

# 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 is a lovely feeling to finish the week knowing we have a long bank holiday ahead. Let us hope the weather stays bright so we can all enjoy the extra time.

In school this week, we have been reflecting on the question: Why is it important to show kindness? This has been the focus of our Oracy discussions, and the conversations in class have been thoughtful and engaging. The children explored situations where showing kindness can feel particularly challenging—for example, when someone is rude to them or their friends, or when they have been physically hurt. In such moments, it can be very difficult to 'turn the other cheek'.

One of the core virtues we uphold at school is friendship and kindness, and we encourage everyone to demonstrate this in all that they do. However, we also recognise that we are all human. There are times when we do not always get this right—teachers, leaders, parents, and children alike may struggle to show kindness consistently.

There are also moments when it is appropriate to feel and express anger. Even Jesus showed anger when the temple was used as a marketplace, overturning the tables. This reminds us that while kindness is a guiding value, it exists alongside a full range of human emotions, and learning how to respond thoughtfully in each situation is an important part of growing together.

In our school, we operate a virtues-based system in which we recognise and reward positive attitudes, effort, and behaviour. Alongside this, we use 'reflection' points to support children in pausing and considering their choices when they have not followed our shared virtues.

We find this to be a valuable approach in guiding children on their journey through school, helping them to learn, grow, and make positive decisions. If you have any questions about the system we have in place, further information is available on our website, and our staff are always happy to help

I wish you a restful long weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

*Mrs Oliver*



# LET US PRAY

Dear Mary,

You said "yes" to God with love and trust.  
Help us to listen like you did,  
To be kind and gentle each day,  
And to share God's love in all we do.  
Pray for us, Mary, our mother and our friend,  
That we may follow Jesus with open hearts.

Amen.



## HONOURING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is a time when we reflect on her faith, humility, and loving example. Mary trusted in God's plan and showed great courage and kindness throughout her life, inspiring us to be like Mary in our own daily actions.

Throughout May, children may take part in special prayers, class reflections, and activities to honour Mary. Flowers are often offered as a symbol of love and devotion, reminding us of the beauty of creation and the importance of showing care for one another. During the month of May, we ask Mary to guide us in growing closer to Jesus and living with compassion, peace, and hope.

May also gives us an opportunity to think about the qualities Mary showed throughout her life: patience, gentleness, and trust. By following her example, we are reminded to be thoughtful in our words, generous in our actions, and open to helping those around us.

- Miss Griffin

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Bella in Year 6 Juniper Class who celebrates her 11th birthday today, and to Blake in Acacia Class who celebrates her 9th birthday today!

Dilan in Olive Class will be 5 tomorrow!



Many happy returns to you all from everyone at St. Augustine's! We hope that you have a super time celebrating!



## 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.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Every Friday lunchtime, our School Council children will be in the Jubilee Room selling fun fidgets and useful stationery items, including pencils, sharpeners, erasers and more! All items cost just 50p, so come along and pick something special while stocks last!



# VIRTUE CERTIFICATES!



Olive Class - Jack - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - Adam - **Love & Respect**

Acacia Class - **The Whole Class!\*** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - Molly-Rose - **Hope & Confidence**



*Congratulations to all of the recipients of this week's Virtue Certificates - we are all very proud of you!*

*\*Mrs Dollin has awarded the whole class with this week's Acacia Class virtue certificate for their amazing time at PGL today!*

## 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 - Your Child's Digital Footprint

What is a digital footprint? Basically it's the trail we all create online whenever we visit a web page, buy something, scroll social media and everything else we do online. It's a really important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more.

Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more.

Link: [Internet Matters - What you need to know about your child's digital footprint.](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



## THE MARK 10 MISSION - PALM SUNDAY

With the month of May starting today, we have chosen to combine our usual Sunday Gospel celebration of the Word with the theme of Mary, Queen of May. In the Gospel, Jesus says "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To follow the way of Jesus can be tricky sometimes. Therefore, we want children to know that Our Lady is a perfect helper and guide as they strive to love and follow her son.

