

St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE *in love*
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER, MRS OLIVER

A full week back at school and the children are already in full swing with their learning! From day one, there has been an amazing calmness throughout the school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place.

It has been lovely to welcome our new EYFS children into school and to see them enjoy two full days at the end of the week. They have all managed brilliantly, navigating lots of new experiences — from learning new names to becoming familiar with the routines of school life. I am sure they will all sleep well this weekend! Thank you, parents, for entrusting your precious children to us. Please do not worry — they are in safe hands.

Further up the school the children have embraced some of the changes we have implemented this academic year. Our new 'Haven' room is a calm space where children can go to work quietly away from the classroom or spend time developing their own independent projects. Other children are accessing our Learning Hub, where our expert staff are on hand to provide additional support when needed.

Our House Point system is also now up and running. Pupils have been working hard to demonstrate that they deserve a House Point and have been eager to earn points for their houses. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and determination.

This week, we also welcomed our new chaplain, Mrs Squire, into school. We are very much looking forward to serving alongside you this year. Mrs Squire will help us to plan our liturgy and provide spiritual support throughout the year.

Finally, this Sunday we celebrate Education Sunday. You are all very welcome to join us on Sunday in church as we celebrate the importance of education and pray for our teachers, children and families.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Loving God, we pray for the grace to be a good friend. May we be a gentle presence in the life of our friends, always willing to listen and to forgive. Remind us of the importance of friendship.

You have blessed us with the gift of friendship. We thank you for the blessing of friends who love us, who share our joys and sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration, and who need us as we need them. We thank you for the friends who give us the freedom to be ourselves.

Help us to always be a friend to others, no matter who they are. Help us to always reach out in friendship to all those we meet.
Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Dominic from Sycamore Class who is 7 today, and to Alma from Cedar Class who is 5 on Thursday!



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

ST. A'S CLUBS!

We have some exciting new after-school clubs for the new school term! All the clubs below will run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Tuesday - Musical Theatre Club
Wednesday - KS1 Lego/Building Club
Wednesday - KS2 Arts and Craft Club
Thursday - KS2 Secret Agent Club

If your child would like to take part in a club, please sign them up in the 'Clubs' section in your Arbor Parent App.



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THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

As we begin a new school year, there is something rather special about the chance to make new friends. For some children, familiar faces bring a sense of comfort and excitement; for others, joining a new class or school can feel a little bit daunting. A kind smile, a friendly "hello" or an invitation to join in can make all the difference.

Friendship is one of the simplest and nicest gifts we can give one another. It is about noticing when someone might need a friend, listening when someone has something to share, celebrating each other's successes and offering encouragement when things don't go quite to plan.

Jesus showed us what true friendship can look like. He welcomed people, listened to them, made time for them and cared about them. His example shows us that being a good friend isn't about being the most popular or always having the same interests; it is about kindness, compassion, forgiveness and making others feel valued.

Here at St. Augustine's, we hope that every child feels that they belong. Our friendships may begin with something as small as sitting beside someone new at lunchtime, helping a classmate, sharing a game or just taking the time to say, "Would you like to join us?"

This year, remember that we all have the power to help someone feel welcome. A lovely school filled with kindness and friendship, like ours, becomes a place where children can grow not only in confidence and learning, but also in compassion and understanding.

As we start this new chapter together, may we be thankful for the friends we already have, open-hearted towards those we are yet to meet and ready to follow Jesus' example by being the kind of friend we would hope to have ourselves.

- 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!



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

Acacia Class - **Alice** - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 5/ 6 - **Logan** - **Love of Learning & Determination**



**Our EYFS Olive Class will join us in Celebration Assembly next term*



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

HOUSE POINTS!

Matthew - 20

Mark - 17

Luke - 30

John - 20

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 – ChatGPT Parental Controls

ChatGPT has parental controls which allow a parent or guardian to link their account with a teenager's account and manage a range of settings.

Parents can control things such as:

- additional safeguards around sensitive content;
- Voice Mode;
- image generation;
- memory;
- quiet hours;
- and some other ChatGPT features.

Importantly, linking the accounts does not allow a parent to read their teenager's conversations or monitor their chat history.

This could be a useful link to share with parents, particularly those whose children are already using ChatGPT.

Link: [Managing parental controls in ChatGPT](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Outreach'.

Outreach is the act of reaching out to others with the message of God's love. It is about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who do not know him. Outreach can take many forms, but it always involves going out to those who are most in need, or who feel left out and sharing God's love with them.

Find someone in your community who may not always be included. Make an effort to tell them they are loved and important.

