

# 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

Welcome back! It is lovely to see the sun shining and the days getting longer. The children have settled back into the routine of school extremely well and are enjoying the warmer weather during playtime.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Week, with many exciting events taking place throughout the week. There will be plenty of opportunities for children to share and celebrate their love of reading. Don't forget our Book Hat Competition on World Book Day!

We are especially looking forward to welcoming author Elaine Slade to St Augustine's School. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a real author and gain inspiration for their own reading and writing.

A love of reading is strongly fostered in our school, with children enjoying a wide range of books in our library. Which book was your favourite growing up? I loved the Malory Towers series by Enid Blyton and dreamed of going away to boarding school. Sadly, that did not happen for me — and I am not entirely sure I would have enjoyed it after all!

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop. It builds vocabulary, strengthens understanding across all areas of learning and encourages imagination and creativity. Through stories, children explore new worlds, develop empathy and learn valuable life lessons. Just as importantly, reading for pleasure nurtures independence, confidence and a lifelong love of learning. Encouraging children to read regularly at home makes a lasting difference to their success and wellbeing.

Here at St Augustine's School, the Bible is central to our faith, and the children continue to enjoy hearing stories from both the Old and New Testament. A particular favourite of mine is the story of Jesus calming the storm, reminding us that even when life feels chaotic at times, our faith can help us to remain calm and strong. These stories help to guide our values and deepen our understanding of compassion, courage and kindness.

We trust you will have a restful weekend and look forward to a busy and exciting week ahead.

*Mrs Oliver*



# LET US PRAY

Loving God,

Help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need.

Help us to build a better world where each of us can become the best person we can be.

Amen.



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## ST. A'S FOOTBALL!

Our St. A's football team played a very exciting match against Uffington primary school yesterday evening; we scored a 1-0 victory!

The team chose Remy as Man of the Match, and Mrs Ellis and Mrs Worrick chose Jake as their Player of the Match for his amazing goalie skills.



Thank you to Uffington for a great match and for hosting us.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**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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Presented to you by the children of St. Augustine's C.V.A...



## THE TALE OF 3 TREES

Three trees near Bethlehem hope to become important. What happens to them is not at all what they imagined, but so much better than they could've dreamed.

**TUES, MARCH 31ST**

**2.30PM**

Parents are welcome to join us from 2.20pm at the front office. The children will be released from their classrooms at the end of the day as normal after the performance.



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

Sycamore Class - Woody - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Acacia Class - Ben - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 5 - Storm - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class Year 6 - Peggy - **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

### For Parents - Tips for Raising Digitally Resilient Children

Every parent knows how difficult it is to monitor their children whilst they're online. It can be difficult asking children what they're seeing, their motives, healthy screen habits and more.

Written by a clinical psychologist, BBC Bitesize have released some new advice and support for parents. Although aimed at parents of teenagers, I think this would be useful for any parent. Additionally there are resources called [Solve the Story](#) which would work well in the classroom.

Article and resources: [Screen time and resilience: a psychologist's guide](#)

### Social Media Ban - Half of Parents Would Ignore

As the consultations, arguments and debates continue at pace around the world around the banning of under 16's from social media, here in the UK a new report has come out from Public First which states that around half of parents would still allow their children to access social apps even new legislation was to come out. In summary:

- Although 64% of parents support new restrictions, 50% would still allow their under-16 to use social media.
- Parents are concerned about the ease of workarounds such as VPN's (which the government are also considering banning) or movement away to other unregulated apps.
- Many parents prefer alternate restrictions such as time restrictions and mandatory parental consent when setting up an app.

I have put a link to the article in the Telegraph below, but it doesn't say much more than what I've already put above (and the article is behind a paywall).

Article link: [Half of parents would ignore under-16's social media ban.](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



# THE MARK 10 MISSION

I'm delighted to share with you two more videos. They will help you celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent with children.

In the Sunday Gospel we will hear about the Transfiguration. This is a moment full of wonder and awe! In the passage, Jesus takes his friends up a mountain, away from the noise and busyness of the world. There he shines like the sun. In our videos, we invite children to enter into this mountaintop experience and encounter Jesus, shining in their hearts.

- *The Mark 10 Mission*

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



The Mark 10 Mission

THE TRANSFIGURATION



Little Liturgies

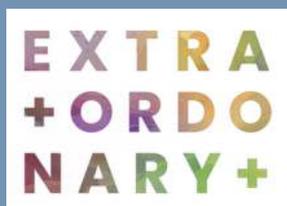
HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

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

Next week's word is 'Fasting'.

Fasting is a way of showing self-discipline and of focusing on our relationship with God. Fasting can also be a way of expressing solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Fasting is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to follow the example of Jesus in the desert, and to grow in our compassion for others.

What can you go without this Lent? Think of something that you can give up to leave more time and space for what's important.



# ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.92%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 91.18%

**Sycamore** - 93.98%

**Acacia** - 94.95%

**Juniper** - 89.16%

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"



## SCHOOL AND OPEN EVENTS SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who kindly took part in our survey during Parent's Evening.

If you would like to take part in our survey on School and Open Events, please scan the QR code or click on the image below.

We would value your feedback to help us improve our offer of open events in school.  
Thank you.





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

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

## '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



# Teddy Bear Sleepover at Stamford Library



**Thursday 5th March 4.30pm – 5pm**

Snuggle up for a bedtime story session and bring along your teddies to join in the fun. After our stories, your teddy can stay behind for an exciting sleepover in the library!

Come dressed in your comfiest pyjamas or keep the magic going by wearing your World Book Day costume.

Come back to collect your teddies and look at the photos of what they got up to!

For more information, please speak to a team member or email [stamford.library@gll.org](mailto:stamford.library@gll.org)



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# Mother's Day Craft at Stamford library



**Saturday 14th March 10am – 11.30**

Join us for a Mother's Day Card Craft!  
Create a beautiful handmade tulip card to celebrate someone special. All materials are provided — just bring your creativity and imagination!

Perfect for children and families.

For more information, please speak to a team member or email [stamford.library@gll.org](mailto:stamford.library@gll.org)



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## FAMILY HERB CLUB

WITH FENTON'S HERBOLOGY

Introducing wild hearted families to awesome edible and medicinal plants.

Forage, grow, observe, taste, make & feel!

**8TH MARCH!**

**10:30 - 11:30AM**

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!!](#)**



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RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE

# WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
AWARDS

SEE FULL TERMS AND TO NOMINATE: [BBC.CO.UK/MAKEADIFFERENCE](http://BBC.CO.UK/MAKEADIFFERENCE)  
ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 31 MARCH AT 5PM