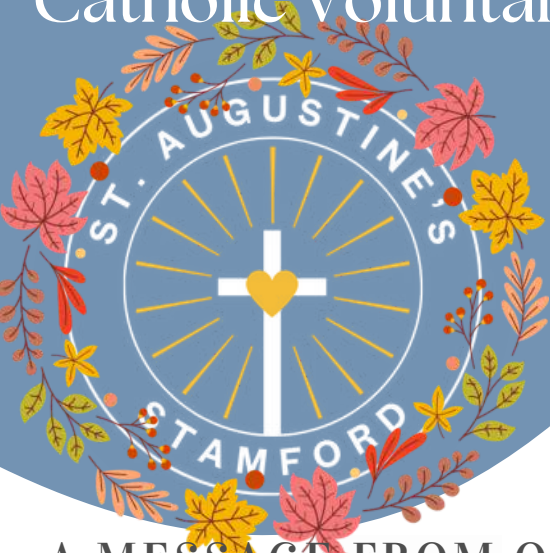


St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy



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

The last week of term is finally upon us! As I write, we are waiting with bated breath to find out who has won our school art competition and which house has earned the most house points to be rewarded with a lunchtime disco today!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our art competition. It has been wonderful to see so many beautiful and creative pieces of work, and we are incredibly proud of all the children who participated.

It was also lovely to see so many parents and carers at our parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. I hope you found the meetings useful and were pleased to hear about how hard your children are working and the progress they are making. It was a pleasure to speak with so many of you about our new PHSE/RSE policy, which will be coming into force soon. I hope you found these conversations helpful in understanding how we approach the teaching of this important and sensitive subject within our Catholic school.

Thank you, too, to everyone who took the time to complete our safeguarding survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and your comments will be discussed at our next governors' meeting. Working together to keep our children safe and happy is incredibly important, and we value your support.

As we approach half term, I hope you all enjoy a wonderful break and have the opportunity to relax, recharge and catch up with family and friends. At the end of the half-term break we know many of you will be involved in Halloween activities. As a Catholic school, we do not celebrate Halloween in school. Instead, we use this time of year to focus on the rich traditions of our Catholic faith, particularly the celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. These important feast days remind us of the holy men and women who inspire us through their faith and goodness, and give us an opportunity to remember and pray for those who have died. We want to help our children understand the Christian meaning behind this time of year and to celebrate the values of faith, hope, love and remembrance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing you all a very happy half-term break!

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

Thank you, God,
for family and friends.

We remember our loved ones who
have died and pray they are at
peace in your loving arms.

Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

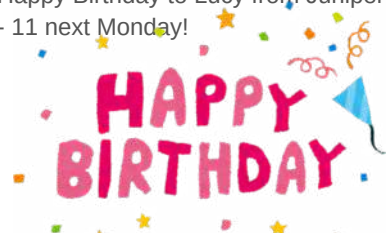
Happy Birthday to Kaian from Sycamore
Class - 7 today!

Happy Birthday to Tristan from Cedar Class
- 5 on Wednesday!

Happy Birthday to Emilia from Juniper
Class - 11 on Thursday!

Happy Birthday to Anastasia from Acacia
Class - 9 on Thursday!

Happy Birthday to Lucy from Juniper Class
- 11 next Monday!



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

POPPY APPEAL- ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We will be selling Poppy Appeal items
after half term on behalf of the Royal
British Legion during the period of
Remembrance - keep an eye out for our
Year 6 children who will be in the
playground after school most days with
poppies, slap bands, zip pulls and more!



Click on the poppy
to find out more.

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 are available
in the main reception
foyer.



Aspens



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ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

As we look forward to the start of November, we get ready for All Saints' Day and All
Souls' Day.

As Mrs Oliver mentioned in her message this week, we don't celebrate Halloween in our
school, but we do have something really beautiful to mark at this time of year. All Saints' Day
and All Souls' Day are special days for us to think about the people who have gone before us,
the lives they lived, the difference they made and the hope that is at the heart of our faith.

All Saints' Day - 1st November

All Saints' Day is a day to celebrate all the saints - those we know by name, such as St Francis, St
Teresa and St Peter, but also the many, many people whose lives of faith and love may never have
been known beyond their own families and communities. I think one of the loveliest things about the
saints is that they weren't perfect. They were ordinary people who had their own struggles, worries and
challenges, but who tried to live their lives with love, kindness, courage and faith.

The saints remind us that faith isn't about being perfect; it's about trying, every day, to live in a way that
makes a difference to the people around us. We can all do that. Helping someone who is struggling,
forgiving someone, standing up for what is right or noticing when somebody needs a friend - these are
the little things that matter.

All Souls' Day - 2nd November

The following day, All Souls' Day, is a quieter day of remembering.
We all have people we miss. They might be family members, friends or people who have been part of
our school community. All Souls' Day gives us a special opportunity to remember them, to be thankful
for the time we shared with them and to keep them in our prayers. It is completely natural to feel sad
when we lose someone we love. Our faith doesn't take that sadness away, but it reminds us that love
doesn't end when someone dies. We carry people with us in our memories, in the stories we tell and
in the things they have taught us.

