

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

The term is flying by, I cannot believe we are already on week five and October has begun.

Harvest:

We have had a wonderful week in school, and the children thoroughly enjoyed our Harvest Celebration. Harvest is a special time when we come together to give thanks for the food we have and for all those who work hard to grow and produce it. It is also a time to think about sharing what we have with others and supporting people in our local community who may need a little extra help. Thank you to everyone who brought food donations in for George's Food Hub.

Clubs:

Our clubs are also well underway, with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Drama Club are busy rehearsing their mini production of Annie, and we can't wait to see their performance.

Art Club are creating some wonderful masterpieces and exploring their creativity.

Spy Club are busy solving clues and putting their detective skills to the test.

LEGO Club continues to be incredibly popular, with children enjoying building, creating and using their imaginations.

It has been fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, creativity and enjoyment across all of our clubs this week.

School Attendance – Every Day Matters:

Regular school attendance is important. Being in school every day helps children to learn, make progress, build friendships and feel part of our school community. Even occasional absences can make it harder for children to keep up with their learning and routines. We understand that sometimes families can face difficulties which make regular attendance challenging. If you are struggling with your child's attendance for any reason, please remember that we are here to help. We are always happy to listen, offer support and work together with families to find the right way forward.

We have also designed a new poster to help parents and carers understand the attendance process and know what to expect. This can be found on page 5 of this newsletter and on our school website [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and make the most of every school day.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Generous God,
we praise and thank you
for the gifts that you have given us:
the fruits of the harvest
and the joy of your love.
Free us from the fear that leads us
to store up more than we need.
Fill our hearts with gratitude
which moves us to share what we
have.
Show us how to plant seeds of hope
and together reap a better world,
where each and every person
can share in the fullness of your
love.

Amen.

-Catherine Gorman/CAFOD



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Leah from Cedar Class -
5 on Monday!

Happy birthday to Molly from Acacia Class
- 9 on Thursday!



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

OUR PARISH CHURCH: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27

Application forms are now available for our First
Holy Communion Programme 2026/27, leading
to the celebration of First Holy Communion next
year. If your child is in Year 3 at school, or aged
7 or over, and has not yet made their First Holy
Communion, please obtain an application form,
available at the back of the church in St.
Augustine's and in the Porch in St Joseph's.

The closing date for registering for the
Programme is Monday 26th October. Please
note that children must be attending Holy Mass
weekly, at least from the time of application.
Those who are not attending
weekly Holy Mass will not be
eligible to take part in the
subsequent classes or to
make their First Holy
Communion, as this is a
Diocesan expectation.



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A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

Harvest is a time to slow down and notice the things around us that can so
easily be taken for granted; the changing colours of the leaves, the crops
that have been grown and gathered, and all the people whose hard work
harvests our food.

It also makes us think about growth and time. We spend so much of our
time looking ahead and planning what comes next, especially with children
at school (half-terms, Christmas, Easter, summer holidays!), that we don't
always stop to notice our progress so far. Just like a plant needs time,
care, patience and the right conditions to grow, so do we. Our children are
growing and learning daily, often in ways that we don't always notice when
we see them every day and are caught up in the routine of school runs/
work/ mealtimes/ homework.

And maybe the same is true of the little things we do for one another. A
smile, a kind word, a moment of patience, helping someone who is finding
things tricky, or just taking the time to listen. We may never know the
difference those small acts make, but they can be exactly what someone
needs.

Perhaps we can take a moment during this season of harvest to give
thanks for what we have, to notice the good things that are growing
around us, and to think about what we might help to nurture in others.
A little kindness, a little hope, a little love. Small things, perhaps,
but never insignificant.

-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 - Evie - **Friendship & Kindness**

Acacia Class - Zuzanna - **Hope & Confidence**

Juniper Class Year 5/ 6 - Althea - **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, and thank you to their parents for joining us to celebrate!

HOUSE POINTS!

Matthew - 87

Mark - 101

Luke - 78

John - 90

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

iOS 27 Child Safety Features

If your child uses an iPhone or iPad, Apple's latest software includes a number of new parental-control and safety features. These include improved Screen Time controls, limits across categories of apps, website controls and additional Communication Safety protections. The short video below provides a useful overview, while Apple's own guidance explains how parents can set up and manage the controls in more detail.

Links:

[YouTube – iOS 27 child safety features](#)

[Apple – Child Safety](#)

[Apple Support – Screen Time and parental controls](#)

Supporting Children with Additional Needs When Something Goes Wrong Online

Children with additional needs may not always recognise when an online situation has become unsafe, or they may find it difficult to explain what has happened.

They may also communicate distress differently, become overwhelmed by questions or worry about losing access to a device or online activity that is particularly important to them.

This short video gives parents practical advice on supporting a child calmly when something has gone wrong online and helping them feel able to share what has happened.

