

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

This week has been exceptionally busy at both schools with many SEND meetings with families, a Trust Eco action-planning meeting, and much more. We have seen a turn in the weather, with a chill in the air - the first real indication of autumn drifting into winter. Whilst the colder weather brings challenges, there is also nothing more invigorating than a crisp, sunny, cold day to bring the senses alive.

Today we think about the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, which is a powerful symbol of her total consecration to God. This feast reminds us that Mary was a model of holiness, and her life prepared her to become the perfect vessel for God's plan. We, therefore, are also called to grow in holiness and be ready to answer God's call. Think about how you are being called, and whether you are ready to answer.

I hope you enjoy your weekend, however you are called to serve.

Mrs Withers



LET US PRAY

God of love,
We pray for peace in our world, and
an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and
live our lives in peace.

Amen.

-CAFOD



THE QUIET WEEKS

Every now and then, we all experience those quieter weeks - the ones that aren't especially dramatic or dazzling, where life just moves along steadily. They're not bad weeks at all; they're simply ordinary spaces between the big moments. And sometimes, those weeks can leave us feeling a little flat or tired without quite knowing why.

These gentle, in-between times are actually part of the rhythm of life. They remind us that we don't *have* to shine brightly every single day. Often, it's in these simple, steady moments that small acts of kindness, patience, and perseverance matter most. They help us prepare our hearts for what comes next.

As we look ahead to the start of Advent next Sunday, a season of hope, light, and joyful expectation, these quieter days offer a chance to pause, breathe, and make space for the excitement that is beginning to build. Advent invites us into a journey of waiting and preparing, not with pressure, but with promise.

So if you've had a week that felt a little bit ordinary, you're not alone; and that's perfectly okay. Sometimes the quiet weeks are the ones that ready us for the joyful ones just around the corner.

- Miss Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Phoebe in Olive Class who celebrates her 5th birthday tomorrow!

Archie in Juniper Class is 10 on Monday, and Clara in Juniper Class is 10 on Thursday!



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

25 Nov - Green Team

2 Dec - School Council

9 Dec - Green Team



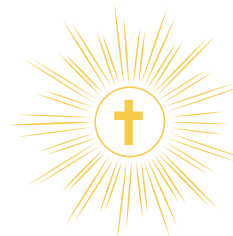
OUR PARISH CHURCH

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



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Shopping Scams

Every year hundreds of thousands of people here in the UK fall victim to fraud when buying something online. With Xmas and Xmas sales rapidly approaching, fraud and scams will be significantly on the increase.

GetSafeOnline has a plethora of information to help with this such as:

- Information on purchase scams [HERE](#).
- Online buying tips [HERE](#).
- Scam website checker [HERE](#).

One piece of advice I couldn't see on either of these pages is related to the legitimacy of the company. Particularly on social media such as Instagram I will often see ads for things like clothing and gifts which look interesting and unique. When I click on the ad to take a closer look I will always tap on the 3 dots on the top right and tap on "open in external browser." The reason for this is that if it is a company I'm not aware of, I want to know the details of the company before I purchase. Often when I go onto the website there are no company details, no contact details (apart from a web form), and either no reviews or perfect reviews. These are all red flags to me and I would never purchase from such a site.

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



SCHOOL ENTRANCE - UPDATE

As you are aware, the Free Church has commenced repair works in its car park. This has temporarily reduced parking capacity and increased congestion during peak times, as well as making pedestrian access more challenging.

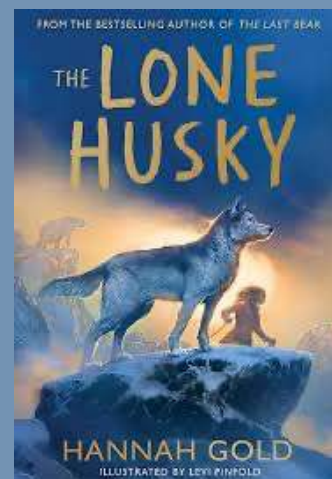
In light of this, and following our recent decision to use a single entry point into the school playground (via the Free Church car park on Kesteven Road), we have listened to parent feedback and have made the decision that the gate from the car park to the KS1 playground along the Mulberry Bush footpath will now be closed for the duration of the works. The main point of entry into the playground from **Monday 24th November** will therefore be via the Mulberry Bush footpath, accessed from the Irnham Road turning circle car park.

We understand that this may feel like an additional change in close succession; however, this decision has been made with the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and parents as our priority. We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation during this period.

AUTHOR VISIT – HANNAH GOLD

We're delighted to share that Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear* and other much-loved titles, will be visiting school on 3rd December at 2pm to read from her brand-new book, *The Lone Husky*.

Children are very welcome to bring in any of her books if they would like to have them signed.



THE MARK 10 MISSION

This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. In this week's video, we meet Jesus on the cross. Greg helps us understand why Jesus being there shows that he is the King of Love.

