

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

It has been a settled and positive week in school this week. We began with a fantastic start, enjoying an amazing mini concert from the pupils who take part in private drumming and singing lessons. I am truly in awe of how much progress they have made in such a short time—we certainly have some stars in the making!

A huge well done to our Year 6 rugby team, who showed great determination by competing in very challenging weather conditions and finishing as runners-up in their tournament. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Kaczmarek and Mrs Ellis for their support and encouragement.

This week, I have had the opportunity to spend time in classrooms across the school. I have been extremely impressed with the pupils' learning behaviours and their enthusiasm. Many children were able to talk confidently about their learning and share their knowledge with me, which was wonderful to see.

Next term, we will be placing a greater focus on developing children's speaking and listening skills, alongside broadening their vocabulary. Oracy in school refers to the ability to speak and listen effectively; it goes beyond simply talking and includes expressing ideas clearly, using a rich and appropriate vocabulary, and listening carefully to others. Through developing these skills, children learn to build on and respectfully challenge the ideas of others, and to communicate with confidence in a range of situations. In the classroom, this is supported through discussions, debates, presentations and collaborative work. We believe that when children can express themselves clearly, they are better able to deepen their understanding and share their thoughts, feelings and ideas with confidence, becoming articulate communicators across all areas of learning and in everyday life. We look forward to developing this further and will share ways in which you can support your child at home.

This week, I also had the privilege of meeting with other Headteachers across our Trust, providing a valuable opportunity to reflect, share experiences and learn from one another. During our time together, our Lead Chaplain, Tom Baptist, led a thoughtful and inspiring reflection on the meeting between Elizabeth and Mary. He encouraged us to pause and consider what their conversation might have been, reflecting on the faith, hope and joy present within that encounter. It served as a powerful reminder of the importance of encouragement, recognising the good in one another, and taking time to celebrate moments of shared belief and purpose.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Dear Lord,
On this Palm Sunday, may we remember to always be ready to praise you as our king, just like the crowds did.

Let us keep the growth from this Lent in our hearts and in our minds, so that – during the week ahead – we continue to move closer to you through all we do.



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a special day in the Christian calendar, marking the beginning of Holy Week. It remembers the day when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, and people welcomed him by waving palm branches and spreading them on the road, celebrating with joy and hope.

In many churches on Sunday, people receive palm crosses as a reminder of this joyful welcome. Palm Sunday invites us to think about kindness, peace, and how we can welcome others in our own lives.

As we begin this important week leading up to Easter, Palm Sunday helps us remember the story of Jesus and the message of love He shared with the world.

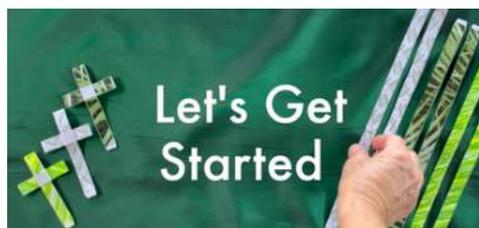
PALM SUNDAY - CRAFT ACTIVITY!

This Sunday, known as Palm Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. On this day we commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people tore branches from the palm trees to wave and to throw on the ground before him, to make a carpet on which his donkey could ride.

The palms traditionally given at Mass on Palm Sunday have been blessed and are regarded as holy objects. It is traditional to fold your Palm Sunday palm into a cross, which can then be tucked in behind a picture or crucifix at home, or perhaps used as a bookmark in a prayer book.

If you are unable to attend Mass on Palm Sunday, why not try making your own Palm Cross at home with paper? You could use any paper that you have at home, and you could colour or decorate it however you like!

Here's a video with step-by-step instructions if you'd like to give it a go - just click on the image below.



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).



- Miss Griffin

CAFOD WEEK!

We are delighted to announce that our CAFOD Week raised £169!

Thank you all for your generous support!



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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 - Sam - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Kaian - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - Ripley - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - Leo - **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

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 - New YouTube Feature

One of the most common concerns from parents when it comes to YouTube is the lack of parental management features, in other words the videos their children can and should not see. Many parents I speak to don't know that there are features within both the main YouTube app and the YouTube Kids app. As such I have shared these features in this newsletter a few times in the past.

But Google have now released another feature, specifically this allows a parent to set up a Supervised Experience account on the parents device. This is important because many younger children will watch YouTube videos on their parents device, where it is likely there are no restrictions in place. So this new feature is a welcome addition.