Link:

[YouTube – Supporting children with additional needs when something goes wrong online](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Rosary'.

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.

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NARY+

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.37%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

Matthew - 92.92%

Mark - 94.81%

Luke - 90.91%

John - 90.2%

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"





OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

WITH MARY, WE CONTEMPLATE CHRIST

Rediscover the Holy Rosary



**SHORT REFLECTIONS
TWICE A WEEK**
Pause with Scripture and one of the Mysteries of the Rosary.



SCRIPTURE
Discover the Gospel at the heart of the Mysteries.



ONE DECADE AT A TIME
Pause, Reflect, Pray one decade of the Rosary.

Whether you pray the Rosary every day, haven't prayed it for years, or have never known where to begin — this October is for you.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries <i>The early life of Jesus</i>	Luminous Mysteries <i>The ministry of Jesus</i>	Sorrowful Mysteries <i>The Passion of Jesus</i>	Glorious Mysteries <i>Triumph & Glory</i>
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WANT TO RECEIVE THE TWICE-WEEKLY ROSARY EMAILS?
Sign up by contacting Carrie Ann in the Stamford Office
01780 762010
office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk



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 ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2026



Managing Attendance at St. Augustine's

Broadly speaking, the role of school staff is to ensure that the school is a calm, safe, and supportive environment where all pupils want to be and are keen and ready to learn, which is the foundation of securing good attendance (DFE, February 2023).

It is our aim to support anxious pupils while maintaining high expectations for regular attendance, working with pupils and families to identify barriers and make reasonable adjustments that help reduce anxiety and improve attendance. However, under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, parents/carers are responsible for ensuring children aged 5-16 receive a full-time education, either at school or otherwise.



The school will work collaboratively with families to support children who experience anxiety about attending school.

Discussion

A discussion is held with the Class Teacher and SENCo to explore the barriers affecting full attendance and to identify appropriate support and reasonable adjustments.



Part-Time Timetable

If attendance difficulties continue, a time-limited, personalised part-time timetable may be implemented.

This will be reviewed every six to eight weeks, with the aim of gradually increasing attendance and supporting a return to full-time education.



Flexi-Schooling

If attendance difficulties continue, parents may request flexi-schooling, subject to the discretion of the Headteacher and Governors.

This arrangement is not time-limited and allows a child to be educated at home on agreed days and attend school on others. If this arrangement is agreed, it is the parents responsibility to educate the child at home.

Support

Support may include:

- Pastoral Support Plan (PSP)
- Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings
- Local Authority advice and support
- Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS) Working Together Team
- A reduced or part-time timetable, where appropriate



While the school will provide appropriate support and interventions, the responsibility for ensuring that the child attends school remains with the parent/carer.



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	









F.O.S.A.

WE ARE A SMALL GROUP OF PARENTS WHO RUN OUR SCHOOLS PTFA TO RAISE FUNDS FOR EXTRA ENRICHMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN!

WE DO THIS BY ORGANISING EVENTS IN SCHOOL SUCH AS THE SEASONAL FAIRS, NON UNIFORM DAYS AND DONATION DRIVES, SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES, BAKE SALES AND MORE.

WE THEN SPEND THIS MONEY ON OUR CHILDREN WITH WHOLE SCHOOL TRIPS TO THE CINEMA, CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL, EASTER EGGS FOR ALL, WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIPS AND MUCH MORE!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

 [CLICK HERE](#)

WE ALWAYS NEED EXTRA HELP. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT F.O.S.A.

A NEW S.E.N.D SUPPORT GROUP
RUN BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS
OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Coffee Morning

GOOD DAYS START WITH GOOD COMPANY
JOIN US FOR A CUPPA STRAIGHT AFTER DROP-OFF ON A MONDAY MORNING!

 LITTLE STARS, ST AUGUSTINE'S C.V.A.,
KESTEVEN ROAD

A SAFE SPACE TO TAKE A MINUTE FOR SUPPORT,
A CHAT, AND SOMEONE TO LISTEN.



DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND
TO OFFER HELP AND ADVICE

Supported by



Early Intervention Network
Nick Johnston: 07930515905

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FOR
TEA
AND
TOAST**

Churchish

A welcoming space for families to
explore faith through worship,
creativity and cake

**Come for the cake
Stay for the community**



All ages welcome at
the Unity Centre, Scotgate
3rd Sunday of the month,
from 3.00 - 4.30pm




NIGHT LIGHT CAFE

A warm, welcoming safe space



**Your Story Matters.
We are here to listen.**

The MindSpace Hub
6 Red Lion St, Stamford
07563 385273
info@mindspacestamford.com

THURSDAYS

1-1 LISTENING SUPPORT: 6.30 - 7.30pm
NIGHT LIGHT CAFE: 7.30 - 9.30pm

BOOK ONLINE:
www.mindspacestamford.com/join-in