November is a month for remembering, giving thanks, praying and holding onto hope; a chance
to take a quiet moment to remember someone special - maybe light a candle, say a little
prayer, look at a photograph or think about a happy memory.

- 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 - **Stanley** - **Love of Neighbour & Self-Control**

Acacia Class - **Delilah** - **Love of Learning & Determination**

Juniper Class Year 5/ 6 - **Ada G** - **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 - 168

St. Mark - 209

St. Luke - 222

St. John - 203

Well done, everyone! The winners enjoyed a lunchtime disco today - yay!

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

Helping Children Stay Safe While Gaming

Online gaming is an important part of many children's lives. It offers opportunities for fun, creativity and friendships, but many games also allow children to communicate and play with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom has produced practical advice for parents through its Parents Power Up campaign.

The guidance uses three simple steps:

- Check – Review your child's account details, age settings and who they can communicate with.
- Chat – Talk regularly about the games they enjoy, who they play with and anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- Change – Review parental controls, privacy settings and communication options as your child grows.

This is a particularly useful resource for families approaching half-term, when children may have more time to spend gaming.

Link:

[Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online](#)

Online Safety for Under-5s

Children are experiencing digital technology from increasingly younger ages, whether that's watching videos, playing simple games or using tablets and other connected devices.

To help with this, Internet Matters has a dedicated online safety resource for parents and carers of children aged 0–5.

The guidance covers topics including:

- choosing age-appropriate apps, games and content;
- setting up parental controls;
- managing screen time and developing healthy habits;
- sharing photographs and information about young children;
- helping children begin to understand online safety.

The advice is particularly useful because it focuses on building positive digital habits from the beginning, rather than waiting until children are older before discussing online safety.

Link:

[Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice for Children Aged 0–5](#)

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist



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!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 85.68%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

St. Matthew - 87.04%

St. Mark - 92.13%

St. Luke - 77.94%

St. John - 86.47%

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"



HOUSE ART COMPETITION - 'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD'!

Huge congratulations to Maisy from our Sycamore Class for the winning entry for KS1, and to Alice from our Acacia Class for the winning KS2 entry!



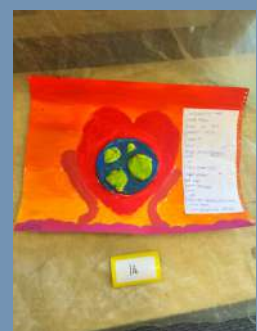
MAISY - KS1



ALICE - KS2



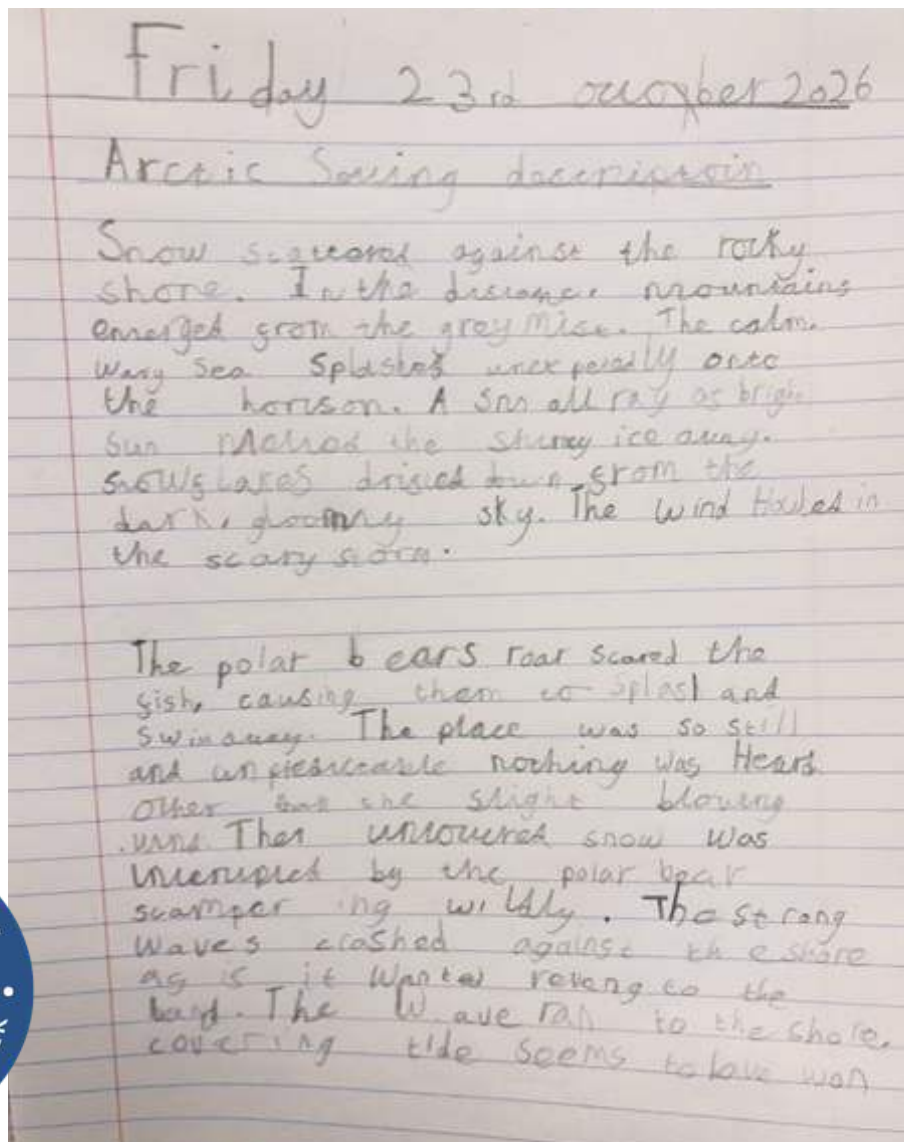
Well done to EVERYONE who took part in this month's house competition - it was so difficult to choose a winner as you had all worked so hard on your wonderful creations!



