

# 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 reach the end of another busy and productive week here at St. Augustine's, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that has taken place across the school. This week we have been celebrating Book Week, and it has been filled with a wide range of exciting activities that have encouraged our children to develop their love of reading and storytelling. Throughout the week the children have taken part in special reading sessions, shared stories together in class, and explored the joy that books can bring.

One of the highlights of the week was undoubtedly the Book Hat Competition, which was my personal favourite event. It was clear that a great deal of time, care, and creativity had gone into the making of the many fantastic hats on display. From favourite story characters to imaginative designs inspired by well-loved books, the effort from both the children and their families was truly impressive. Most importantly, it was a real joy to see the smiles on the children's faces as they proudly shared their creations with one another.

The excitement does not stop there, however. Next week we will be celebrating Science Week, which is always a much-anticipated time in our school calendar. On Wednesday we will be holding our STEM Challenge Day, where the children will have the opportunity to work together to solve problems, design creative solutions, and explore the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. I look forward to sharing more news and highlights from these activities with you in next week's newsletter.

Science is a subject that we greatly enjoy here at St. Augustine's. Through our learning we aim not only to develop scientific knowledge and curiosity, but also to help our children appreciate more deeply the wonder and beauty of God's creation. In Juniper Class, for example, pupils learn about Georges Lemaître (1894–1966), a Belgian Catholic priest and scientist who first proposed the idea behind the Big Bang Theory. He suggested that the universe began from a single, very dense point which expanded over time. Rather than seeing science and faith as opposing ideas, Lemaître believed that scientific discovery could deepen our sense of wonder and help reveal the beauty and order present within God's creation.

Today Juniper Class are also enjoying a special trip to the Tower of London. After an early start at 7am this morning, they set off ready for a day of discovery and learning. Visits such as this provide valuable opportunities for children to experience history first-hand, bringing their classroom learning to life in a memorable way. We hope they have a fantastic day exploring this famous landmark and return safely, full of stories about the many exciting things they have seen and learned.

Finally, as the week comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our staff, pupils, and families for their continued enthusiasm and support in making our school such a positive and vibrant community.

*Mrs Oliver*



## LET US PRAY

God, giver of all life,  
may we be rooted in your  
presence  
and grow in love and trust,  
so we can bring a harvest  
of justice and joy,

Amen.  
- CAFOD



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Bow-Blue in  
Acacia Class who is 9 tomorrow!

Raven in Juniper Class is 11 on  
Thursday, and she shares her  
birthday with Maisy in Sycamore  
Class who will be 6 on Thursday!



We hope that you all have a great  
time celebrating your special day!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### March

**09.03.26 - 13.03.26** - Science  
Week

**23.03.26 - 27.03.26** - CAFOD  
Fundraising Week

**31.03.26** - Easter Production -  
2.30pm

## 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 or click on  
the QR code.

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

Thank you.



## WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH LENT

As we move through the season of Lent, we are encouraged to  
pause amidst the busyness of everyday life and draw closer to  
God. Lent is a special time for reflection, prayer, and new  
beginnings, as we prepare our hearts for the joy and hope of  
Easter. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert, we are also  
invited to make small sacrifices, practise kindness, and grow in  
our faith.

Within our St. Augustine's community, we can live out the  
meaning of this season by caring for one another, offering  
support where it is needed, and remembering our school's  
message: "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians  
16:14).

Through prayer, helping those in need, or simply taking a  
moment for quiet reflection, every small act of love  
brings us closer to God.

May this Lenten season be a time of renewal for  
us all, filling our hearts with faith, hope, and  
kindness as we journey together  
towards Easter.

- Miss Griffin



## 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.



# 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 - App Controls to Support Children

Jenny is a mother with two teenage girls who feels the pressure of keeping up to date with online safety, new app settings and more the same as other parents.

In this article and YouTube video Jenny shares how she uses app-level parental controls to manage social media use across her daughters' phones and tablets.

## Link: [Using App Controls to Support Children.](#)



# READY, STEADY GO TO SCHOOL!

The Early Years team at Lincolnshire County Council have some free online sessions for parents of children starting school in September 2026. These informative sessions have lots of information and tips on how to prepare your child for the start of their exciting school journey!

Please share with friends and family!





