

# 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

The school has a distinctly summery feel as we return from our bank holiday weekend. It is lovely to be able to use our enormous field at playtimes at last.

We have many things to be thankful to God for this week.

I was immensely proud of Acacia Class last week, who enjoyed the “best day ever” at PGL, their only complaint was that they couldn’t stay longer. The class enjoyed orienteering, where they could roam the site at Caythorpe completely independently—without teachers! The highlight of the day—apart from the visit to the shop—was the giant swing. For those who do not know the Giant Swing is the ultimate test of nerve and joint decision-making. Two or three of your students are harnessed into the swing, while other members of the group haul them up to 10 metres into the air. Mrs. Dollin was very proud of them all, especially as their return journey took a lot longer than anticipated and they showed great patience in difficult circumstances!

Next week is an important one for all Year 6 pupils across the country as they sit their SATs tests. These tests mark the first formal assessments in their long educational journey and are often used as indicators for grading at GCSE and A Level.

Pupils will sit tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading, and Maths. The students in Juniper class have been working hard all year in preparation for these. The tests cover all the information they have learnt in the past 4 years whilst they have been in Key Stage 2. However, these tests do not measure the humour, resilience, or perseverance they bring to school with them every day— qualities our pupils have in bucketfuls. They do not measure the kindness they have shown to one another in difficult situations. They do not measure the tricks they can do on a scooter or how they can belt out a great tune.

Here at St. Augustine’s we are proud that our pupils are so much more than a number or a grade. They are beautifully complex young people, ready to move on to the next stage of their education and take the world by storm. We have about 10 weeks left with them as a key part of our community — 10 weeks that we shall truly treasure.

Good luck, Year 6 — we’ve got this!

*Mrs Oliver*



# LET US PRAY

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
Our first family of faith,  
we come before you as a family of faith  
in this school, this community, our neighbourhood.

In all that you ask us to do,  
give us generous hearts.

When we find things difficult,  
give us compassion,  
and when others struggle  
may we give them our time and our care.

When things go well,  
help us to remember  
that you make us the people we are.  
May we never forget to thank you.

Keep us in your care,  
show us the right path  
and lead us as pilgrims  
to the Joy of your Kingdom.

Amen.

- Birmingham Diocese



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Layla in our Acacia Class who celebrates her 8th birthday tomorrow!



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

## SPORTS DAY!

Our St. Augustine's Sports Day will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June!

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June is the reserve date in case of inclement weather on Thursday.



## 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!



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY - 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Next Wednesday, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, remembering the message of hope, peace and compassion shared with three children in Portugal in 1917. Their story reminds us that even the smallest voices can carry great importance, and that children too can inspire positive change in the world around them.

In today's fast-moving world, where lots of us can feel worried or uncertain, the message of Fatima is just as relevant. It encourages us to pause, reflect, and remember the importance of kindness, inner peace, and looking after one another. Small acts of care, such as a thoughtful word, helping a friend, or including someone who feels alone, can have a lasting impact.

As a school family, we know that hope grows when we choose love, understanding and compassion each day. This special feast is a reminder to us all to be peacemakers in our homes, classrooms and wider community, sharing light and encouragement wherever we go.

- 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 - **Elsie** - **Friendship & Kindness**

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

Acacia Class - **Logan** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class Year 5 - **Lola-Rose** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Raven** - **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 - How to Talk to Children if they see Traumatic Events

Many children will have seen or heard some of the horrific events that have been happening recently. Whether that's on the news, someone discussing it, or perhaps online, children can be traumatised by what they are seeing and hearing.

This article from The Conversation discusses the issue and gives some really good advice.

Link: [The Conversation - How to talk to children when terrorist attacks and violence dominate the news.](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



## THE MARK 10 MISSION

Next Sunday is the sixth of Easter and in the Gospel, Jesus makes a promise. He says that he will never leave us as orphans and that the Holy Spirit will come to us. What a wonderful encouragement to share with children - that wherever they go, no matter how alone they feel, they can always call upon the Holy Spirit to be their comfort and guide. I hope you agree that this is a critically important message for children to hear.

