

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 has been full of magical moments here at St. Augustine's.

The week began with England's glorious World Cup victory, giving everyone plenty to celebrate.

While all of this excitement was unfolding, Peggy in Year 6 was competing at the Inter-Regional Finals at Birmingham's Utilita Arena. Peggy achieved an incredible success, bringing home two national silver medals and one national gold medal. What a fantastic achievement! Well done, Peggy – we are all so proud of you.

Another Year 6 pupil, Jacob, also enjoyed a magical moment this week when he met his favourite band, Def Leppard. He was invited to the side of the stage, where he and his Grandad had the opportunity to meet and chat with members of the band – an experience he will never forget.

Congratulations to both of our wonderful Year 6 pupils for creating such special memories this week. We are incredibly proud of you both.

Many of our Year 6 pupils are now preparing for their transition to secondary school. This week, those who will be joining Welland Academy enjoyed their transition visit, while pupils heading to Casterton College, Catmose and Bourne Grammar School have also had the opportunity recently to spend time in their new schools. They all returned buzzing with excitement, full of stories about their experiences and looking forward to the new opportunities and adventures that await them. It is wonderful to see their confidence growing as they prepare for this important next step in their education.

Today, some of our pupils from Juniper Class are setting off for an exciting weekend away at PGL. They are looking forward to taking part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities, developing their teamwork, resilience and independence, and, of course, making wonderful memories with their friends. We wish them a fantastic weekend and can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.

As another busy and memorable week draws to a close, we are reminded of just how special life at St. Augustine's is. Whether celebrating sporting success, musical dreams coming true, preparing for new beginnings or embarking on exciting adventures, our pupils continue to inspire us every day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we wish all of our families a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Loving Father,

Thank You for bringing us safely through another school year. As we enter these final weeks, help us to keep trying our best in everything we do.

Give us patient hearts, kind words and willing hands to help those around us. Help us to appreciate each day we spend together and to finish this term with joy, gratitude and love.

May we continue to grow in faith, hope and kindness, always remembering that You are with us in every step of our journey.

Amen.



YEAR 6 - BRAMBLE PATCH; TUES 21ST JULY

A reminder of our Year 6 Leaver's fun afternoon at the Bramble Patch Tuesday 21st July 1-3pm.

Parents/ carers will need to collect their children from the Bramble Patch at 3:00pm.



WELL DONE, PEGGY!

Juniper Class's Peggy competed in the Inter-Regional Finals in Birmingham at the Utilita Arena last weekend - she came away with two national medals - silver on the DMT and gold national champion on the trampoline!

Huge congratulations to you, Peggy!



"LET US NOT GROW WEARY..."

As we move into the final days of the school year, it can be really tempting to focus on the summer holidays! Yet these last few days together are still full of opportunities to learn and show kindness to those around us. Every day is a gift from God and a chance to make a positive difference.

Saint Paul reminds us, "*Let us not grow weary in doing good*" (Galatians 6:9). Let's keep trying our best, even when we are tired and ready for a well-earned rest, or when we are struggling to sleep in the current heatwave! Small acts of kindness and thoughtful choices all help to keep our caring and loving St. Augustine's school community going.

These final weeks are also a time for celebrating how far we have all come this year! Whether learning a new skill, overcoming a challenge or becoming more confident, we can all be proud of the progress we have made with God's help and the support of those around us.

As we continue our journey through what is left of this term, let us ask God to help us finish the year with thankful hearts, cheerful spirits and a willingness to care for one another. In doing so, we prepare not only for the summer ahead but also for the exciting new opportunities that September will bring!

- Miss Griffin

Thankful



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 - The Whole Class! - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Acacia Class - **Layla** - **Friendship & Kindness**

Juniper Class Year 5 - **Lucy** - **Love & Respect**

Juniper Class Year 6 - **Leo** - **Love & Respect**



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 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)



SAFEGUARDING DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays, the safeguarding team only monitors their email address periodically. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact [Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding Team](#) on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or 01522 782333 (out of hours). You do not need to know everything about the situation - you may just be worried or feel that something is not right.

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0800 802 5544.



THE MARK 10 MISSION

Just a quick introduction to this week's videos. They feature the Parable of the Sower, a beautiful teaching from Jesus about how we can make our hearts ready to receive his Word. The image of the sower scattering seed symbolises how God's Word is continually being planted into our hearts.