To tie all these features together I have produced an article explaining Supervised Experience (on the main YouTube app) and Parent Allowlisting (on the YouTube Kids app) Link: [YouTube Settings for Parents](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



THE MARK 10 MISSION - PALM SUNDAY

As I'm sure you know, Palm Sunday is this weekend and these videos will be a great way to help children enter into the Gospel, encounter Jesus and begin Holy Week.

The great invitation we share in both The Mark 10 Mission and the Little Liturgy videos is for children to welcome Jesus into their hearts. Like the crowds that shout 'Hosanna!' on Palm Sunday, they can show their love for Jesus and promise to walk by his side through Holy Week



- The Mark 10 Mission

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



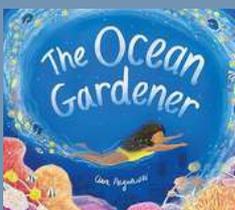
BOOK CORNER!

Our friends at St. Norbert's have some lovely book recommendations for us this week!

'The Ocean Gardener' by Clara Anganuzzi is an inspiring, beautifully illustrated picture book that follows a young girl named Ayla and her mother, a marine biologist, as they work to save their island's reef.

'Firefly Song' by Colleen Paef follows Lynn, who spends her childhood summers in the Great Smoky Mountains watching fireflies that blink in perfect unison. As an adult, she discovers that scientists believe synchronous fireflies only exist in Southeast Asia. Despite not being a trained scientist, Lynn uses her lifelong observations and a "musical score" she composed to represent their patterns to prove their existence in the Western Hemisphere.

Click on the images below for more!



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.96%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive- 80.7%

Sycamore - 91.67%

Acacia - 98.48%

Juniper - 91.29%

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](#),



"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"



STAMFORD LIBRARY!



What's on this school holiday? at Stamford Library

Early Talkers	
Rhyme-time for the 0-5 year-olds. Led by the Early Years Alliance	Sat 4th and 18th April 11.00am – 11.45am
Kids Spring Craft Activity	
Make a Bouncing Bunny. A free activity. All materials provided. No need to book.	Tuesday 7th April 10.00am – 11.30am
Storytime	
A delightful half-hour for the under 5s. Gather for fun stories and rhymes	Wed 8th & 15th April 11.00am – 11.30am
Mini-crafternoon	
Get creative with your pre-schoolers and have fun discovering your crafty side.	Wed 8th & 15th April 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Storytime	
A delightful half-hour for the under 5s. Gather for fun stories and rhymes	Saturday 11th April 11.00am – 11.30am
Kids Spring Craft Activity	
Make a beautiful floral wreath to take home. Free and all materials provided.	Tuesday 14th April 10.00am – 11.30am

POP ROX CONCERT AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S!

On Monday, we were treated to a musical extravaganza! The children who have been having music lessons with Rory from Pop Rox put on the most amazing show for us all - a huge well done to Stanley, Elliot, Austin, Molly, Ezra and Jacob; you were incredible! Thank you to Rory from Pop Rox for making this possible and so memorable for the children.



Pop Rox Music School is all about helping kids explore, create, and perform music. In their weekly 30-minute sessions, your child can learn guitar, drums, vocals, and recently added keyboards! Students learn their chosen instrument, gain confidence and perform, rocking out together in a full band experience. Pop Rox is fun, inspiring, and just £36.95 per month (Excl. August). Secure your child's space here: www.poproxmusicschool.com



**STAMFORD
GYMNASTICS
CLUB**

Spaces Available April 2026



TIME TABLE

4-6 years - Monday -Thursday 4pm,
Friday 4pm and 5pm, Saturday 9am

7-9 years - Monday - Thursday 5pm,
Friday 6pm, Saturday 10am

10-12 years - Wednesday 6pm and
Saturday 11am

TEEN 13+ - Thursday 6pm



Please contact us on
stamfordgymnasticsclub@gmail.com to book your
taster session.



stamfordgymnasticsclub.co.uk



*Good
Friday*

Workshop

All Saints' Church Stamford

Friday 3rd April 2026

from 10.00 – 11.30

(adults to stay with children please)

A morning of fun activities for children of all
ages (and grown ups too!)

centred around Holy Week and
Easter Day.

Make an Easter card

Easter crafts

Decorate an Easter basket to
fill at the egg hunt after the
10.00 service on Easter Day



Free refreshments!





SCAN ME!

Volunteer with George's food hub!

Just a few hours—one morning, one day,
whatever you can spare—will greatly
help our community.

Call George Hetherington today to
request a volunteer form.

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www.georgesfoodhub.co.uk



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• 10AM - 4PM •

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