DISCLAIMER: These videos aren't designed to help children learn about the Holy Spirit, they are created so that they can meet and be filled by him. When that occurs, amazing things can happen!

Enjoy the videos and the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Click on the images below to watch the videos.

**THE MARK 10**  
*Mission*



Little Liturgies for children 8 and under  
**INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT**



The Mark 10 Mission for children 8+  
**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.78%\*

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive** - 88.89%

**Sycamore** - 90.86%

**Acacia** - 97.96%

**Juniper** - 87.64%

*\*Based on a 4 day week due to Bank Holiday*

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 'Example'.

An example is a model of behaviour. It is something that we can look to in order to learn how to live our lives. The lives of the saints, and other holy men and women, remind us that we are all called to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We too, should also be an example to others by trying to live a life of love, service, and forgiveness.

This week, Think of something positive and loving you can do for those around you to set a good example to others.

**EXTRA  
+ORDO  
NARY+**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

School governors support the school in achieving the best outcomes for all of our St. Augustine's children. They monitor and evaluate the progress that the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. Governors usually focus on a particular area of school life on behalf of the whole board.

You don't need any special training to be a governor, but you would be expected to take part in some induction training to help you understand your role and develop your skills and knowledge.

If you would like some more information on becoming a governor and what it involves, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Julie McBrearty, [julie.mcbrearty@st.augustine.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:julie.mcbrearty@st.augustine.lincs.sch.uk), or the Headteacher, Mrs Oliver, [enquiries@st.augustine.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st.augustine.lincs.sch.uk)

# MTC INFORMATION FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS

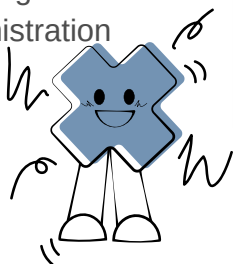
The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently up to 12, through a set of 25 timed questions. This skill is essential for future success in mathematics, and the check will help schools identify pupils who have not yet mastered this and provide additional support.

In 2026, schools must administer the MTC in the 2-week period between Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June.

Schools can use the following week, from Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June, to administer it to any pupils who were absent during the first 2 weeks or in case of any check administration delays due to technical difficulties.

[- gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



# ACACIA CLASS - PGL VISIT

Last Friday, our Year 3 & 4 Acacia Class had a brilliant time visiting PGL for a taster session! The children had a long journey home but all showed such resilience! We are very proud of all of you!



# TERM TIMES MAGAZINE

The latest edition of Term Times magazine is here! Your child will be bringing a paper copy home - click on the image below to view the online version.



# LINCOLNSHIRE PARENT CARER FORUM

**17** What's Coming Up in May  
(All sessions must be booked via the LPCF Events Page – for LPCF members only)

- 17** Monday 11th May | 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Online  
Transition Workshop (Primary to Secondary)( for parents & Professionals)
- 17** Thursday 14th May | 11:00am – 12:30pm | Online  
Juggling the Joys of Parenting – Planning for Your Future Parents only
- 17** Thursday 14th May | 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Online  
Hypnotherapy Wellbeing – Stopping the Spiral Parents only

Looking ahead

- 17** New June Workshop for parents and professionals
- 17** Toilet Skills (Contenance Issues)
- 17** 16 June 2026 | **17** 1:00–2:30pm

Virtual

Delivered by the Children & Young People's Nursing Team, this session offers practical, realistic strategies based on the experiences of families.

Covers:

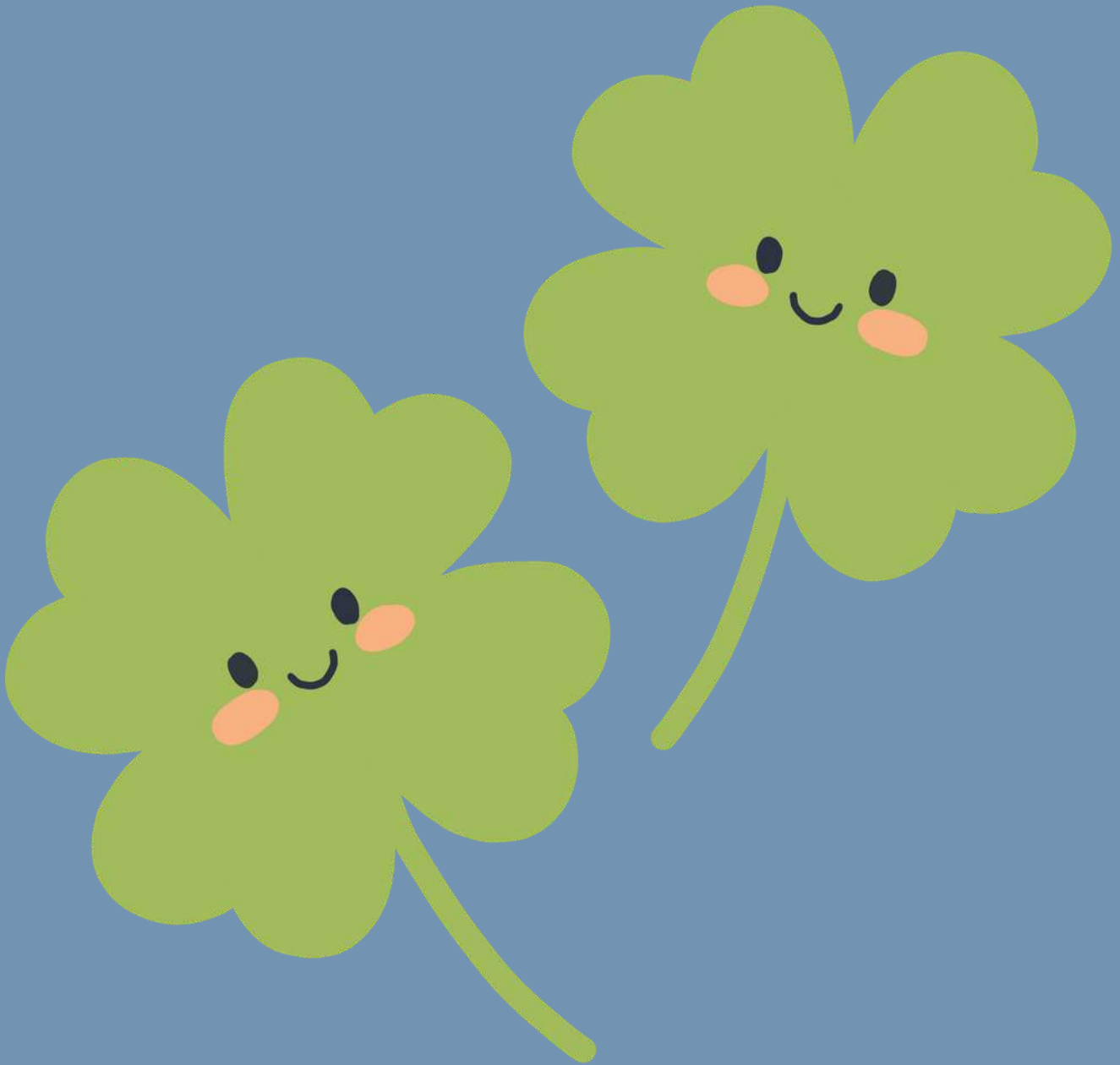
- Toilet skills & anxieties
- Sensory needs & interoception
- Practical strategies for home
- Support for older children & next steps
- E-booking required

Practical, supportive advice to help you feel more confident.

[All events book here](#)



# Good Luck Year 6!



*Good luck to all of our Year 6 Juniper Class children  
for their SATs next week.*

*Remember how hard you've worked for this  
moment; stay calm, focused, and try your best!*



# 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 -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 -SPORTS DAY!	26 -RESERVE SPORTS DAY IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ON 25/06/26	27	28
29	30					

# WORRIED?

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- Meet the animals
- Campfire Cooking
- Bushcraft
- Survivor Fun
- Pony Fun
- Minecraft Fun
- Splash Fun

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9am - 3.30pm  
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