Writer of THE WEEK

Our Writer of the Week is Maisie from our Acacia Class who has used her wonderful imagination to describe an Arctic setting!

Mrs Dollin, Mrs Kaczmarek and Miss Adamska are so proud of you, Maisie - well done!



MAISIE FOXX



LIGHT PARTY

Wednesday 4th November!

3.15pm - 5pm

£5 per child

to include a light toy, snacks and squash

Thank you for your continued support!

What's on this school holiday?

at Stamford Library

Costume Swap

Get ready for Halloween. Try a new costume and swap it for your old one!

Saturday 17th Oct to
Saturday 31st Oct

Kids Craft Activity

Junk Modelling - Put your imaginations to the test and create a masterpiece

Saturday 24th Oct
10.00am - 3.00pm

The Bees are Back!

Watch the bees busy in their hive, learn what you can do to help them thrive.

Saturday 24th Oct
10.00am - 3.00pm

Rubarb Theatre - Puppet show. Free, but please book

Discover that one man's rubbish is another man's treasure!

Wednesday 27th Oct
3.00pm - 4.00pm

Kids Craft Activity

Make a cute hedgehog and decorate a neat tote bag for your books

Thursday 29th Oct
10.00am - 11.30am

Story time, Mini-Crafternoon and Lego Play

Our regular activities will continue as usual during the holiday.

Saturday 17th Oct to
Saturday 31st Oct

@LincsLibraries

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PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

MONDAY 18:00 - 19:00 | Full Ball 11-18yrs

TUESDAY 18:00 - 19:00 | Full Ball 11-18yrs

16:00 - 17:00 | Red Ball 4-8yrs
17:00 - 18:00 | Orange Ball 8-9yrs
18:00 - 19:00 | Green Ball 9-10yrs

SATURDAY 09:00 - 10:00 | Red Ball 4-8yrs
10:00 - 11:00 | Orange & Green Ball 8-10yrs
10:00 - 11:00 | Full Ball 11-18yrs

ADULT PROGRAMME

MONDAY 10:00 - 11:00 | Hit 100
19:00 - 20:00 | Adult Beginner

TUESDAY 19:00-20:00 | Cardio Tennis

WEDNESDAY 09:30 - 11:00 | Adult Rusty Rackets
18:00 - 19:00 | Adult Intermediate

THURSDAY 18:00 - 19:30 | Adult Advanced



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For more information or to book visit [accesstennis.co.uk](https://www.accesstennis.co.uk)
Contact willc.tennis@gmail.com / tel: 07960 950602



LPCF WORKSHOP



Working with Schools to Support Your Child's Learning



Monday 9th November 2026

7:00pm - 8:00pm | Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Registered Members ONLY - E-Booking Required

Dyslexia Outreach and Specialist Teaching Team (Inclusion Service) have been invited to present a free, online workshop for parents and carers, to support knowledge and understanding of how parents can work with mainstream schools to support their children with SEND.

They will be sharing recommendations for effective ways of working with school to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Open & Free to LPCF members only.

Sign up to LPCF here or on the sign up page of the website.

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Please book your place by 5th November
on the LPCF events page

www.lincspcf.org.uk

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.

Coffee morning sessions start
again on Monday 2nd November!

DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS WILL ATTEND
TO OFFER HELP AND ADVICE

Supported by



Early Intervention
Network

Nick Johnston: 07930515905

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KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids Eat Free October 9th - 31st via Perks App

BANANA TREE

Kids eat free this october with an adult

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

BREWDOG

Kids eat free this Oct with **KIDS EAT FREE** bookings

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Sun 18th Oct - Sun 1st Nov 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free during the October Half Term

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kid eats free weekdays this October half term

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat for £1 this October Half Term

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS

kids eat for £1 during the october half term

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TESCO

Kids Eat free weekdays with an adult purchase

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with a £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free via the village app

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free weekdays in school holidays