

# 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 another busy week draws to a close, we have much to celebrate within our school community.

This week we have been celebrating Science Week, and on Wednesday the children enjoyed a range of exciting STEM activities. They explored scientific questions such as 'What is the best design for a paper aeroplane?', 'What makes a magnet dance?'. The children had great fun working together, investigating ideas, and developing their curiosity while exploring key scientific concepts.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Sponsored Read and helped raise money for the school. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to provide enriching resources and opportunities for our children.

A special thank you goes to Molly and Maisie Parsons, who each raised an amazing £50. What a fantastic achievement! We are very proud of their effort and enthusiasm.

Well done to all the children who participated and to the families who supported them. Your encouragement helps foster a love of reading while supporting our school community.

Next week is CAFOD Week in school. Mrs Donington has been working very hard to prepare some fun and engaging activities for the children to take part in throughout the week.

For those of you who may be unaware of the work of CAFOD, it stands for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. It is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales and works with communities around the world to support those living in poverty, provide emergency relief, and promote long-term development and justice.

Through our activities next week, the children will learn more about how they can help others and how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a big difference in the lives of people around the world.

As we also approach Mother's Day, the children have been preparing gifts and cards to show their appreciation for the mothers and mother figures in our community. A big thank you to FOSA for organising this for us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the mothers and carers in our community. We truly appreciate the care, support and encouragement you give to the children in our school each day. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, and we are grateful to be part of that village together.

Here's hoping you feel loved and cared for this weekend- you deserve it!

*Mrs Oliver*



# LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself - tiny, needy and helpless - into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name.



Amen.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Krystal in Acacia Class who is 9 tomorrow!



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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### March

**23.03.26 - 27.03.26 - CAFOD Big Lent Walk**

**31.03.26 - Easter Production - 2.30pm**

## BBC/ FIVE MILE FILMS CASTING CALL

Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind *The Dog House* is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and Five Mile Films would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

**BBC**

### Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

**bemyfriend.tv**

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## MOTHERING SUNDAY - MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026

This Sunday we mark Mothering Sunday, a time when many people pause to say thank you to those who care for and nurture us, or remember someone very special to them. For some, that may be a mum, a grandmother, a godmother, a step-parent, or another special person who offers love and support.

In the Catholic tradition, we often think of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's quiet strength, kindness and trust remind us of the many ways care can be shown in everyday life - through patience, encouragement, listening, and love.

Mothering Sunday can mean different things to different people. Some families celebrate in big ways, others more quietly, and for some it can be a more reflective time. As a school community, we simply take the opportunity to be thankful for the people who guide us, comfort us and help us grow.

However it is marked, may this Mothering Sunday be a reminder of the importance of compassion, gratitude and looking after one another.

- 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.



# VIRTUE CERTIFICATES!



Olive Class - Storm - **Friendship & Kindness**

Sycamore Class - Tobias - **Hope & Confidence**

Acacia Class - Layla - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - Mia - **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 - YouTube Kids

One of the biggest frustrations I hear from parents of younger children is that the content on YouTube Kids is too childish or the content isn't what their children want to watch. The end result is that only a tiny minority of young children use YouTube Kids, with the majority on the main YouTube site.

A feature that has been within YouTube Kids for years, but so very few parents know about, is called 'Parent Allowlisting'. This does a number of things, but one of the most important and useful is that parents can keep their younger children within the safer environment of the Kids app, and parents can approve individual videos from the main YouTube service to that particular child's YouTube Kids account. This keeps younger children away from the dreaded recommender algorithms and allows parents to moderate what their children can or cannot see.

I have linked a short video which is on YouTube to explain what Parent Allowlisting is and how it's used:

Link: [YouTube Kids Parent Allowlisting](#)

### For Parents - What is Monetisation

Monetisation is how content creators earn money through social media and video-sharing platforms, with some creators using dishonest practices to receive more activity on their posts.