# HELP ST.AUGUSTINE'S FUNDRAISE DURING CAFOD WEEK!

## GUESS HOW MANY IN THE JAR!

50P

50p per guess at how many Lego pieces are in the jar.  
Closest guess wins a Lego prize!  
Guesses to be made with our Future Saints chaplaincy team at lunchtime on Tues/Weds/Thurs (17/18/19 March)

17/18/19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## BIG CAFOD SCAVENGER HUNT

£1

Just £1 to take part in the scavenger hunt quiz in school!  
Each entry gives you a chance to win an Easter Egg prize!

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## PYJAMA DAY!

£1

Come dressed in your comfiest clothes or PJs for the day in exchange for a £1 donation!  
Sensible coat and shoes must still be worn.

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.16%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 91.23%

**Sycamore** - 94.91%

**Acacia** - 97.98%

**Juniper** - 87.39%

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"



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

Next week's word is 'Almsgiving'.

Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.

EXTRA + ORDO NARY +

## READING CORNER

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

Tuesday was [World Wildlife Day](#). Established by the United Nations, this day is a chance to marvel at the incredible diversity of wild animals and plants that share our planet.

2026 Theme: Nature's Pharmacy: The theme for 2026 is "Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods". This year, we are focusing on how wild plants—from common herbs to rare forest flora—support human health and traditional medicine.

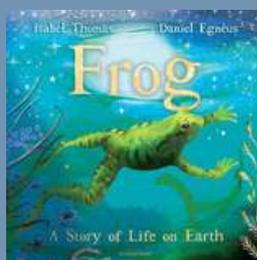
### Why It Matters:

- Biodiversity loss: Wildlife populations have declined by an average of 73% since 1970.
- Ecosystem services: Animals and plants provide essential services like pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control.
- Sustainable future: Protecting habitats ensures that future generations can enjoy the beauty and benefits of nature.

### How Families Can Get Involved:

- Explore Local Nature: Use the [Wildlife Trusts Activity Guides](#) to find wildlife in your own backyard or local park.
- Watch & Learn: View nature documentaries as a family to see visually impressive stories of conservation.
- Support Conservation: Learn about the work of organisations like the [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#), or the [RSPB](#).
- Classroom Resources: You can access free educational materials from [BBC Teach](#) and [Twinkl](#).

'Frog: A Story of Life on Earth' is a 2025 non-fiction picture book written by Isabel Thomas and illustrated by Daniel Egnéus. It uses a child's question about where the first frog came from to explore the evolution of life and the origins of the universe.



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



Olive Class and Sycamore Class enjoying their 'book swap' during our Book Week!



Our fabulous St. A's football team after a 1-1 draw this week!



Acacia Class had a dance lesson today ahead of their tea-dance next week!



A beautiful rosette made in Acacia Class for their tea-dance next week!

# THIS WEEK



The real-life Charlie Farley getting lots of fuss in Acacia Class after a special visit with his owner, author Elaine Slade!



Our Olive Class children celebrating World Book Day!



Y5/6 Juniper Class arrive at the Tower of London today!



Sycamore Class demonstrating some great teamwork skills in PE!

# THIS IS LENT! THE MARK 10 MISSION

In the Gospel this coming Sunday, we encounter Jesus as he waits by a well in Samaria. He meets a woman who is friendless and avoiding others. In the short conversation they have, Jesus shares beautiful words and changes her life forever. He shows her that, though others have turned away from her, the Messiah never will.

Click on the links below to view the videos.



The Mark 10 Mission



Little Liturgies

**HE KNEW EVERYTHING... AND STAYED**  
THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

**JESUS KNOWS AND LOVES YOU**

**MARK 10 MISSION**

## MISSION FILE

**GOSPEL**

JOHN 4:1-16, 19B-26, 35A, 40-42

At that time, Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water. Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming - he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him, so when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the saviour of the world.'

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**ALMSGIVING**

**PRAYER**

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN HAD TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT JESUS WAS LIKE. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE JESUS TO SOMEONE MAKE THIS YOUR PRAYER TO JESUS.

JESUS YOU ARE...

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**WONDER QUESTIONS**

WHAT DOES WORSHIPPING IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH MEAN? HOW DO YOU THINK JESUS FELT TO SEE THE SAMARITAN WOMAN LEAVE HER WATER JAR AND RUSH BACK TO JESUS?

