

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

We trust that our families have had a fruitful week this week. As a Catholic community, we were saddened to hear of Pope Leo XIV's recent medical challenges. We continue to keep him in our prayers, asking God to grant him strength, comfort and healing as he recovers. We pray that he makes a full and speedy recovery and is strengthened by the love and prayers of the faithful throughout the world.

It is hard to believe we are already in the middle of October, and half term is fast approaching. October is a special time in our school calendar. Not only do we reflect on Mary, the mother of God, but join schools across the country to celebrate Black History Month. This is a time when we give thanks for the rich history, culture, faith and achievements of Black communities throughout the world. It is an opportunity for our school community to recognise the contributions of Black individuals, celebrate diversity and reflect on the importance of equality, justice and respect for all.

As a Catholic school, our faith teaches us that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness and love. Black History Month provides a meaningful opportunity to put these Gospel values into practice by learning from the past, celebrating achievements and building a more inclusive and compassionate future.

Throughout our curriculum, we teach the children about important figures who have made a lasting impact on their communities and the wider world, including:

Rosa Parks – an influential figure in the struggle for civil rights and equality.

Nelson Mandela – remembered for his courage, leadership and commitment to justice and reconciliation.

Mary Seacole – a pioneering nurse celebrated for her compassion and care for others.

During Black History Month, we encourage our pupils to reflect on how they can follow Jesus by standing against discrimination, showing kindness, respecting differences and treating everyone fairly. Through prayer, discussion, creative activities and classroom learning, we celebrate the unique gifts that everyone brings to our school community.

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

-St. Teresa of Avila



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Woody from
Sycamore Class - 7 on Tuesday!

Happy birthday to Jack from
Sycamore Class - 7 on Thursday!



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

SCHOOL PHOTOS!

A reminder that Tempest
Photography will be in
school on Friday 23rd
October for
individual and
sibling photos!



PLAYGROUND

We have noticed an increase in children
cycling and scooting on the playgrounds
before and after school. A polite reminder
to please walk with your bike and scooter
once you're through the school gates.
Thank you.



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POPE FRANCIS' 5 FINGER PRAYER



weekend



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.



FLU VACCINES

A reminder that the
immunisation team will
be in school for flu
vaccines on
Tuesday 20th
October.



VIRTUE CERTIFICATES!



Sycamore Class - Elliot - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class Year 5/ 6 - Evie - **Friendship & Kindness**

**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!

St. Matthew - 131

St. Mark - 160

St. Luke - 164

St. John - 151

Well Done!

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 - Protecting Children's Images from AI Abuse

AI tools can now be used to manipulate ordinary photographs of children into harmful imagery.

The Internet Watch Foundation and the National Crime Agency have produced practical guidance for parents and carers about reducing the risk of image misuse.

The advice includes thinking carefully about privacy settings, who can see photographs, how much identifying information is shared and involving children in decisions about posting their images as they get older.

The guidance also explains what parents can do if an image has been manipulated or misused.

Link:

[IWF – Parent Guide: Stopping AI Child Image Abuse](#)

For Parents - Understanding AI Companions

AI chatbots are increasingly able to hold long, personal conversations and may sometimes feel more like companions than simple information tools.

For parents, it's useful to understand how repeated conversations with an AI system can encourage trust or emotional attachment, particularly for children who may find the interaction supportive or easier than talking to another person.

Children and Screens has produced a short research overview explaining some of the opportunities and concerns around AI companions and young people.

Link:

[Children and Screens – Chatbots, AI Companions and Youth](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



NEW SCHOOL MEAL PROVIDER, ASPENS!

We are very excited for the start of Aspens school meals at St. Augustine's! The new service will start after half term.

We have uploaded the new school meal menus to our website [here](#), along with a step-by-step guide on how to order via your Arbor parent app.

Paper copies of the menus will be available in the main reception foyer.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.59%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

St. Matthew - 93.52%

St. Mark - 94.91%

St. Luke - 91.58%

St. John - 92.75%

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"



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY 'Our Wonderful World'



House Art Competition

Let your imagination run wild for our next St. Augustine's House Competition - draw, paint, take a photograph; we want to see your amazing skills!

All entries will be accepted from Monday 19th October and will be exhibited in our school hall.



The winners will be decided by a vote on Thursday 22nd October - good luck!

We are fundraising for



Friday 13th November 2026

Bring your favourite toy to St. Augustine's for the day!

To support Children in Need, we're asking everyone who brings a toy to make a suggested donation of £1.



Please make sure your toy fits in your school bag so that it doesn't get lost during the school day!



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.
FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

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., KESTIVEN 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

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£1 FOR TEA AND TOAST