- *The Mark 10 Mission*

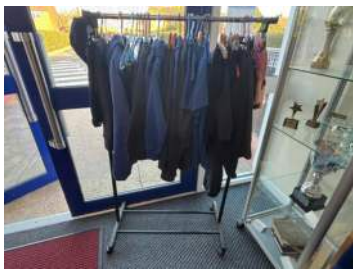
Click on the image below to watch the video.



LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large collection of unclaimed lost property in the foyer. If your child is missing any belongings, please take a moment to check the items.

We kindly ask that you label your child's possessions to help us return them quickly and easily.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 89.97%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 92.98%

Sycamore - 96%

Acacia - 90.4%

Juniper - 84.08%

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!

It's Maths Week across the country this week and schools just like ours are focusing on making maths accessible and fun, highlighting creative problem solving or showcasing the practical and real-world applications of Maths.

We want our young people to feel confident exploring maths challenges and games and to realise that maths can be for everyone; it's not just a subject, but a way for your brain to have fun! Websites to explore include:

<https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/> Official Maths Week Website

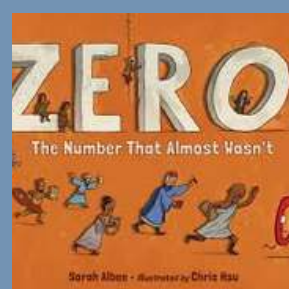
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwykcmn> BBC Bitesize Daily Maths Puzzles and Problems

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources/maths/problems> White Rose Maths Problems of the day



A Mathematician Like Me tells the story of Aliyah who sets off on a camping trip with her cousin and on her journey discovers a world full of mathematics, problem solving and creative thinking. At each part of her journey Aliyah has a problem to solve, working on topics such as measuring, angles, fractions, 3D shapes, time, data collection, Fibonacci numbers, height and trajectories.

Click on the image on the left for a book review!



Zero The Number That Almost Wasn't is a STEM nonfiction book that unpacks a fascinating history of a number we can't imagine our current world without. From place value to being created and destroyed before being created again, Zero has had quite a journey

Click on the image on the left to read more about the book.

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Kingdom'.

The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice, and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone is loved. The Kingdom of God is not a place that we will find on a map, but it is a way of life that we can work towards building in our own lives and in the world around us.

Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the kingdom of heaven.



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:
-07586 825723
-pollyannamc@hotmail.co.uk

Get involved with F.o.S.A

1. Put your name forward for either Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or supporting volunteer by emailing charlottecharlesworth@gmail.com with a brief pitch.
2. Place a vote! From Monday 24th November to Wednesday 26th November, the F.o.S.A shed will be displaying the candidates information for you to be able to select and vote.

OR

Place a vote on the F.o.S.A facebook page!

More information and role descriptions on the [F.o.S.A Facebook page](#)

LINCOLNSHIRE PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS ADVENT TERM 2

November

- 🧘 Thu 27 Nov | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Self-Compassion (19:30–21:00, Online)

December

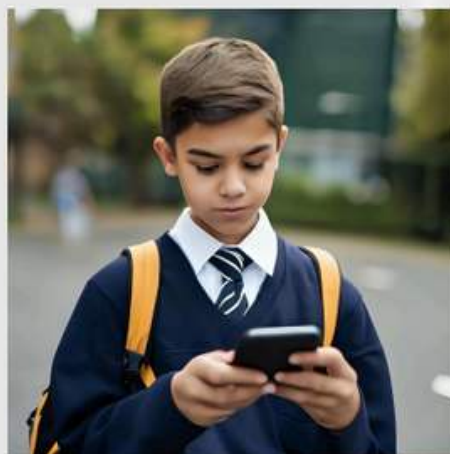
- 🧘 Thu 4 December | “Communication” — Juggling the Joys of parenting Workshop (11:00–12:30, Online)
- 🧘 Thu 11th December | Wellbeing: Hypnotherapy – Anticipating Christmas (19:30–21:00, Online)
- 🧘 Mon 15th December | Zoom Social for Parents (19:00–20:00, Online)

🔗 [Book Events Here](#)



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

ONLINE SAFETY Q+A PRIMARY PARENTS



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**WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
6-730PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS EVENT**

Discover the Digital World Your Child is Navigating!

Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an essential online safety event for parents. We'll provide the latest information and practical tools to help you:

- ✓ Understand what your child experiences online
- ✓ Use parental controls effectively
- ✓ Navigate age-appropriate apps, games, and social media
- ✓ Ask your burning questions about online trends and risks

Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore the online world.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1929114>



Holiday Activities and Food



An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026
(excluding bank holidays).

Scan here



Book your place from **Thursday 20th November**.

Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

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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

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STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Stamford Santa Fun Run

Sunday 7 December 2025
Burghley Park

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Let the warmth of candlelight and the sparkle of a
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in an unforgettable musical celebration

When A Child Is Born
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