EXTRA
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NARY+

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.09%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

Matthew - 96.9%

Mark - 98.25%

Luke - 91.2%

John - 95.43%

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"



FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S OPEN CLASSROOM EVENT

Our FoSA team would like to welcome all of our St. Augustine's parents and carers to their upcoming open classroom event on Thursday 24th September at 3.15pm - please come along to find out about what FoSA do for our school community. FoSA are also having a second hand uniform sale and light refreshments will be available.

The FoSA AGM takes place in the school hall on Tuesday 29th September - all families and staff are invited to attend.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A. House Bake Off Challenge!

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026

WE ARE CHALLENGING OUR PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN OUR VERY FIRST HOUSE BAKE OFF!

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO BAKE THE PERFECT VICTORIA SANDWICH CAKE AT HOME AND BRING YOUR DELICIOUS CREATION INTO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER.

CAN YOU BAKE A CAKE FIT FOR A CHAMPION?

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR OUR BAKE OFF WINNER!

AND REMEMBER - EVERY PUPIL WHO ENTERS WILL EARN VALUABLE POINTS FOR THEIR HOUSE!

SO, GET YOUR MIXING BOWLS READY, PUT ON YOUR APRONS AND GET BAKING!

GOOD LUCK, BAKERS - MAY THE BEST CAKE WIN!

NB: A SLICE OF EACH CAKE WILL BE TASTED BY MRS OLIVER AND OUR HEAD PUPILS - ENTRANTS TO TAKE THEIR CAKES HOME TO ENJOY WITH FAMILY!



2026 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 House Bake Off Challenge!	23 Early Intervention Network Parent Session - 2.30pm - 3.30pm	24 FoSA Open Classroom EYFS Cedar Class 3.15pm	25	26 OPEN DAY 10.00AM - 12.00PM	27
28	29 FoSA AGM 3.15pm	30				



2026 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 OPEN DAY 10.00AM - 12.00PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 OPEN DAY 3.30PM - 6.00PM	15	16	17	18
19	20 Flu Vaccinations	21 Parents Evening	22 Parents Evening	23 School Photos Individual & siblings	24	25
26 HALF TERM!	27 HALF TERM!	28 HALF TERM!	29 HALF TERM!	30 HALF TERM!	31	

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Finishers' Presentation Ceremony!

at

Stamford Library

Saturday 12th September

2pm - 3.30pm

Calling all finishers!

Join us this Saturday to celebrate your amazing achievement in completing this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Come along to our special Presentation Ceremony and receive your certificate from our special guest!

We'll also be drawing the winners of our prize draws!

We can't wait to celebrate with you and your family!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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2020

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**SEND
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Creating lasting changes one step at a time

Where and When:

United Reformed Church Hall

29 Broad Street

Stamford

PE9 1PJ

Every Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 PM



**Understand the functions of your
child's behaviours**

Know why your child does what he does and understand him more.



Provide the right support

By understanding the reasons of their behaviours, we can offer the more suitable and appropriate help they need.



Ask questions

Get answers from our experienced and well-trained behaviour therapists.

Connect with us

07930515905



admin@

earlyinterventionnetwork.co.uk



**FO-S-A
OPEN CLASSROOM & POP-IN**

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

RECEPTION CLASSROOM



Meet the FoSA Team!



Discover What We Do!



Second-Hand Uniform Sale!



Find Out About Volunteering!

ALL PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

**Come along for tea, chat & find out how
you can get involved!**



**PETERBOROUGH UNITED
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
STAMFORD**

A CLUB WITH A RENOWNED HISTORY
OF DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PLAYERS



A SAFE & FUN FOOTBALL ENVIRONMENT



DEVELOPING PLAYERS & PEOPLE OF VALUE



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Email for
a **FREE**
taster
session!

PETERBOROUGH UNITED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE: STAMFORD

Location: Borderville Sports Centre, Ryhall Road,
Stamford PE9 1US

Age Groups: U6s – U9s – 6pm to 7pm
U10+ – 7pm to 8pm

Days: Wednesday



Email mark.angel@theposh.com
to book your FREE session



ST. AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A OPEN DAYS!

Come and have a look around our lovely school!

Saturday 26th September 10am until 12pm

Come and explore our outside Woodland School!
(Bacon rolls and tea will be served)

Friday 2nd October 10am until 12pm

We would love to welcome you to see our school in action!

Wednesday 14th October 3.30pm until 6pm

Come and join us after the school day to chat with our staff about life at St. Augustine's!



APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2027 SCHOOL YEAR OPEN 15TH NOVEMBER 2026