

# 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

We have reached the end of another term at St Augustine's.

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Here at St Augustine's, we pride ourselves on ensuring our children are aware of their own mental health through regular check-ins and moments of mindful meditation in class. We regularly reflect on our progress at the end of each day and think about our virtues.

Our virtues remain central to our school ethos. This term we have been focusing on Honesty and Forgiveness, reflecting our journey through Lent and our Catholic Social Teaching of promoting peace. Next term, our virtues will be Love and Respect, and we will continue reinforcing the importance of showing respect to everyone in our school community. Respect is an important British value that we uphold, and we will be working hard to improve our manners and show respect to all.

Although this has been a very short half term, we have much to reflect on and thank God for. We look forward to many exciting events next term. Preparations for Book Week are already in full swing, and we are also eagerly anticipating Science Week. Rehearsals for our production of The Three Trees are well underway — it promises to be a wonderful show.

May I wish you a peaceful break. We hope you enjoy the slower mornings, and the special time spent with friends and family.

*Mrs Oliver*





## LET US PRAY

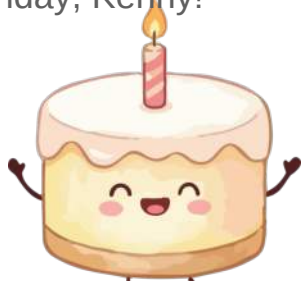
Angel of God, my guardian  
dear, to whom God's love  
commits me here, ever  
this day be at my side, to  
light and guard, to rule and  
guide.

Amen.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kenny from our Olive Class  
will be 7 on Sunday - happy  
birthday, Kenny!



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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### March

**02.03.26 - 06.03.26** *Book  
Week*

**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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## A VISIT TO STAMFORD LIBRARY!

On Monday, our Y3/4 Acacia Class and our EYFS/ Y1 Olive Class went on a special visit to Stamford Library to celebrate National Story Telling Week!

We had the opportunity to look and browse the library, and activities were set out for Acacia Class - they had a chance to write their own short story and design a front story cover! We were then treated to a story being read to us by Michelle, who works at the library.

Olive Class started their visit off with a couple of stories, a browse of the library, and then got to make their own crocodile craft!

We all had such a lovely time - huge thanks to everyone at the library who made this such a special visit for 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 - Azalea - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Willow - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - Molly - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 5 - Lucy - **Love & Respect**

Juniper Class Year 6 - Ellie-Mae - **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

### Interesting New Law in the UAE - Legal Requirements on Parents

This one really piqued my interest, a new law came into effect on 1st Jan in the UAE which now places a legal requirement on parents, caregivers and others to protect children. Called the Child Digital Safety law there are specific requirements and clear responsibilities including:

- Supervising online activities.
- Using age-appropriate digital platforms.
- Not allowing children to use other people's accounts.
- Protecting children from exploitation.
- and more.

For most people all of this would come under the heading of common sense, yet we all know there are some who don't monitor the activities of their children. What do you think, a good idea?

Read a summary of the [UAE Child Digital Safety law](#).

### For Parents - Google Family Link

For children with Android devices, Google Family Link is a great way for parents to set restrictions. Last week Internet Matters released a brand new YouTube video showing how to set up Google Family Link to customise content and screen time restrictions:

Click to [Set Up Google Family Link](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist





## THE MARK 10 MISSION

This week, we've changed things up a little. The Mark 10 Mission video covers next Sunday's Gospel, but the Little Liturgies has a different theme. Tomorrow, the Church celebrates Our Lady of Lourdes, a feast day very close to my heart, and so we have created a special edition Little Liturgy to celebrate.

In the second week of February each year, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In this Little Liturgy we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes by hearing a Gospel story about when Our Lady and Jesus went to a wedding feast in Cana. Greg helps us know that Our Lady will always share our worries and problems with her Son Jesus. He also tells us the story of Lourdes and how Our Lady spoke to a young girl called Bernadette. We then pray with Our Lady before heading to Lourdes to sing 'As I Kneel Before You.'

