

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 busy and exciting week for our pupils once again.

Our Year 6 pupils approached their SATs week with determination, resilience and a very positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the tests. By Tuesday afternoon, they were relieved that the assessments were complete and are now proudly wearing their leavers' hoodies as they begin to enjoy their final term at St. Augustine's.

Today we celebrate History Day in school. Each class has been given a box of artefacts from Peterborough Museum as a starting point for discussion. Pupils will then learn about a wide range of historical periods. Throughout the week, our pupils have been studying the school timeline, which stands proudly in our corridor, to deepen their chronological understanding. I am proud to say that the pupils of St Augustine's are excited about history. They are fascinated by how people lived in the past and how societies were built.

As a Catholic school, we weave the presence of God throughout our curriculum, even during times in history when people may have felt that God was absent. For example, during our studies of World War II, we teach children about figures such as Maximilian Kolbe, the Catholic priest who offered to take another prisoner's place at Auschwitz. In KS1, we learn about Rosa Parks, the American civil rights activist who played a pivotal role in advancing the rights of Black people in America.

History is rich with examples of people who stand up for others and demonstrate God's love in powerful ways. Through teaching our pupils about these inspiring individuals, we hope they too will find their own small ways to show God's love to others in their daily lives.

Finally, with just one more week to go until our half-term break, next week promises to be a busy one. On Wednesday, we will take part in our Marian procession — a special celebration in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, where we gather in prayer and song. On Friday, we look forward to welcoming you all to our St Augustine's Day Mass.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Holy Spirit,
You came upon the apostles in the Upper Room and made them bold. You took their fear and turned it into mission. You took their hesitancy and turned it into witness.

Come now, once more, in these nine days, to our Diocese of Nottingham. Inspire and enable us to make encounter, discipleship and mission the foundation of all we do: not as a programme of our own making, but as the Lord's work in us, nourished by the Eucharist and brought to life by your breath.

Breathe through our parishes and our schools, our chaplaincies and our homes, our hospitals and our prisons, our villages, towns and cities.

Find every heart that is willing, and unfurl its sails.

Make us, like the first disciples, faith-filled, joyful and outward-looking missionary disciples: offering the little we have and trusting You will make it fruitful.



Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Tobias in our Sycamore Class who celebrates his 7th birthday on Monday!



Many happy returns to you, Tobias, 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 Wednesday 24th June!

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



PENTECOST NOVENA -FRIDAY 15 MAY; EASTER FERIA

Nine days. One diocese. United prayer.

Bishop Patrick invites the whole Diocese to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit, from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday.

From Ascension Thursday to the day of Pentecost, the Diocese of Nottingham is being invited to do something very simple: to pray, together, as one diocesan family. Every parish, every chaplaincy, every school, every Religious community, every household, every housebound parishioner and every retired priest. One diocese, nine days, united prayer.

A novena is simply nine days of prayer for a particular intention. It is one of the oldest patterns of prayer in the Church. Its roots are in the very first novena, prayed by the apostles and Mary in the Upper Room as they waited for the Holy Spirit. Two thousand years on, we are being invited to wait and pray in the same way, asking the Holy Spirit to breathe afresh through the life of our diocese.

You can pray this novena on your phone on the bus, kneeling beside your bed, in the chapel after Mass, or with your family before supper. It takes only a few minutes a day. There are three ways to join in, pick whichever suits you best:

[Sign up for the daily email.](#) Have each day's scripture, reflection and prayer arrive in your inbox each morning of the novena.

[Download the Pentecost App.](#) Carry the full novena in your pocket, ready whenever you are.

[Click here](#) for the full message from Bishop Patrick.



OUR PARISH CHURCH

- The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

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 - Stanley - Hope & Confidence

Sycamore Class - Lottie-Lou - Hope & Confidence

Acacia Class - Saoirse - Love of Learning & Determination

Juniper Class Year 5 - Olivia - Love of Learning & Determination

Juniper Class Year 6 - Jake - Love of Learning & Determination



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)



Online safety Q+A for primary parents



Wednesday 20th May
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Microsoft Teams event

Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an Online Safety Event for Parents to discover more about the digital world your child is navigating!

Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an essential online safety event for parents. We'll provide the latest information and practical tools to help you:

- Understand what your child experiences online
- Use parental controls effectively
- Navigate age-appropriate apps, games, and social media
- Ask your burning questions about online trends and risks

Equip yourself with the knowledge and skills to keep your teen safe while they explore the online world.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048>

E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

For Parents - Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online.

Link - [Find the Right Words](#).

For Parents - Steam Parental Controls

Steam is a huge digital distribution platform for PC gaming and hugely popular with children and young people. Basically Steam acts as a storefront, installer, launcher and social network for 30,000 games. Because of the vast range of games, some of which will not be suitable for children, it's important that parents understand the controls that are available to them on the Steam platform. Internet Matters have a 1-minute video on YouTube which will help with this.

Link - [Parents video guide to Steam parental controls](#).

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



THE MARK 10 MISSION

I know we are in exam season for a lot of children this week and so I especially pray that these videos can help and encourage them.

In many ways this week's videos are perfect for this intense time of year. They celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and in the Gospel, Jesus makes a great promise:

'I will be with you always'

Matthew 28:20

I pray these videos help children to encounter the Lord Jesus this week and to know that he is always with them!

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies for children 8 and under
Jesus Ascends To Heaven



The Mark 10 Mission for children 8+
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THE MARK 10
Mission

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.72%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive - 91.23%

Sycamore - 92%

Acacia - 95.24%

Juniper - 89.79%

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 'Communication'.

Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.

Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.

**EXTRA
+ORDO
NARY+**



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 CHOSE THEIR ITEMS AND DECORATE THEIR BAGS IN SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Logos: Friends of St. Augustine's (F.O.S.A.), My Hero, WE DAD



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



PENTECOST NOVENA



Friday, 15th May – Saturday, 23rd May 2026

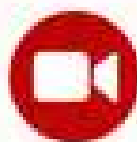
A time together in prayer, reflection, and fellowship
as we prepare our hearts to commemorate
the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



DAILY EMAILS

Short prayer & reflection
each day



DAILY ZOOM PRAYER

10–15 min session
at 12:30 PM each day



BOTH

For a full experience
of the Novena

IN-PERSON

Adoration and Chaplet of the Holy Spirit



WHEN:

Saturday, 23rd May 2026,
10:00 AM



WHERE:

St Mary & St Augustine Church,
Stamford

SIGN UP / CONTACT

Contact Carrie Ann in the Stamford Office



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Come and join us in prayer,
reflection, and fellowship!

