

# 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 journey through the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, we are reminded through Scripture that God often works in quiet and unexpected ways. One of the most powerful parts of King David's story is not just where he ended up, but where he began.

David was the youngest son, a small and seemingly insignificant shepherd, overlooked while others were chosen first. Yet God saw what others did not — a heart full of courage, faith, and promise. From those humble beginnings, David grew into one of Israel's greatest kings.

Our school is full of 'little' people just like David once was. Children who may seem small now, still learning and growing, yet carrying within them incredible potential. Each student has gifts waiting to be discovered, strengths still unfolding, and a future filled with possibility.

Every day, it is a privilege to witness our children showing great kindness and acts of bravery as they tackle something new, step outside their comfort zones, and grow in confidence.

During this season of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that it is in everyday moments — encouragement, learning, kindness, and faith — that growth truly happens. As a school community, we are privileged to nurture these young lives, trusting that greatness often begins quietly.

Like David, today's shepherds may become tomorrow's leaders, creators, and difference-makers.

We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and join us in celebrating the many small yet meaningful ways our children continue to grow.

*Mrs Oliver*



## LET US PRAY

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Mother of God, hear our prayers.

Amen.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Maisie from our Sycamore Class is 7 today - happy birthday, Maisie!

Many happy returns to Ralphie in Olive Class who turns 5 today!



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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### February

**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

## REMINDER

### INSET DAY: FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> FEB

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February for our Trust Inset Day.

To see all term dates on our school website for the rest of the school year and next year, please click [here](#).

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES - FEAST DAY - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Our Lady of Lourdes is the name given to Mary when she appeared to a young girl called Bernadette in a small town in France called Lourdes.

This happened a long time ago, but people still remember it because Mary's message was simple and kind. She reminded everyone that God loves them and is always close, especially when life feels hard.

One special part of the story is a spring of water that appeared at Lourdes. Many people believe this water is a sign of hope and healing.

Today, people from all over the world visit Lourdes to pray, to feel peaceful, and to remember that care and kindness can help us feel better inside.

The story of Our Lady of Lourdes teaches us important things we can live out every day: being gentle, looking after those who are unwell or sad, and trusting that we are never alone. On her feast day, we can remember to show love in small ways; through a smile, a prayer, or helping someone who needs us.



## 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 - Austin - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Emma - **Friendship & Kindness**

Acacia Class - Sophia-Rae - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - Amelia-Rose - **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](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

### For Parents - Lemon8 App

Lemon8 is an app which seems to be growing in popularity. Calling itself a 'lifestyle community' app the terms and conditions, as per most social media, is 13+. The company which owns Lemon8 is ByteDance, who also own TikTok and it's essentially a mix between Instagram and TikTok. Reviews generally seem to be quite positive but one of the big downfalls is that parental features are a little lacking.

It's worth checking if your child is using Lemon8 and if so have a look at this [in-depth Lemon8 review](#).

### For Parents - New Parental Control Videos

A couple of days ago Internet Matters uploaded 3 new short videos onto YouTube, each focussing on parental controls for YouTube, Roblox and TikTok, the links are:

[YouTube parental controls top features.](#)  
[The top 3 parental controls to use on Roblox.](#)  
[The top 3 parental controls to use on TikTok.](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



## THE MARK 10 MISSION

In the Gospel this coming Sunday, Jesus says “You are the light of the world.” He encourages you and I to let the light of his love shine in our lives and never to hide it. He also encourages us to be like salt, enriching the lives of others. What a beautiful and powerful message for children; to let their love for Jesus shine brightly for all to see. I pray these videos are a great inspiration to them as they follow Jesus this week.

I hope you love praying with these videos and please consider sharing them with anyone and everyone you think will appreciate them. That is such a huge help to our mission!

- *The Mark 10 Mission*

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies  
(for the under fives)



The Mark 10 Mission  
(age 8+)

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

Next week's word is 'Diversity'.

Diversity inspires us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.

Think about those people in your community who may feel left out. This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.28%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 91.45%

**Sycamore** - 86.5%

**Acacia** - 97.47%

**Juniper** - 90.39%

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"



## READING CORNER

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

This week is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, featuring the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", empowering students to explore who they are, understand their emotions, and build the resilience needed to grow and thrive.

How you can help at home:

- Talk about feelings: Ask your child what makes them unique and help them identify their strengths.
- Explore together: Use the theme to discuss how knowing ourselves helps us navigate big feelings.

Let's work together to ensure all our children feel listened to and understood!

'I'm Going to Make a Friend' is a thoughtful picture book written by philosopher [Darren Chetty](#) and illustrated by [Sandhya Prabhat](#). It explores the social and imaginative process of building relationships.



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

## MARVELLOUS MOLLY!

Molly from our Acacia Class has won the Beginners A & B categories at the All England Irish Dancing Championships!

Maith thú, Molly - we are all so proud of you! 🍀



## THE WAJIR MISSION FUNDRAISING!

A huge thank you for all of your generosity and support for our special fundraising events for the Wajir Mission.

Every cake that you bought and all of your donations to bring your toys and games in to school raised a huge £320.54!

Sister Cecilia is thrilled and will update us with news of the playground equipment.



## SACREWELL FARM!

On Thursday, our EYFS Olive Class and our Y1/2 Sycamore Class set off on a coach for an adventure at Sacrewell Farm!

What a wonderful day they all had - they had some super special activities and even fed some of the animals! Thank you so much to everyone who made this special trip possible.

