

# St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

Another week has flown by at St. Augustine's, and it has been wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm around school.

Our after-school clubs are now in full swing, and the children have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunities on offer. KS1 pupils have had great fun expressing their creativity in Drawing Club, while our older children have been especially enthusiastic about Glow-in-the-Dark Bench Ball and Boxercise. If your child would like to join any of our clubs, they are more than welcome.

This week, we have also been revisiting our British Values, exploring them through the much-loved adventures of Paddington Bear. The children engaged enthusiastically and made thoughtful connections between Paddington's experiences and everyday life at school and at home:

**Democracy** – Paddington shows us the importance of listening to others and taking turns.

**Rule of Law** – Even in tricky situations, following rules helps to keep everyone safe.

**Individual Liberty** – Paddington encourages us to be ourselves and make responsible choices.

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance** – Paddington teaches kindness, respect, and the importance of embracing differences.

Through his adventures, Paddington helps us see how British Values are part of everyday life, supporting our children in becoming caring, respectful, and responsible members of our community.

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed a special toy afternoon, bringing in toys from home to play with while raising money for a very worthwhile cause. This event supported the children at the orphanage in Wajir, where Sister Cecilia hopes to buy some much-needed outdoor play equipment, including swings and a slide.

May I wish you a restful and peace filled weekend.

*Mrs Oliver*



## LET US PRAY

Holy Spirit  
as we complete another week,  
help us to reflect on the gifts that you  
have given to us,  
and to be grateful for these gifts  
which have been creative in us.

As we prepare to spend more time with  
our families,  
make us always aware of the needs of  
others.  
Help us to serve them  
and to be ready to show them your love.

Keep us safe, always in your presence.

Amen.



• Birmingham Diocesan Liturgy and Worship Group

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A super weekend of celebrations for  
sisters Delilah and Indie!

Many happy returns to Delilah, who is in  
our Acacia Class, who is 8 today!

Indie is in our Sycamore Class and is 7 on  
Monday - happy birthday!



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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### January

**27.01.26** - Fundraising for the Wajir Mission;  
*Non-Uniform and Cake Sale*

### February

**02.02.26** - Fundraising for the Wajir Mission;  
*Bring a Game to School*  
**11.02.26** - *Parents Evening*  
**12.02.26** - *Parents Evening*

### March

**05.03.26** - *World Book Day*  
**09.03.26 - 13.03.26** - *Science Week*  
**23.03.26 - 27.03.26** - *CAFOD Big Lent Walk*  
**31.03.26** - *Easter Production - 2.30pm*



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# JUBILEE ROOM!

**MON**



**Mindfulness Colouring**

**TUE**



**Card Games**

**WEDS**



**Puzzles**

**THU**



**Share-a-Book**

**FRI**



**Film Club**

**Come and have fun inside at  
lunchtime!**

**The Jubilee Room is run by our  
Year 6 children as an alternative  
to playing outside!**

## 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 - Millie-Mae - Love of Learning & Determination

Sycamore Class - Dominic - Love of Neighbour & Self-Control

Acacia Class - Ada D - Love & Respect

Juniper Class Year 5 - Emilia - Love of Learning & Determination

Juniper Class Year 6 - Elspeth - Hope & Confidence



***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](mailto: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

### Social Media Ban for Under 16's in the UK?

It has been talked about for years, Australia implemented it in December 2025, but will it happen in the UK? Is a ban a realistic solution to prevent harm? Personally I'm not so sure. Don't get me wrong, sometimes I wish social media didn't exist at all and I'm sure many schools, particularly DSL's, would agree. But an outright ban says to me, "We know social media can be bad so let's ban the kids", rather than, "We know social media can be bad so let's put more scrutiny on the companies", which is exactly what the Online Safety Act has done. That's an overly-simplified argument but the point stands: a ban targets the victims.

This week over 60 MP's have called on Keir Starmer to follow Australia and impose a ban, and the Liberal Democrats have tabled an amendment to the Online Safety Act which would apply film-style age ratings to social media platforms.

It will be interesting to see what comes out of this, I suspect many will be waiting to see how successful the ban in Australia is going and if you read the media articles it appears to be quite positive. Since the ban on 10th December social media companies have collectively deactivated 4.7 million suspected under 16 accounts, Meta alone has deactivated half a million across Facebook, Instagram and Threads, and some young people are reporting that they feel free since the ban kicked in. On the flip side many have managed to circumvent the age-assurance measures easily and others have simply moved to other, non-regulated social media apps, which has the potential to risk the increase of harm.

