

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 OUR HEADTEACHER, MRS OLIVER

This week began on a high note with our exciting Pop Rox Concert, where pupils showcased their musical talents and entertained a packed audience of families, friends, and members of the wider community. It is encouraging to note that our school now has three rock bands. The performances were full of energy, confidence, and enthusiasm, making it a memorable start to a busy week.

On Tuesday, we welcomed friends from the Muslim community, who visited our school to share important aspects of their faith. Pupils enjoyed learning about Islamic beliefs, traditions, and practices, and had the opportunity to ask questions. The visit helped to deepen their understanding of different faiths and encouraged respect, dialogue, and appreciation of the diversity within our wider community.

Thankfully, the weather was kind to us on Wednesday, allowing us to enjoy our annual Sports Day. Pupils enthusiastically took part in a range of events, demonstrating determination, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and families for their support in making the day such a memorable success and well done to the green team who won. Big thank you to FoSA who provided the medals for the children and for organising the ice cream van.

We will be ending our week with our summer fayre, again organised by FoSA. This is another opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy some fun and games together.

Next week, weather forecasts are predicting another heatwave. Thankfully we benefit from air-conditioning in school and so we can remain open and operate as normal. However, please remember the drill - suntan lotion, sun hats and water bottles.

See you next week.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit

you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit

help us to relish what is right

and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Sam from Olive Class who celebrates his 7th birthday on Sunday! Also celebrating a birthday on Sunday is Renzo from Acacia Class who will be 8!

Cole from Sycamore Class, turns 7 on Wednesday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish you all a very happy birthday and a super time celebrating your special day!

ENGLAND MATCH

Please note that school will be open as normal on Monday 6th July despite the England match in the early hours of the morning.



FOSA SCHOOL DISCO!

The FoSA School Disco is on Wednesday 8th July, 3.15pm until 4.30pm! You'll be partying in your school uniform to save time getting changed...leaving much more time for you to have lots of fun with your friends!

Children to be collected from their classrooms at 4.30pm.



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CONGRATULATIONS, MOLLY!

Congratulations to Molly from our Acacia Class on making her First Holy Communion on Sunday at our parish church of St. Mary and St. Augustine.

We hope that you had a wonderful day filled with love, joy and very special memories.

May God bless you as you continue to grow in faith and love.



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.



STAMFORD LIBRARY - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Launching at Stamford Library on Saturday 4th July and running during the summer holidays... the Summer Reading Challenge is back!

As well as enjoying the books, children can collect rewards and join in with some lovely activities up until September; the theme for this year's challenge is 'Read to the Beat'.

Click on the image below to find out more about the Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge.



- Saturday 4th July. 10am - 3pm. Join up and decorate a musical note
- Tuesday 28th July. 10am - 11.30am. Make your own Penelope Pigeon fancy dress headband and beak.
- Thursday 30th July, 11am - 12noon. Explore animal sounds with our special guests Zoolab - please book with the team for this event
- Tuesday 4th August. 10am - 11.30am. Make your own Artwork using our old music sheets.
- Tuesday 11th August. 10am - 11.30am. Make your own Toots The Slimy Snail.
- Tuesday 18th August. 10.00 - 11.30am. Make a glittery microphone and star glasses and become a K-Pop star!
- Tuesday 25th August. 10.00am - 11.30am. Make a drum and beat it!
- Saturday 12th September. 2pm - 3.30pm. Celebrate finishing the challenge and collect your certificate and medal.

With the exception of the Zoolab event on the 30th July, there's no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun.

To find out more, email the [Stamford Library](mailto:stamford.library@gll.org) team on stamford.library@gll.org

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 Oliver

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Worrick

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 - Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures

As we're all probably aware by now, the UK government announced a social media ban for under 16's, to come into force from Spring 2027. Whilst many are applauding this, many more are not. Part of the problem is that there are very few hard facts: what does this actually mean in practice, which platforms, what does it mean for families and much more.

Internet Matters have put a big article together exploring these questions and more which I think many parents will find useful.

Link: [Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



THE MARK 10 MISSION

This Sunday's Gospel contains one of Jesus' most beautiful and comforting invitations:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

In this week's Mark 10 Mission episode, we reflect on some of the things that can weigh heavily on our hearts. I've shared Celebrations of the Word on this Gospel with children many times during school mission days, and I am always struck by how thoughtfully they identify the worries, fears and emotions that can become burdens. My prayer is that this episode helps every child discover that Jesus is ready to carry those burdens and fill their hearts with his peace.

