

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS OLIVER

It was a great joy to see so many smiley, eager faces on Tuesday morning as we began a new term of learning. As we start a new year, we thank God for the gift of new beginnings and the opportunities that lie ahead.

On Thursday afternoon, I had the privilege of walking around the school and witnessing our pupils fully engaged in their learning. Oliver Class were enjoying Forest School, working together to build dens in the woodland. Sycamore Class were reflecting on Jesus as the 'Light of the World' during their RE lesson, deepening their understanding of His presence in our lives. Acacia Class were using their God-given talents in an art lesson, developing drawing techniques, while Juniper Class were exploring how light travels through a science investigation, marvelling at God's wonderful creation. If you would like to find out more about what happens in our classrooms, teachers will be posting their Curriculum Offers on Seesaw soon.

As we stand at the beginning of this new term, we place ourselves in God's loving care. The New Year invites us to renew our faith, to grow closer to Christ, and to live out the Gospel values of love, kindness, forgiveness, and service. May the Holy Spirit guide our pupils, staff, and families in all that we do, and may Mary, our Mother, watch over our school community as we move forward together with hope and trust in God's plan.

Happy New Year to you all, and may God bless us throughout the coming term.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well.

Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

- dosp.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Ezra in Juniper Class who is 10 today!

It's a big day for celebrating on Sunday; Elouise in Sycamore Class turns 6, Evelyn in Olive will be 5, and Bo in Juniper Class will be 10!



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

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OUR PARISH CHURCH

The Children's Liturgy takes place at the 9:00am Mass at our parish church, St. Mary and St. Augustine on Broad Street, Stamford.

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, by Rutland Water (formerly the Catholic Parish of Stamford, Saint Mary and Saint Augustine).



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, OAKHAM - HOLY MASS LIVE STREAM

For those who are unable to get to Mass in person, for one reason or another, you can now watch all Holy Masses and other services and liturgies online from St Joseph's from your home computer or mobile device. View Mass schedules and connect to the live stream [here](#) while St. Joseph's church is celebrating Holy Mass or other services are being held.

If you'd like to follow and respond in the Mass but are unsure of the words, download this PDF ['Order of Mass'](#) document which contains all of the responses.



BOURNE & DEEPING R.C. PARISH

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



VIRTUE CERTIFICATES!



Olive Class - Thomas - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Sycamore Class - Frankie - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

Juniper Class Year 5 - Talitha - **Hope & Confidence**

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



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

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)



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Family Gaming Database

When it comes to app and games reviews one of the resources I consistently share during parents talks is Common Sense Media who have thousands of unbiased and up-to-date reviews which can be really helpful for parents over and above age ratings. But when it comes to games specifically there's an equally great site which is often overlooked called The Family Gaming Database. This is a fantastic resource with a plethora of information for families and currently 3,485 video games and 197 board games already reviewed.

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



THE MARK 10 MISSION - ADVENT

I hope you are having a wonderful week! I'm delighted to share with you our brand new celebration of the Word videos for children. The videos mark the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which the Church celebrates this Sunday .

In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus goes to the River Jordan to be baptised by John. As he comes up from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends and the voice of the Father speaks. Our videos invite children into the awe and beauty of this moment and explain how the same Spirit descends on each person at Baptism. We share how God invites each of us into his family, he loves us completely and is always pleased with who we are.

I hope you enjoy these new videos, please share them far and wide and together we can help as many children as possible know that they are loved completely by God the Father.

- The Mark 10 Mission

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR ENGLAND

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed [here](#).

The guide, along with an Activity Pack for children, can be accessed [here](#).

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 87.24%*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive - 82.71%

Sycamore - 90.29%

Acacia - 88.31%

Juniper - 86.87%

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](#),

*Based on a four day school week due to Inset Day

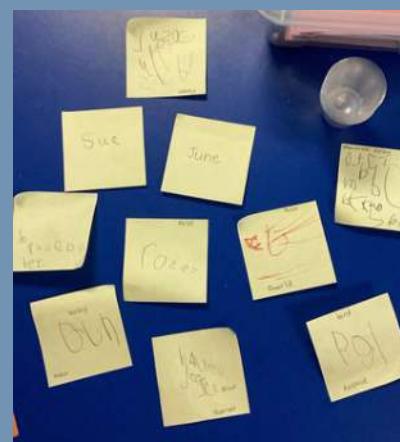
MOMENTS
MATTER,
**ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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



A NEW ADDITION FOR OLIVE EYFS/ YEAR 1 CLASS!

Our EYFS/ Year 1 Olive Class have a very exciting new addition to their class...Baby Betty! Everybody came up with some brilliant ideas for the new baby's name.



Our new doll, Baby Betty will live in the Home Corner of Olive Class. Welcome to St. Augustine's, Baby Betty!

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Baptism'.

Baptism is a sign of God's love and forgiveness, it marks a fresh start and a new beginning. When we are baptised are welcomed into the Church community of believers who love us, support us and help us grow. During baptism we are anointed as priest, prophet and king and called to live like Jesus did.

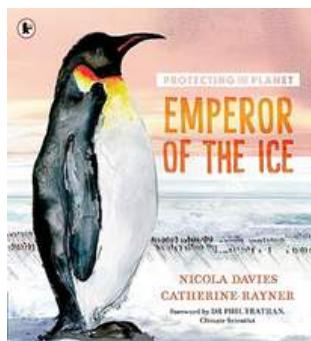
Think of one way you can be more like Jesus this week.

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READING CORNER

To coincide with this year's Big Schools' Birdwatch, we have a beautiful book recommendation from our friends at St. Norbert's!

With luminous illustrations and an introduction by climate scientist Dr Phil Trathan, 'Emperor of the Ice' is the true story of how the Emperor penguin colony at Halley Bay was disrupted after the sea ice collapsed, and how it's necessary to protect the environment so that these extraordinary survivors will continue to be found in the Antarctic for generations to come.



Click on the image on the left to see how a changing climate affects a penguin colony.

PARISH NEWS

The Bishop has formally amalgamated what were the parishes of St Joseph, Oakham with St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton and St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford into one parish - the Parish of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, by Rutland Water.

While the Churches continue to retain their dedication, from now onwards all we do will be under the umbrella of our new parish name, hence our new joint newsletter and, in time, a new joint website.

Our union as one Parish is important going forward and I hope that, even through the changes this brings, we can grow closer together to each other in charity and to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

-Canon Peter Vellacott



Churchish

A welcoming space for families to explore faith through worship, creativity and cake

Come for the cake
Stay for the community



All ages welcome at the Unity Centre, Scotgate 3rd Sunday of the month, from 3.00 - 4.30pm

St. Augustine's All Age Church

Inclusive Church