

# 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 we come to the end of the second week of our Pentecost Term, there is a real buzz around school.

Auditions for St Augustine's Got Talent are in full swing, and our School Council have the difficult task of deciding who will make it through to the final. We have already seen an amazing range of talents, and we are looking forward to celebrating the confidence, creativity and courage of our pupils.

Speaking of finals, excitement is also building for the upcoming World Cup! There has been plenty of discussion around school and, especially in Juniper Class, where Mrs Ellis has organised a sweepstake. The children are eagerly following the competition and enjoying the friendly rivalry it brings.

This week's assembly used football as a way of exploring important life lessons. The children reflected on how successful teams work together, support one another and persevere when faced with challenges. We discussed how everyone has an important role to play, whether on the football pitch, in the classroom or within our wider community.

Our focus Bible verse was:

**"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

The children considered how football players encourage their teammates and how we can do the same in our everyday lives through kindness, support and positive words. As part of our Catholic mission, we challenged ourselves to encourage one another and build each other up throughout the week by celebrating others' successes, offering help when needed and showing kindness in our words and actions.

You may wish to ask your child:

- *How does teamwork help people succeed?*
- *Why is encouragement important?*
- *How can we build others up at home, at school and in our community?*

As we continue through this busy and exciting term, let us be inspired by the example of good teamwork and friendship, showing kindness, respect and encouragement to everyone we meet.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*Mrs Oliver*



## LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ,  
As we come to the end of this school day,  
Help us to reflect and to pray:  
For the difficulties I have known, I ask for your help.  
For the blessings I have received; I thank you.  
May I seek to be an instrument of your peace  
In my home today.  
Each day is a gift.  
May I look forward to a new start tomorrow.  
May the journey of my life be an experience of your  
love, Your compassion,  
Your forgiveness  
And your peace

Amen.



## SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

From September 2026, we will no longer be setting automatic meal orders for children who are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and Free School Meals (FSM).

Instead, parents will now be fully responsible for ordering their child's meals. This shift is part of our commitment to reduce food waste, which is a major contributor to climate change and poses a significant challenge in achieving our net zero targets. If you have any questions or need assistance with the meal ordering process, please feel free to contact the office.

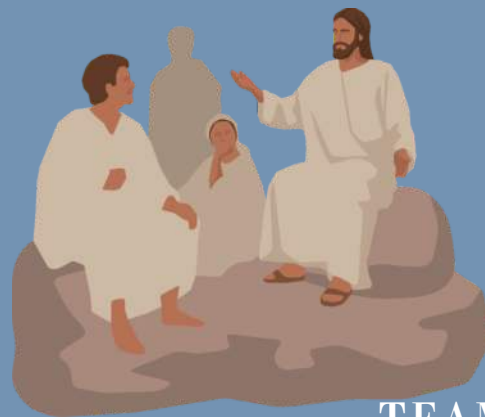
We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this important transition.

## POP ROX CONCERT!

After the roaring success of our last POP ROX concert, Rory has arranged the next one for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9am!

Rory will be sending out invitation letters to our POP ROX parents - please come to the main reception for a 9am start!

We look forward to seeing you!



## TEAMWORK!

As excitement builds around the World Cup, we are reminded that great teams work together, encourage one another and use everyone's different strengths.

Jesus gathered His disciples to be part of His team. They were all different people with different talents, but by working together and trusting in Jesus, they shared His message of love and hope with others.

Just like a football team needs every player to play their part, we are all important members of God's family. In our St. Augustine's school community, we can support one another, show kindness and use our gifts and skills to help others.

This week, let us remember that when we work together with Jesus at the centre, amazing things can happen.

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

Who is on your team, and how can you help them succeed?

- 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 - **Ralphie** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Sycamore Class - **Ivy C** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Acacia Class - **Finley** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

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

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Peggy** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



*Well done to all of this week's virtue certificate winners!*



## 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 - WhatsApp for Under 13's

With the exception of YouTube, WhatsApp has always been one of the most popular messaging apps, including for children under 13. This has always been a concern for a lot of different reasons, but out of the blue it seems that Meta have now created a parent-managed service which I think is really good.

Similar to other parent-managed accounts, a parent will pair their device/account to the child's device/account which then gives a lot of flexibility such as:

- No 'view once' messages.
- No location sharing.
- Messages and group invites from unknown contacts sent to the parent for approval.
- Parent notifications, such as new contact added.

Link: [WhatsApp parent-managed accounts - explained.](#)

Link: [How to set up a parent-managed account.](#)

### Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie  
Online Safety Specialist



## THE MARK 10 MISSION

June is the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and this week we want to lead children closer to the love of the Sacred Heart. In the Gospel this coming Sunday, Jesus looks out over a group of people and feels deep compassion for them. In both the Mark 10 Mission episode and the Little Liturgies we reflect upon how Jesus looks at each of us with the same love.

