

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 OLIVER

As we come to the end of the Advent term, I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on what has been a truly interesting and eventful journey for our school community. 2025 has brought many changes; people we hold dear have moved on to pastures new, but they remain firmly in our hearts. I am immensely proud of our pupils, staff, and families for embracing change with positivity and faith.

Despite the uncertainties that change can bring, we have continued to move forward with purpose, learning from each experience and growing stronger as a community. We are thankful for God's presence throughout this journey, guiding and sustaining us every step of the way.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with hope and trust, confident that God will continue to lead us as we build on the foundations we have laid together.

Christmas offers us a precious time for reflection — a chance to pause, give thanks for our blessings, and remember the true meaning of the season. It reminds us of the importance of love, compassion, and faith in our daily lives.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and every blessing for the year ahead. I look forward to welcoming everyone back as we continue our journey together under God's guidance.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Loving God, thank you for the gift of Christmas.

It doesn't come wrapped like other presents, it's deeper and warmer and brighter.

It is more personal, more challenging, more beautiful. It is a mystery, a birth, a hope. Thank you.

Help us to receive Christmas in our hearts

and to share it with others.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

- Roots Resources



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Elspeth who celebrates her 11th birthday today!

Lots of our St. Augustine's children will be celebrating their birthdays during the Christmas holiday:

Rocky is 8 on Sunday

Elsie is 6 on Sunday

Holly is 11 on Tuesday

Amelia-Rose is 11 on Christmas Eve

Ada is 9 on 30th December

Finn is 7 on New Year's Eve

Millie-Mae is 6 on New Year's Eve

Jacob G is 11 on 3rd January

Elsie is 5 on 4th January

Saoirse is 9 on 5th January



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



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.

CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

On Sunday 28 December, the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in accordance with the Bull *Spes non confundit*, Bishop Patrick will close the Jubilee Year of 2025 in the Diocese of Nottingham according to the approved liturgical Rite, during Mass in St Barnabas Cathedral at 11.15am.



All are very welcome to participate in this celebration.

BOURNE & DEEPING R.C. PARISH

Please [click here](#) to read weekly newsletters from our friends at the Bourne and Deeping Roman Catholic Parish.



OLIVE CLASS ELVES!

The Year 1 Olive Class children had a wonderful time baking gingerbread today!

Well done, everyone!



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 Worrick

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Oliver

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Taylor

The Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01780 762094 or by email: enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk

If you believe that a child or adult may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty, you can also contact the Lincolnshire County Council Safeguarding Team:

- Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
- Adults safeguarding - 01522 782155 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or 01522 782333 (outside office hours)



VIRTUES CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates - we are all very proud of you.

Olive Class - **Stanley** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Sycamore Class - **Elsie** - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - **Ada G** - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

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



LINCS COUNTY COUNCIL STAY SAFE TEAM

The Safety Team at Lincs County Council have themed this newsletter around purchasing new devices and support to choosing the right devices. There are also links to setting up parental controls prior to giving the device to children.

Stay Safe Team

Lincolnshire

County Council

Working for a better future

Online Safety Newsletter

This time of year, often brings new gadgets and devices into our homes. Technology can be a wonderful gift, giving opportunities for learning, connection, and fun. The right device to buy, may not be the latest model, but choosing the safest device helps keep your child safe and happy.

5 Smart Tech Tips for Parents.

1. Choose Age-Appropriate devices.
2. Look for a device designed for children and teens.
3. Check for robust parental controls.
4. Think about the Apps, screen time limits you want to set and
5. Talk about how to keep safe online with your child!

Where to go for support

To learn more about parental controls and supporting your children online visit:

[Internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

Why Choosing the Right Device Matters.

- Selecting devices designed for your child's age group ensures they are protected by built in safety features.
- Considering how the device will be used, may inform your choice of an affordable, sturdier option for younger children.
- Confirming the device has privacy and monitoring features you can easily supervise. Can the settings be adjusted with your child's age to promote safety.
- Checking the device works with the existing safety tools you already use. Are these easy to access so you can limit screen time or block inappropriate content allowing you to give your child the freedom to explore safely.

Social Media

Safe Lincolnshire

Stay Safe Partnership

@StaySafePartner

Contact for info:

SOP@lincolnshire.gov.uk

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership>

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Another great guide for parents has been released by the Children's commissioner and was written with the support of children across the country on what they would like their parents to know and do around Online safety. Please click on the image below for the full guide.



JULIA DONALDSON & MAGIC LIGHT PRODUCTIONS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Tune in to BBC One and the iPlayer for all of these wonderful Julia Donaldson animated tales. We can't wait to watch The Scarecrows' Wedding on Christmas Day - which one is your favourite?!

Magic Light on BBC One		
ZOG	22nd Dec	9:20am
ZOG and the TELLING DOCTORS	22nd Dec	9:50am
The Snails and the Gnomes	23rd Dec	9:20am
The Highway Rat	23rd Dec	9:45am
The Snail and the Whale	25th Dec	9:00am
STICK MAN	25th Dec	9:30am
The Scarecrows' Wedding	25th Dec	3:10pm
The GRUFFALO	26th Dec	9:45am
The GRUFFALO'S CHILD	26th Dec	10:15am
ROOM on the BROOM	29th Dec	9:10am
Tabby McTat	30th Dec	9:00am
SUPERWORM	31st Dec	9:10am
Tiddler	1st Jan	8:50am

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 87.26%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 93.53%

Sycamore - 87.26%

Acacia - 92.93%

Juniper - 83.78%

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](#), i

**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"



OUR PARISH CHURCH - CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6:00p.m. Vigil Mass

11:30p.m. Office of Readings followed by Midnight Mass

Thursday, 25th December (Christmas Day)

9:00a.m. Dawn Mass of Christmas

11:00a.m. Day Mass of Christmas



CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT MARY AND SAINT AUGUSTINE, BROAD STREET, STAMFORD

O Come Let Us Adore Him



May God's many blessings be with
you at Christmas and always.

From all at St. Augustine's.