Internet Matters have put together a brilliant information guide and you can find the link below.

Link: [For Parents - What is Monetisation?](#)

### For Parents - Starting the Conversation

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) have produced a great new, simple guide aimed at helping parents start those conversations which can be very difficult. This is specifically for young people rather than teenagers as it covers online dating safety, digital consent and boundaries.

Link: [For Parents - Starting the Conversation with Young People.](#)

## Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



## THE MARK 10 MISSION

I'm delighted share with you two more celebration of the Word videos to help children encounter Jesus.

These videos are for Laetare Sunday and share the Gospel account of Jesus healing a man born blind.

## THE MARK 10 *Mission*

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Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies  
(For children under 8)



The Mark 10 Mission  
(For children 8+)

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.08%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 88.95%

**Sycamore** - 94.17%

**Acacia** - 93.64%

**Juniper** - 88.65%

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 'Sacrifice'.

During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants.

Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take moment to thank them for what they do this week.

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NARY+**

## We welcome Mr Ketteringham..

We would like to introduce our new Responsible Premises Officer, Mr Shaun Ketteringham, to you all.

Mr Ketteringham will be on site daily to maintain our lovely school and keep things in good order for us!

Welcome to St. Augustine's, Mr Ketteringham - we're delighted to have you with us; thank you for all of your hard work so far!





*Olive Class exploring magnets!*



*Mrs Donington telling us all about our exciting Science Week!*



*Sycamore Class experimenting with magnets!*



*Holly, Ella and Ellie-Mae working on an experiment!*

# SCIENCE WEEK

What a fun week we've had at St. Augustine's for Science Week! Thank you to Mrs Donington for organising such amazing activities for us!

The four children below will get some Virtue points for their super questions - congratulations and well done to everyone for taking part and being so enthusiastic.

**Jacob P: 'Who was the first ever scientist?'**

**Molly P: 'What are some of the most accurate ways to find out how to make something new and extraordinary?'**

**My best scientific question is...**

**Derry: 'Why can't you change the middle of a Rubik's cube?'**

**Nolan: 'Does an ice cube melt quicker on a different surface?'**

## STARGAZING AT SACREWELL FARM!

Sacrewell Farm have a lovely stargazing event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - tickets are just £8 for adults and £6.50 for children.

Click on the image below for more info and to book tickets!



## TITANOSAUR AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL!

This April, Peterborough Cathedral will unveil a prehistoric giant beneath its soaring central tower. Step inside and come face to face with Titanosaur, a full-scale cast of Patagotitan mayorum, the most complete giant dinosaur ever discovered, an awe-inspiring loan from London's Natural History Museum.

Click on the image below for more info and to book tickets!



## WHATSAPP PARENT INFORMATION FROM LINCS CC

# Whatsapp

### Location Sharing

WhatsApp gives you the ability to share your device's location with other users

This can be turned off in settings

### Reporting and Blocking

You can report problematic content to WhatsApp. You can also block a user to stop all contact

### Group chats

Whatsapp has the ability for users to be added or create group chats, if you're child is added into a group chat with people they don't know that will give that person the ability to chat with them.

You can't always control if you're added to a group chat; but remind children that they can always leave whenever they want to or block unwanted contact

You can mute the group chat without leaving the group, this stops notifications but still allows you to check in when you want.

### What is Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a messaging app owned by Meta that allows users (13+) to send text, voice, and video messages, make calls, and share media, documents, and locations, all using an internet connection

### Privacy Settings

Whatsapp has the following privacy settings -

- Last seen online
- Profile photo
- About
- Status
- Read receipts
- Silence unknown callers

You can set these features to Everyone, My contacts, My contacts except..., and Nobody

### Sharing Personal Information

Ensure you remind your children that they shouldn't share private information including -

- names, phone numbers, links to other social media accounts or their school
- locations
- other people's personal information
- links to join private group chats
- photos of themselves including indecent images

### Further information

Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL

Working for a better future