In the Little Liturgies, we explore the same beautiful invitation in a way that is especially suited to younger children, gently helping them to recognise the things that can make their hearts feel heavy.

I pray these videos are a blessing to you and to every child who watches them!

Click on the images below to watch the videos.

THE MARK 10 Mission



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.52%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive - 94.59%

Sycamore - 96.3%

Acacia - 92.06%

Juniper - 89.36%

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 'Commission'.

Christ calls us to be part of his mission in the world. All people are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to share in his work. We are called to make a positive difference in the world and bring Christ to others through our words and actions.

Try and work as part of a team this week. Where you face a problem ask others to help you with it.

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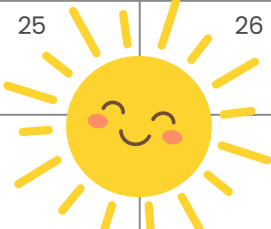
TERM TIMES MAGAZINE!

The new edition of Term Times magazine has arrived! Your child will be bringing home a paper copy, but you can view the online version by clicking on the image below!





2026 July

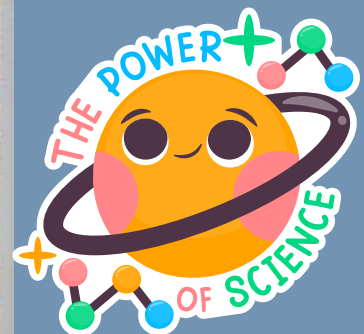
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 -SPORTS DAY!	2 -F.O.S.A. NON-UNIFORM DAY!	3 -FOSA SUMMER FAYRE! 3.15PM-5PM	4	5
6 -NEW CLASSROOM TRANSITION 2PM-3PM	7	8 -FOSA DISCO! 3.15PM-4.30PM 	9	10 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP	11 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP	12 -YEAR 5 & 6 PGL TRIP
13 -STORY TIME WITH MY NEW TEACHER!	14	15	16 -YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PLAY 6.00PM 	17 -YEAR 6 LEAVER'S MASS 1.30PM	18	19
20 -NEW CLASSROOM TRANSITION AFTERNOON -MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER: 3.15PM-3.45PM	21 -YEAR 6 BRAMBLE PATCH 1PM-3PM	22 -LAST DAY OF TERM! -LEAVER'S GOODBYE ASSEMBLY: 2.30PM -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!		

INSPIRING SCIENTISTS DAY - CASTERTON COLLEGE

Our Year 5 Juniper Class children went on an exciting visit last Tuesday! We were invited by Casterton College to join them for their annual 'Inspiring Scientists Day', along with other local primary school children.

Lots of fun was had experiencing lessons in the science labs! In Physics we built and fired rockets, we learnt how to be codebreakers in Maths and in Biology we used microscopes to examine the cells of a leaf. We became forensic scientists in Chemistry, solving the mystery of the stolen tortoise! Our day ended with a visit to the Space Dome.

We took part in some really interesting activities, and it was great to meet other people and see what a secondary school is like! Thank you, Casterton College, for making us so welcome.



FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S
F.O.S.A.

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 eyewear will be provided as a gift from FoSA.
- Run to start at 3:25pm.



The Big Summer Cycle Challenge

Sign up today!

A family-friendly fundraising challenge for all ages and abilities

Turn miles into meaning for Nene Park Trust from 18 July to 31 August 2026

Scan the QR code or visit: nenepark.org.uk/cycle-challenge for further details

Nene Park Trust
Registered Charity No. 800067

All Saints' Pet Service

Sunday 2nd August 3pm

Bring a pet!



All welcome!

All creatures great and small are welcome for a special blessing
Stay after the service for refreshments
Petting zoo in the churchyard till 5pm
Free, but donations welcome
Please keep pets under control/on leads where appropriate

www.stamfordallsaints.org.uk



THE RORA PROJECT - NEW APP AND SUMMER EVENTS!

