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

Welcome to Advent 2! As the clocks have changed, school is beginning to feel very wintery. Our first week back has been an exciting one, and we already have so much to celebrate!

This week, we welcomed new members of staff to our team. Two new members joined our school kitchen team. Every day the dining room is buzzing with excitement. The new meals being prepared are truly delicious, and the children are enjoying the opportunity to try foods they may never have sampled before. Staff are also greeted by the wonderful smell of freshly baked bread every morning!

Since September, we have also welcomed four new members to our support staff team. These colleagues work alongside our teaching staff to ensure that all our children's academic and emotional needs are supported.

Our newly elected FOSA team have wasted no time in getting activities underway. This week's Light Party was a great success, it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves so much. FOSA worked incredibly hard to make this event happen, and we are very grateful for their continued support. They have many more exciting events planned for this academic year, so watch this space!

Our parent coffee mornings also began again. This week, the team from the Early Intervention Group visited and offered support to parents who may be experiencing challenging times. These sessions are open to everyone and take place every Monday from 9.00–10.30am. We warmly encourage anyone who feels they would benefit from attending to come along.

I am sure many of you will be taking part in firework celebrations over the coming weekend.
As the nights draw in, it is lovely to see the sky filled with light and brightness. We are reminded that light has the power to overcome darkness.

As we continue our journey through Advent, may we remember the importance of bringing light, kindness and hope to those around us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!



Mrs Oliver

LET US PRAY

Dear Blessed Lord,
Please help us to always have faith in you.
So that we may know that you are always with us
To help us to overcome any difficulties that we may face
On life's journey.

Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Keira from Acacia Class who celebrates her 8th birthday on Sunday!



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

WELCOME!

This term, we are delighted to welcome some new faces to our team!

Mrs Thomas has experience in many different sectors, including education, and joins our Key Stage 2 team. Mrs Mathews is a qualified teacher who will be supporting our Key Stage 1 team. We hope they both settle in quickly and feel very much at home as part of our school community.

We are also pleased to welcome Jo, our new chef, and Robyn, who joins our kitchen team. They will be preparing and serving delicious, home-cooked meals from our brand-new kitchen.

We wish all our new team members a very warm welcome, and we look forward to working together!







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 - **Kenneth** - **Hope & Confidence**

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

Juniper Class Year 5/ 6 - **Benjamin B** - **Hope & Confidence**



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 - 199

St. Mark - 253

St. Luke - 249

St. John - 256

Well done, everyone!

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

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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 and Carers – Talking About AI With Children

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly familiar part of children's lives, whether that's through chatbots, homework tools, games or the apps they use every day. As AI becomes more common, it's important that children understand both what it can do and where its limitations lie.

Internet Matters has produced a useful Talking About AI guide for families, with age-appropriate conversation starters and activities to help parents explore AI with their children. The guide encourages families to talk about how AI works, question the information it produces, consider privacy and develop healthy habits when using AI tools. It's a practical resource for parents who may not feel particularly confident about AI themselves but want to help their children use it safely and responsibly.

Link:
Internet Matters – Talking About AI: A Guide for Families



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Remembrance'.

Remembrance is an important part of our faith. We remember the saints, those who have died, and the events of our history. Remembrance helps us to reflect on how those who've gone before us have shaped and inspired our lives today.

Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.



ATTENDANCE

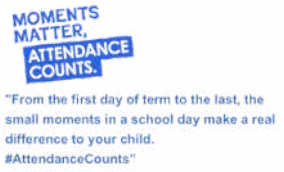
Our whole school attendance this week was 91.18%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

St. Matthew - 95.67%
St. Mark - 92.31%
St. Luke - 86.89%
St. John - 90.48%

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,





CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD CLUB!

Pack your passports for a festive adventure! This term, our brand new after-school club, 'Christmas Around the World', invites children to discover how different countries celebrate the holiday season.

Each week, we will journey to a new corner of the globe to explore unique winter customs and traditions through festive song, dances, crafts, customs and maybe a sweet treat!

This lovely new club will run on both Wednesday and Thursday of every week - if you would like your child to join in, please sign up in the 'Clubs' section on your Arbor app and simply select either the Wednesday or Thursday session. Collection will be 4.15pm from the KS1 playground.

- Miss Hawkins



LUNCHTIME AT ST. A'S!

The children have been enjoying delicious food from Aspens this week!

All lunches are now cooked on site and the children have really been enjoying our new service!



-Chef Jo

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. MARY AND ST. AUGUSTINE

On Sunday 22nd November, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, with our Youth Club helping to lead the 9.00am Holy Mass in Stamford.

This year, we would love our whole parish family, parishioners of all ages, including those who are sick or housebound, to take part in "A Crown of Love for Christ Our King."

At Holy Masses on the weekend of 7th/8th November, you will be invited to take home a small gold paper crown. On it, write or draw an act of love, kindness, forgiveness, prayer or service that you would like to offer to Jesus.

If you know someone who is sick or housebound, please consider taking a crown to them so they can share in this special parish offering too.

We would be grateful if completed crowns could be returned to church (Oakham and Stamford) from the weekend of 14th/15th November, if possible, so that our Youth Club can begin creating a special parish display. Crowns will also be warmly welcomed on Sunday 22nd November, so nobody need miss out.

Together, our crowns will be a beautiful reminder that we honour Christ our King not only with our words, but through the love we show to others. *One Parish. Many Acts of Love. One King*. Everyone is warmly invited to take part!

A ROYAL CUPPA! ☕👑
After the 9.00am Holy Mass in Stamford, please join us in the Church Hall for tea, coffee, refreshments and a chance to enjoy some time together as a parish family. Everyone is warmly welcome!



- Maria Quinn
Parish Secretary & Safeguarding Rep

We are fundraising for

BBC Children in Need

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!