- The Mark 10 Mission

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies  
(for the under 8s)



The Mark 10 Mission  
(age 9+)

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 88.24%\*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 84.96%

**Sycamore** - 88.1%

**Acacia** - 94.16%

**Juniper** - 86.49%

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"



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S  
BOOK WEEK  
2ND-6TH MARCH 2026**

<b>MON 02</b>	<b>Mystery Book Swap</b> WRAP A BOOK AND WRITE A CLUE - SWAP WITH ANOTHER CHILD!
<b>TUES 03</b>	<b>A Very Special Visitor</b> AUTHOR OF THE CHARLIE FARLEY BOOKS, ELAINE SLADE! BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
<b>WEDS 04</b>	<b>Reading Bistro</b> COME AND SHARE A BOOK WITH US! CLASSROOMS OPEN FROM 2.30PM
<b>THURS 05</b>	<b>Bring a Bear &amp; Book Hats!</b> BRING A BEAR TO READ WITH! BOOK HAT COMPETITION!
<b>FRI 06</b>	<b>Mystery Reader</b> WHO WILL IT BE?!

**'Book Hat' Competition**

Children are invited to recreate a scene from their favourite story on a hat!

Story hats create special opportunities to revisit children's favourite books. Children can use their hat to explore characters, settings or even create their own adventure!

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

## EYFS APPEAL!

EYFS will soon be learning about a very special topic, 'People Who Help Us'.



Do you, or anyone you know, have a job in the community such as police officer, vet, or paramedic? Would you/ they would be happy to come and visit our EYFS children and tell them all about your work and what you do to help people? If so, please email [enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-augustine.lincs.sch.uk) - we would be so grateful!





# Lent 2026



**Ash Wednesday**  
Go to church or say a sorry prayer and pledge to be a disciple of Jesus this Lent.

**Thursday 19th**  
Find a way to spread positivity and kindness today.

**Friday 20th**  
Research why the season of Lent lasts for 40 days. Did you know that Sundays are not included in this number?

**Saturday 21st**  
Give someone you care about a hug or a high five.

**1st Sunday of Lent**  
Read today's Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11.

**Monday 22nd**  
Jesus taught us how to be silent and still. Put at least one minute aside today to be silent and still with Jesus.

**Tuesday 23rd**  
Try to have a technology free evening and do something with a family member instead, such as read together or play a board game.

**Wednesday 24th**  
Do a random act of kindness for somebody today.

**Thursday 25th**  
Make an extra effort today to talk to your grown ups at home. Share stories about your day. Ask them how their day was.

**Friday 26th**  
Today is CAFOD Family Fast Day. If you normally buy a yummy treat at the weekend, could you consider putting some money into a CAFOD collection box instead and going without the treat this week?

**Saturday 27th**  
In Lent, we should give more of our time to others. Who could you spend additional time with today?

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Read today's Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.

**Monday 28th**  
Does anybody in your family have a name that is also the name of a saint? Find out more about this saint or your favourite saint.

**Tuesday 29th**  
Write a list of people and things that you are thankful for.

**Wednesday 30th**  
Drink only water today and pray for people who are thirsty.

**Thursday 31st**  
Today is World Book Day. Read or retell your favourite Bible story. Who is your favourite person mentioned in a Bible story?

**Friday 1st**  
Ask an adult if there is anything you can do to help them at school or home today.

**Saturday 2nd**  
If you can, explore an outside area with an adult. Can you make a cross using natural objects to remind yourself of Jesus' love for us?

**1st Sunday of Lent**  
Read today's Gospel: John 4:5-12, 19-26, 39-42.

**Monday 9th**  
Talk to God in prayer today and tell him about the things you are sorry for.

**Tuesday 10th**  
Visit a prayer station around school this week. Spend time there in prayer or take part in an activity.

**Wednesday 11th**  
Hold the door open for somebody today and greet them with some kind words.

**Thursday 12th**  
Ask somebody about how they celebrate Easter in their house. Are their traditions different to yours?

**Friday 13th**  
Many Catholics do not eat meat on a Friday. This is a type of fast. Can you ask the adults at home to plan a meat free meal for tonight's tea?

**Saturday 14th**  
Talk to God in prayer today and ask for him to help people in need all over the world.

**1st Sunday of Lent**  
Today is Maundy Thursday. Do an act of kindness for somebody who takes care of you.

**Monday 16th**  
Ask a grown up at home how you can help them and do it without complaining.

**Tuesday 17th**  
Give somebody a compliment today (say something nice about them).

**Wednesday 18th**  
Forgive someone who has upset you. Give them a fresh start.

**Thursday 19th**  
Today is the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. Say a prayer asking God to help you to be brave and faithful like Joseph was.