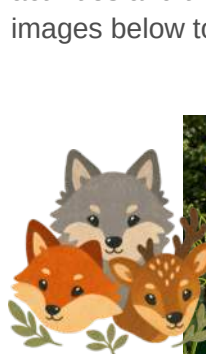
Our friends at The Rora Project, an inspiring not-for-profit community group based in Stamford, are launching a brand new app! We have been given exclusive early access so our St. Augustine's families will be among the first to trial it. The app is free to use and offers support for children and parents/ carers.

Please click on the image on the right to find out more about the app.

We are delighted to share that The Rora Project has also been selected as finalists for Best Social Impact representing Lincolnshire in the UK Small Business Awards.



Details of some of The Rora Project's upcoming summer events are below - booking is essential for these lovely activities and they will all take place at The Rora Project's Community Gardens on Priory Road, Stamford - click on the images below to book your place and [click here for all events for 2026!](#)



NEXT CLUB!
THERIAN CLUB
SUNDAY 5TH JULY 1-3PM
£10 PP

WHAT TO EXPECT:
 MEET YOUR FUR FAMILY
 MAKE NEW FRIENDS
 BE CREATIVE
 PRACTICE YOUR POUNCES
 ENJOY NATURE & FUN!

≧ CRAFT ACTIVITY: MAKING THERIAN TAILS!
 ≧ CREATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE TAIL TO EXPRESS YOUR TRUE SELF AND CONNECT WITH YOUR INSTINCTS.

HOSTED AT OUR VERY OWN COMMUNITY GARDEN
 SEARCH TRPCG ON GOOGLE MAPS FOR DIRECTIONS

ON-SITE PARKING AVAILABLE
 REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEER WORK

≧ BOOK YOUR PLACE: WWW.THERORAPROJECT.COM

COMING THIS JULY!
£5 PP

THE RORA PROJECT
NATURE ART WORKSHOP

Get creative with nature and make beautiful art to take home!

CREATE WITH NATURAL MATERIALS
 Leaves, flowers, twigs and more to design your own art!

GET CREATIVE & BE PART OF SOMETHING *Magical!*

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

WORKSHOP DETAILS
 SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026 AT TRPCG 10-11AM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.theroraproject.com FOLLOW US



MOSAIC PLANT POT WORKSHOP
 GET CREATIVE WITH NATURE!

Join The RORA Project UK at TRPCG for a fun and creative workshop using all-dry clay and natural, foraged materials to design and make your own unique mosaic plant pot!

DATE: SUNDAY 19TH JULY
 TIME: 11:00AM - 12:30PM
 VENUE: TRPCG
 COST: £10 PER PERSON

AGES 6+

CREATE • CONNECT • GROW A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

USE NATURAL & FORAGED MATERIALS (leaves, grass, twigs, bark, moss, etc.)
 MAKE YOUR OWN UNIQUE MOSAIC PLANT POT for take home and enjoy!
 LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE & ECO-FRIENDLY CRAFTING
 FUN, CREATIVE & RELAXING FOR KIDS & ADULTS!

PLACES LIMITED - BOOKING ESSENTIAL!
 FOR BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES CONTACT THE RORA PROJECT UK

Community BRAIDING DAY
 AT TRPCG

A DAY OF BEAUTIFUL BRAIDS, COMMUNITY & SUPPORT

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 10:00AM - 4:00PM TRPCG

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

- 30-MINUTE APPOINTMENTS
- £10 PER PERSON
- HANDMADE USING 100% COTTON MATERIALS
- CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF COLOURS
- NO DAMAGE IS CAUSED TO YOUR HAIR
- BRAIDS LAST 3-4 WEEKS WITH PROPER CARE
- CARE CARD GIVEN TO EVERY CLIENT
- DBS CHECKED & FULLY INSURED
- ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR CHARITABLE CAUSE

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THE RORA PROJECT
WWW.THERORAPROJECT.COM

Thank you for supporting our charitable cause!

HOW CAN STAMFORD BECOME A BETTER PLACE TO WALK?

Come for a walk with Living Streets and tell us where and how your streets could be improved for walking and wheeling.



WHEN

NEW DATE - Wednesday 22 July 2026, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

WHERE

Meet at Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary Street,
Stamford, PE9 2DL

ROUTE

From St Mary's Street to Castle Street, Sheep Market
and St Peters Street

WHO

All welcome. Contact Anna from Living Streets on 07714 616600
or anna.griffiths@livingstreets.org.uk for more info.



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