Something I'm particularly excited for the children to see this week is our latest hymn. Sr Therese has recorded a beautiful version of 'Flowers of the Rarest' complete with actions. I always love the thought of presenting traditional hymns to a new generation and I hope the children enjoy singing this one.

**THE MARK 10**  
*Mission*

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies for children 8 and under  
**HAIL MARY, QUEEN OF MAY**



The Mark 10 Mission for children 8+  
**MARY LEADS US TO JESUS**

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

Next week's word is 'Witness'.

Witness is the sharing of our faith with others. It is a way of testifying to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. Our witness can be a way of celebrating the hope and joy that we have in Jesus and a way of powerfully sharing the good news with those around us.

Find one way to share what your faith means to you with someone else this week.

**EXTRA  
+ORDO  
NARY+**

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.31%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive**- 91.81%

**Sycamore** - 91.56%

**Acacia** - 95.24%

**Juniper** - 85.89%

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"



## F.O.S.A

**MARVELLOUS MEN DAY**  
**12TH JUNE**  
JEANS OR JOGGERS

**DAD 16TH JUNE**  
**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

IN RETURN FOR JEANS OR JOGGERS DAY & CRAZY HAIR DAY, PLEASE SEND IN A DONATION FOR OUR MARVELLOUS MEN GIFT SHOP.  
GIFT BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM F.O.S.A HQ FOR £1 (SM) OR £2.50 (LG). CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE THEIR ITEMS AND DECORATE THEIR BAGS IN SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

# This week at St A's...

What a great week we've had! Highlights include a sunny picnic in Little Stars, a cricket coaching lesson with coaches from Stamford School and Burghley Cricket Club, and an afternoon of board games, cakes and fun with the residents of Evergreen!





# 2026 May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 -Acacia Class PGL -Shine Bright Fundraising Day!	2	3
4 -Bank Holiday Monday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 -Year 6 SATS	12 -Year 6 SATS	13 -Year 6 SATS	14 -Year 6 SATS	15 -Year 6 SATS -History Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 -St. Augustine's Mass 2pm	23	24
25 -Bank Holiday Monday	26 -Half Term	27 -Half Term	28 -Half Term	29 -Half Term	30	31



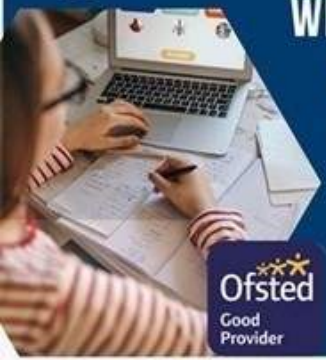
# 2026 June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 -F.O.S.A. JEANS OR JOGGERS DAY!	13	14
15	16 -F.O.S.A. CRAZY HAIR DAY!	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Level 2 Education Support Course

# STEP INTO THE CLASSROOM WITH OUR ONLINE SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES



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Start date: 18th May 2026

## Our Course:

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**What does it include?**  
Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent  
Level 2 Certificate in Behaviours that Challenge

## Career Pathways:

- Teaching Assistant
- 1:1 Support Roles
- Lunch Time Supervisor
- & so many more!

*“ Take that leap and go through with it. People will support you. It's for your own growth. Take that step - it will be okay! The confidence you will gain from this course is invaluable ”*

**ENROL TODAY**

0345 835 8146  
adam.shearer@aspireeducationacademy.co.uk



Do you have concerns about your child's speech and language skills?

Are they aged 4 and under?

Come and speak to a Speech and Language Practitioner for advice on how to support your child



### DROP IN

Every Monday  
10:00am to 12:00pm

#### Stamford Children's Centre

Green Lane  
Stamford  
PE9 1HE

Tel: 01780 764072 Email: StamfordCC@lincolnshire.gov.uk



# TITANOSAUR AT TWILIGHT

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In a space built for awe.

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lancollis@caplifekills.org 07771566533

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St Georges Church Place, Cheyne Lane  
Stamford PE9 2AX

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