There is one thing I especially love about this week's videos. It's the huge wooden Sacred Heart statue that stands next to Sr Therese in her reflection. I have a soft spot for that statue because I had a big job on to get him to Hinsley Hall for our filming. He usually lives in our children's liturgy room at St Mary's in Halifax. After Mass a few weeks ago, I had to carry him through church, to my car and then seatbelt him into the passenger seat. We then drove up the M62 side by side. I've no doubt a few motorists were taken by surprise when they glanced across at me and my passenger that Sunday afternoon!

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



**THE MARK 10**  
*Mission*

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 90.08%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

**Olive** - 90.06%

**Sycamore** - 88.84%

**Acacia** - 95.77%

**Juniper** - 87.69%

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 words are 'Missionary Discipleship'.

Missionary Discipleship is the call to share our faith with others. Missionary Discipleship reminds us that we must go out and share the love of Christ with others, to make the world a better place. Missionary Discipleship is a way of life that is full of joy and hope and in living our life in this way we can bring others to encounter Christ through us.

Find a way to put your faith into action this week to help others to Encounter Jesus.

**EXTRA  
+ORDO  
NARY+**

## ST. A'S READING CHALLENGE!

A huge thank you to Nolan and Molly, who raised the most sponsorship in our reading challenge to buy these books from Usborne Books!

Thank you so much to all of the children who took part in the reading challenge, and to everyone who generously sponsored the children - we are so very grateful to be able to have these lovely books in the library for everyone to enjoy!



**THANK  
YOU**

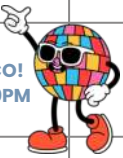

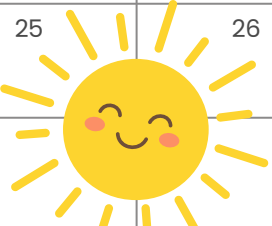


# 2026 June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 -Back to school!	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 -YEAR 5 TRIP TO CASTERTON COLLEGE	24 -SPORTS DAY! 	25 -F.O.S.A. NON-UNIFORM DAY!	26 -RESERVE SPORTS DAY IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER ON 24/06/26	27	28
29	30					



# 2026 July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 -F.O.S.A. NON-UNIFORM DAY!	3 -FOSA SUMMER FAYRE! 3.15PM-5PM	4	5
6	7	8 -FOSA DISCO! 3.15PM-4.30PM 	9	10 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP	11 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP	12 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP
13	14	15	16 -YEAR 6 LEAVERS PLAY 6.00PM 	17 -YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS 1.30PM	18	19
20	21 -YEAR 6 BRAMBLE PATCH	22 -LAST DAY OF TERM! -FOSA COLOUR RUN 3.25PM START	23 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	24 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	25 	26
27 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	28 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	29 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	30 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!	31 -SUMMER HOLIDAYS!		



# MARVELLOUS MEN DAY

## 12TH JUNE

JEANS OR JOGGERS

## WE LOVE 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 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

# SUMMER FAYRE

WHERE HAPPINESS BEGINS

Join us for a fantastic afternoon of games, laughter, and unforgettable family moments!

3:15PM - 5:00 PM  
Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

Fun Games    Face Painting    Refreshments

FREE ENTRY    STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

A special visit from the ice cream van

# SUMMER DISCO

FUN! MUSIC! DANCING!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## FREE

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY  
3.15 PM - 4.30 PM  
STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

## 22ND JULY

Celebrate the end of term in colour!

FoSA's End of Year Treat for All.

ALL YOU NEED IS A LIGHT COLOUR T-SHIRT TO CHANGE INTO – we've got the rest covered!

- Children must be supervised by parent/guardian (not school staff) after dismissal.
- Protective eyeweer will be provided as a gift from FoSA.
- Run to start at 3:25pm.

# STAMFORD LIBRARY - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

73%  
read more over the  
summer

## About the Challenge

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The UK's **biggest reading for pleasure programme** for primary school children in libraries, encouraging children to **read for fun** during the school holidays.

### What does the Challenge involve?

#### At the library:

- A child visits their library to sign up and pick up a Summer Reading Challenge booklet.
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice.
- They collect bespoke stickers and incentives from the library for their reading, including a certificate for reaching their reading goal.

### Who can take part?

The Challenge is open to all **children aged 4–11**, and it's designed to be **accessible for all** reading levels. Some library services also offer activities for younger children.

### What can children read for their Challenge?

**Anything they enjoy!** The Challenge is all about reading for fun, so all reading counts, from fiction and non-fiction to audiobooks, comics, graphic novels, e-books, and poetry. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to help each child find books that match their interests and reading level. Remember to use the [Read to the Beat Book Collection](#) as inspiration and for choosing your summer term class book.

### How can the Summer Reading Challenge support my class?

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026 offers a powerful, ready-made framework to support your class by having an official [Read to the Beat Collection](#) of 55 titles you may want to use to nurture reading for pleasure both in and beyond the classroom. The theme this year combines storytelling and music which adds a creative, cross-curricular dimension. The Challenge in libraries or on the website encourages children to set their own reading goals which promotes autonomy and motivation before they come back to school in September.