It isn't as easy as a simple ban, no matter how much people want it, but will 2026 be the year that social media gets banned and phones get a statutory ban in schools? The debate rages on, who knows!

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist





## THE MARK 10 MISSION

I hope you have had a great start to the week. This coming weekend, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God. In the Gospel, we will hear St Matthew's account of Jesus calling his first disciples. Jesus calls the fishermen from the shore and we want children everywhere to know that he is calling them too. Our new videos help children to know that through the God-breathed words of scripture, the same Jesus speaks to their hearts and invites them to walk with him each day.

I hope these videos help children pray and listen to the voice of Jesus, both through the words of scripture and in the quiet of their hearts. I also hope they love singing Follow Me, Follow Me at the end!

- The Mark 10 Mission

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies  
(for the under 8s)



The Mark 10 Mission  
(age 8+)

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 88.88%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 90%

**Sycamore** - 91.56%

**Acacia** - 91.41%

**Juniper** - 84.98%

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"



# EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Scripture'.

Scripture is the Word of God. It is a collection of sacred writings that tell the story of God's love for humanity. As we read scripture, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and speaks to us throughout our lives.

Find a passage from the Gospels that you've not read before - reflect on what it might mean to you.



## PARISH NEWS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus".

It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour."

The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.



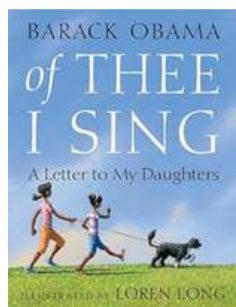
## READING CORNER

Here's a lovely book recommendation from our friends at St. Norbert's!

To mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day (20.01.2026), we take time to honour Dr. King's leadership, courage, and lifelong work toward equality and justice. His belief in kindness, respect, and peaceful problem-solving continues to guide us today.

In our school community, this day is an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of fairness, standing up for others, and treating everyone with dignity. We encourage families to reflect together on Dr. King's message and explore ways to make a positive difference—big or small—in our community.

'Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters' is a heartfelt picture book written by Barack Obama as a tribute to his daughters - and to the ideals and individuals that helped shape the United States.



Presented as a poetic letter, the book highlights thirteen influential Americans, including George Washington, Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, Maya Lin, Martin Luther King Jr., and others, celebrating the qualities that made each of them extraordinary.

Click on the image on the left to read along with the book.

## ACACIA CLASS WORSHIP

On Wednesday, Ada G, Molly and Logan lead our Acacia Class worship, which was based on our word of the week, 'Discipleship'. For our mission, they asked us to write and draw three ways that we can be Jesus' disciples.