My prayer this week, and always, is that the hearts of children may be like fertile soil—a place where the love of God can take root, grow, and flourish.

THE MARK 10
Mission

Click on the images below to watch the videos.



Little Liturgies for children 8 and under
PARABLE OF THE SOWER



The Mark 10 Mission for children 8+
THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Gratitude'.

Gratitude is being thankful for what we have. It is about being grateful for the good things in our lives. We have a lot to be grateful for and it is important to take time to appreciate the good things in our lives. Having gratitude helps us to be truly happy and to live a fulfilling life.

Make a special effort to say thank you this week to those people in your community who love and support you.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.52%

Our attendance by class is as follows:

Olive - 92.59%

Sycamore - 94.91%

Acacia - 97.35%

Juniper - 90.85%

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"



E-SAFETY WITH ALAN MACKENZIE

Article - Why is Turning Off Screens So Hard for Children?

Techno-tantrums - what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating.

It's often a difficult one, what is right for one family may not be good advice for another, but an article in The Conversation piqued my curiosity because it gives parents some options to consider, so I think it's worth sharing with your parents as there may be something here that they haven't considered.

Link: [why is turning off screens so hard for children?](#)

AskAboutGames - New Parental Resources

AskAboutGames has always been an incredibly useful resource for parents with lots of advice and guidance for parents in relation to children and gaming. Recently they have released two new resources:

- The Power-Up Pact - which is all about starting conversations around safe gameplay so that video games can fit into family life.
- Conversation guide - as well as video games in the Power-Up Pact, this guide helps parents keep the conversations going by asking about apps, websites and online spaces children use every day.

Link: [Power-Up Pact](#).

Link: [Conversation guide](#).

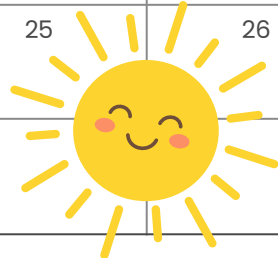
**Online Safety
Weekly Update**

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist





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!		





Holiday Activities and Food

An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

Thursday 23rd July to Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Register your interest on our booking site <https://eequ.org/lincolnshirehaf>

Scan here



Book your place from **Wednesday 24th June**

Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

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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 summer club for kids to love to create and play!

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Charms to collect each day on your personalised keyring!

Summer Craft Club!

17TH - 21ST AUGUST



MONDAY 17TH AUGUST
NATURE CRAFT EXPLORERS



TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST
WIZARDS VS MAD SCIENTISTS:
SLIME, POTIONS & SQUISH DAY



WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST
MAKERS MARKET CHALLENGE



THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST
SUPERKIDS ACADEMY



FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
AROUND THE WORLD CRAFT ADVENTURE



9.30AM - 3.30PM
LATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 5PM
AT ADDITIONAL £9

£40
PER DAY

AGES
5-16

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HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Gardening & outdoor activities, arts & crafts, lots of fun, friends & faith and it's free!

YR to Y6

From 10-11.30am

Every SUNDAY in AUGUST

Come and join the fun at Bluecoats Allotment Garden
To book, scan the QR code



Information for parents

Rooted!
HOLIDAY CLUB

Timings: The holiday club sessions will run from **10am to 11.30am** the **first four Sunday mornings in August** that is Sunday 2nd August to Sunday 23rd August 2026.

Booking: Children from **YR to Y6** are welcome to join us. Children **under 5** are welcome to attend but must have a parent stay with them. Please book in using the **QR code** overleaf, or email laura@christchurchstamford.com for a booking form. The club is **FREE** to attend.

Drop-off and Collection: Please drop children off at the Bluecoats school garden (behind the Children's centre, enter via the road entrance to the left of Costcutter) and collect from Christchurch, opposite Bluecoats school.

Activities: Most of the activities will be **outside** (unless the weather is terrible!) so all children will need named **water bottles, a sunhat and sunscreen on**. These holiday sessions are being run by **ChristChurch** so there will be aspects of the Christian story taught as part of the club.

Help needed: We are also looking for parents to join us as volunteers. Please do ask if you're interested! ☺



Come and join the fun at @Bluecoats Allotment Garden
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