**Friday 20th**  
Today is the first day of Spring! Say "Thank you God for your wonderful creation." If you can, spend some time outside enjoying the beauty of God's world.

**Saturday 21st**  
Ask a grown up if you can sort out some old clothes, toys or books to donate to charity.

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Read today's Gospel: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

**Monday 23rd**  
Create your own Easter artwork. Display it in your window.

**Tuesday 24th**  
Say a thank you prayer before you eat today.

**Wednesday 25th**  
Today is the Feast of the Annunciation. Pray the Hail Mary and think about what a brilliant role model Mary is for us.

**Thursday 26th**  
Ask your adult if you can use a machine like a clothes dryer or your first shopping list. Use it to help you with your Lenten journey.

**Friday 27th**  
Go on a scavenger hunt around the house. Can you find any items which remind you of the Easter story?

**Saturday 28th**  
We are about to begin the most important week in the Church's year. Holy Week. Find out more about Holy Week and why it is so important.

**Palm Sunday**  
Make your own palm leaves or crown and say "Hosanna Jesus!"

**Holy Saturday**  
Draw and decorate a picture of a candle. Tomorrow we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Light of the World.

**Good Friday**  
If you're unable to go to Church today, research the Stations of the Cross and reflect on these at home.

**Easter Sunday**  
Celebrate with your family today and say either out loud or in your heart, "He is risen! Alleluia!"

**Maundy Thursday**  
Tonight, Catholics around the world are called to spend time in quiet prayer with God. Can you put some time aside today for Jesus?

- Mrs Wright, School Lay Chaplain

## Stamford Children's Centre

AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	<b>Pop in and Play</b> 0 to 5 years With siblings up to 8 years. 9.30-11am  <b>First Bites and Baby Life</b> 3 to 6 months 11.15am-1.45pm 16th March only		<b>Time to Play</b> 9.30-11.30 Invite only	<b>Breast Start</b> From pregnancy and breastfeeding 9.30-11am	<b>Little Explorers</b> 0 - 5 years 10am - 11am	<b>Early Talkers</b> 0 to 5 years At Stamford Library 11-11.45am On the following dates: 21st Feb, 7th and 21st March.
PM	<b>Stay and Play</b> Under 1s 1pm - 2pm			<b>Pop in and Play</b> 0 to 5 years With siblings up to 8 years. 1pm - 2.30pm	<b>Pop in and Play</b> 0 to 5 years With siblings up to 8 years. 1pm - 2.30pm	

Please scan the QR code to get the most up to date timetable information and to find out more about your local children's centre







Discover more  
events and  
activities

## What's on this school holiday?

Day	Time	Activity
Saturday 14th February	10.00am - 11.30am	MAKE A WORRY BOX - to highlight Children's Mental Health Week we invite you to make your own worry box.
Saturday 14th February	11.00am - 11.30am	STORY AND RHYME TIME - A delightful half-hour for the under 5s
Monday 16th Feb - 5th March	All Day	WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP - Pick up a costume for your child to celebrate WBD
Tuesday 17th February	10.00am - 11.30am	LUNAR NEW YEAR Children's craft - Design a lantern and a Chinese drum to celebrate the Year of the Horse
Wednesday 18th February	11.00am - 11.30am	STORY AND RHYME TIME - A delightful half-hour for the under 5s
Wednesday 18th February	2.00pm - 3.00pm	MINI CRAFTERNOON - Get creative with your pre-schoolers
Saturday 21st February	11.00am - 11.45am	EARLY TALKERS - a fun session for 0-5 year olds exploring songs, rhymes and books
Saturday the 14th to Saturday the 21st	All Day	LEGO PLAY - Get creative with your child, explore a world of imaginative construction

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# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

## BILLS

Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb

## BREWDOG

Kids eat free this Feb Half Term

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult!

## COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2026.

## CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

## FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

## PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## PREZZO

Kids eat for £1 from 6th Jan to 11th February 2026.

## PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

## SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

## WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

## ZIZZI

Kids eat free all day Feb 16th - 20th 2026

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