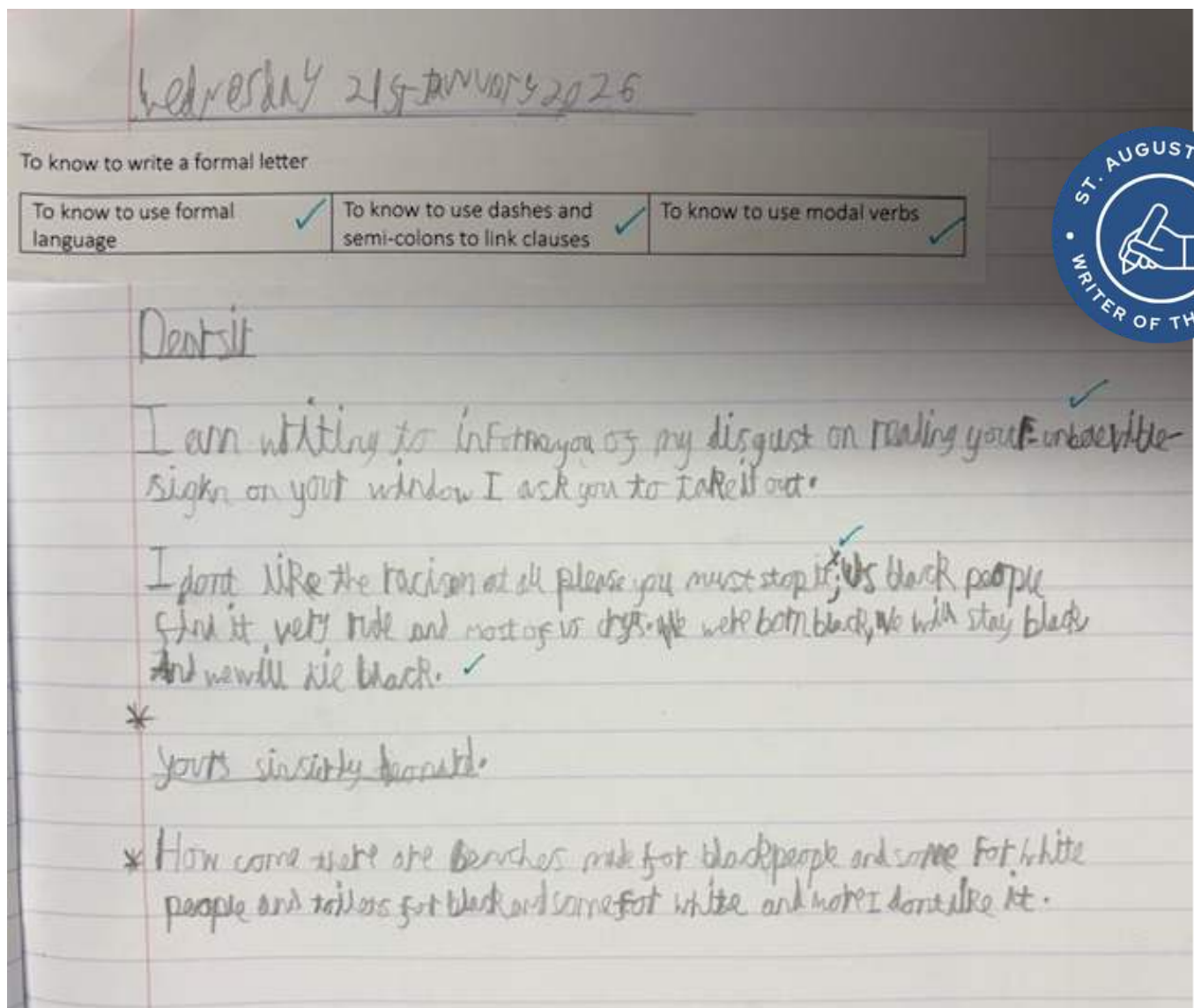


# Writer of THE WEEK

Our Writer of the Week is Archie from Juniper Class!

"In Juniper Class this week, we used our hook book of Windrush Child to write a formal letter. We were practising using the skills of formal language, modal verbs, semi-colons and dashes. Archie has also worked really hard in improving his handwriting and presentation in his English this week." - Mrs Worrick

Fabulous work, Archie - well done!



ARCHIE FERGUSON

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE... THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY - PARENT WEBINAR



**Safer Internet Day Parent Event**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6pm-7pm**  
**Microsoft Teams event**

Lincolnshire  
*Working for a better future*

**Stay Safe Team**



## ★ Curious about AI and your child's world?

Artificial Intelligence is part of everyday life—from homework helpers to fun creative tools. But how can parents make sure it's used safely and wisely?

Join our free webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to learn:

- ✓ How AI can support learning and creativity
- ⚠ What to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation
- 💡 Simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls

**Empower yourself** to guide your family confidently in the age of AI!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139>

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# Move & Food

## CAMP: THE BLUECOAT SCHOOL

**Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9.30 - 15.30**

**For children aged 5-16**

Our camps are the best place to entertain your children during the holidays. The children will participate in lots of fun games, sports, cooking sessions, arts and crafts, and much more!

Funded places available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals

A circular photo of two children, a girl and a boy, smiling and posing together.

**Get booked in**

A square QR code for booking the camp.

**SCAN HERE**

**Camp Address:**

The Bluecoat School,  
Green Lane, Stamford,  
PE9 1HE

**inspire<sup>+</sup>**

Logos for South Kesteven District Council and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.

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# Churchish

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

**Come for the cake**  
**Stay for the community**

An illustration of three cupcakes: one with pink frosting, one with white frosting, and one with blue frosting.

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

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A logo with a stylized church icon and the text 'Inclusive Church'.

## Worried about your energy bills?

**We can help.**

We're here to support you with making savings on your gas and electricity, dealing with energy debt, and giving information about switching suppliers. We also offer dedicated advice to households on pre-payment meters.

**Call Adviceline**  
**on 0808 278 7996**  
**to speak to an adviser.**

Logo for Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire.
A photo of a woman with dark hair, wearing a grey sweater, looking down at a document or bill she is holding.