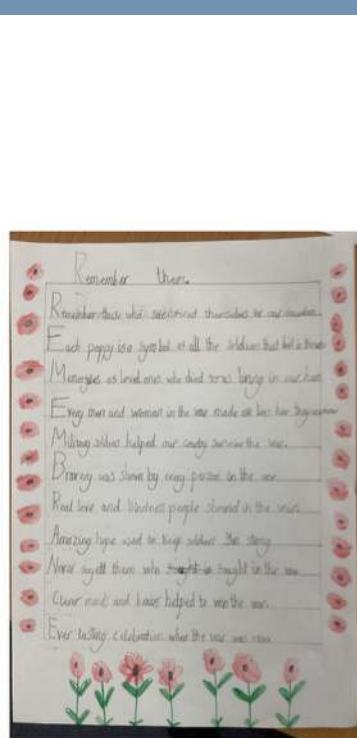
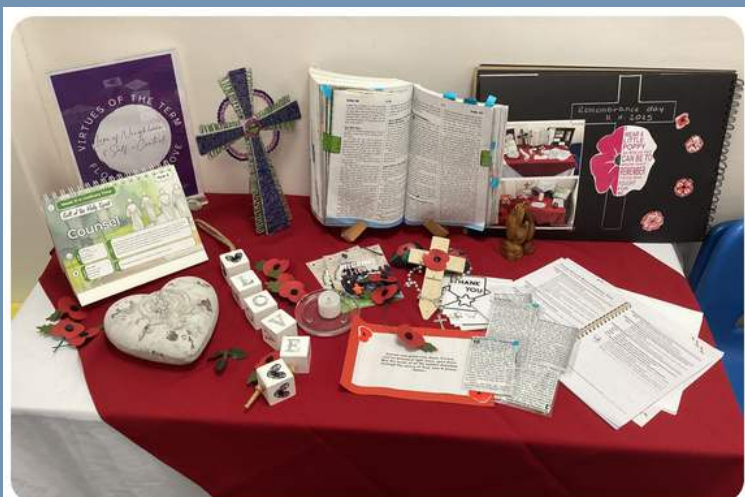
- 👪 Mon 17 Nov | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)
- 👪 Wed 19 Nov | 11.30 – 1pm In person coffee event – Skegness - Parents need to book their place.(see events page)
- 👪 Thu 27 Nov | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Self-Compassion (19:30–21:00, Online)

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](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S



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

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2.30pm & 7.30pm Saturday 13th December

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

In aid of Peterborough Singers Registered Charity Number: 117393