**MISSION**

MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU THINK JESUS LOVES ABOUT YOU. TRY TO INCLUDE SOME THINGS THAT ONLY JESUS KNOWS ABOUT YOU; THE THINGS WHICH MAKE YOU SMILE THAT YOU DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT OR THE SONGS YOU MOST LIKE TO SING TO HIM. JESUS KNOWS YOU SO WELL AND HE DELIGHTS IN EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, ESPECIALLY THE LITTLE THINGS.

**COLOUR**

**THE MARK 10**  
*Mission*

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## MARCH 2026 at MindSpace

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	
<b>Grief Kind</b> (weekly)	10am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Hub	<b>Mondays</b>
<b>Wellbeing Chat</b> (2 March)	10.30 - 11.30am	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Bourne Autistic Support Group</b> (9, 23 March)	11am - 1pm	Wake House, 41 North St, Bourne PE10 9AE	
<b>Garden Help Out</b> (weekly)	12- 5pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
<b>Singing For All</b> (2 March)	1 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Parent &amp; Carer Autism Support Group</b> (16 March)	1.15 - 2.45pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Pilates</b> (weekly)	4.15 - 5.15 pm	The Unity Centre, Stamford, PE9 2PR	
<b>1 to 1 Listening Night Light Cafe</b> (booking required)	5.30 - 6.15pm 6.30 - 7.15pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Playing With Words</b> (16 March)	7.30 - 9pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Boxing (non-contact)</b> (weekly)	10.15 - 10.55am	Impact Boxing Fitness, Unit 6, West St Business Park, Stamford PE9 2PL	
<b>Informal Mindfulness</b> (weekly)	11am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Expressive Art Journaling</b> (weekly)	12.30 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Stamford Bumps</b> (24 March)	6.30 - 8pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Ladies' Basketball</b> (weekly)	7.40 - 8.40pm	Stamford Junior Knights, Unit 1, Casterton Rd Business Park, Stamford PE9 4EJ	<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>Sketching with Karen Neale</b> (4, 18 March)	10 - 11.30am	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Garden Help Out</b> (weekly)	10am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b> (weekly)	12.30 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Chalk &amp; Talk</b> (11, 25 March)	1- 3pm	Royal British Legion Club, Burghley St, Bourne, PE10 9WS	<b>Thursdays</b>
<b>Stamford Autistic Support Group</b> (12, 26 March)	10am - 12pm	The Activity Room, Stamford Day Centre, 33 Ryhall Rd, Stamford PE9 3UF	
<b>Hearing Support Group</b> (12 March)	10.15 - 11.45am	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b> (weekly)	12.30 - 2pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Afternoon Yoga</b> (weekly)	12.45 - 1.45pm	The Unity Centre, West Street, Stamford PE9 2PR	<b>Fridays</b>
<b>Afternoon Walk</b> (weekly)	1.30 - 2.30pm	Meeting at The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Makers Crafting</b> (5, 12, 19 March)	2.45 - 4.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Boxing</b> (weekly)	6.00 - 6.50pm	Impact Boxing Fitness, Unit 6 West St Business Park, PE9 2PL	
<b>After Work Connect</b> (weekly)	5.30 - 7pm	Cornish Bakery, 56 High Street, PE9 2AW	<b>Saturdays</b>
<b>Night Light Café: Games Night</b> (weekly)	7.30 - 9.30pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>MindSpace 5K Running Group</b> (weekly)	9.30 - 10.15am	Stamford Rugby Club, Hambleton Rd, PE9 2RZ	
<b>Couch to 5k Running Group</b> (weekly)	9.30 - 10.15am	Stamford Rugby Club, Hambleton Rd, PE9 2RZ	
<b>Family Hour at the garden</b> (weekly)	11am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Garden	<b>Sundays</b>
<b>Tea &amp; Chat at the garden</b> (weekly)	1 - 2.30pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
<b>Sober Curious</b> (weekly)	6 - 8pm	The Wellbeing Hub	
<b>Herb Talk</b> (21 March)	10am - 12pm	The Wellbeing Garden	
<b>Sound Bath</b> (1, 5 March)	6.30 - 7.30pm	Ryhall Village Hall	

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