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

It has been another busy and exciting week here at St. Augustine's!

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of showing the CEO of our Trust around the school. He was extremely impressed by how well-mannered and purposeful the children were in their classrooms. They were all working hard in their Geography lessons and were so enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and learning with him. It was a pleasure to see them showcasing our school so positively!

This week, the children have also been thinking about Remembrance. At 11 o'clock, we joined together for a two-minute silence to remember and honour all those who have given their lives in the service of others. Although this can be a difficult concept for young children to fully understand, they showed great respect and maturity during the silence. We were very proud of the thoughtful and respectful way they took part in this important moment of reflection.

Today, we celebrated Children in Need! It was lovely to see the children sharing their toys with one another, enjoying the fun activities and helping to raise money for such a special cause. A wonderful reminder of the importance of kindness, generosity and thinking of others.

Believe it or not, Christmas preparations have already begun in some classes! The sounds of some family-favourite Christmas carols can now be heard drifting along the corridors, bringing a little festive magic into school.

As we look ahead, we are also beginning our Advent preparations, taking time to reflect on the meaning of this special season as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a time of hope, joy, love and anticipation as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Oliver



LET US PRAY

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.
Amen

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 15 November 2026 to be the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." (Ps 14:6)

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reminds us that God is *"the refuge of the poor,"* urging Christians to re-examine their own commitment to justice and solidarity and to reflect Christ by becoming a tangible refuge for the vulnerable and marginalised.

Reflecting on poverty today, the message decries the fact that the *"the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face."*

Pope Leo XIV invites us to recognise those experiencing poverty not only as people in need of assistance, but also as those who *"more like Christ than anyone else"* bring hope to life and witness to a radical trust in God.

The Holy Father emphasises that God's refuge becomes a concrete reality in Jesus Christ, who shared in human poverty all the way to the Cross. In the Church, his Body, it is Jesus *"who offers bread and friendship; he brings light and opens a horizon of hope; he calls each person by name and restores dignity to all."*

Recalling the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death, the Holy Father invites us to share the joy that great saint *"by putting ourselves in the shoes of the poor and listening to them rather than merely speaking about them."*

Finally, having reflected on the preferential option for the poor, Pope Leo closes by with the hope that the Tenth World Day of the Poor will help Christians *"rediscover the faces of so many brothers and sisters who seek refuge in God and long to feel at home in our communities."*

Read the full message

Pray with us

On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

- CAFOD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Talitha from Juniper Class who celebrates her 11th birthday on Sunday!

Happy Birthday to Stanley from Sycamore Class who celebrates his 7th birthday on Monday!



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



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).

menu

Please click here to see the week 1, week 2 and week 3 school lunch menus - next week will be the week 3 menu.

Don't forget you have until 8.45am to place a same-day order!

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.

hello FRIDAY

VIRTUE CERTIFICATES!

Sycamore Class - **Azalea** - **Love & Respect**

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

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



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 - 256

St. Mark - 326

St. Luke - 309

St. John - 336

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 - Should You Upload Photos of Children Into AI?

AI image tools are becoming increasingly popular, allowing people to change backgrounds, enhance photographs or create entirely new images. But what happens when we upload photographs of our children into these tools?
SWGfL has published some useful advice encouraging parents and carers to think about what happens to an image once it has been uploaded. Some questions worth considering include:

- Where will the photograph be stored?
- Could it be used to train an AI system?
- Can the image be permanently deleted?
- Does it contain identifying information, such as a school uniform or location?
- Could the image be copied, altered or misused?

This doesn't mean that every AI image tool is unsafe, but it is worth understanding how a service uses photographs before uploading them, particularly when those photographs are of children.
The SWGfL guidance provides some practical advice to help parents make more informed decisions.
Link:
SWGfL – Should I Upload Photos of Children Into AI?



EXTRA-ORDO-NARY 'WORD OF THE WEEK'

Next week's word is 'Youth'.

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude and we can see in young people and example of how to live life to the full.

Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

EXTRA +ORDO NARY+

ATTENDANCE

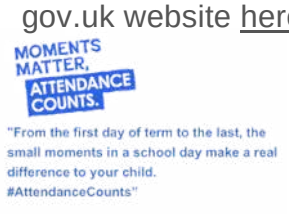
Our whole school attendance this week was 88.94%

Our attendance by house is as follows:

St. Matthew - 87.89%
St. Mark - 97.69%
St. Luke - 82.11%
St. John - 89.29%

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,





EARLY INTERVENTION NETWORK -PARENT SEMINAR

We are delighted to let you know that the Early Intervention Network team have a parent seminar planned for our coffee morning on Monday 16th November. We look forward to welcoming you on Monday - all are welcome!





2026

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 -EARLY INTERVENTION NETWORK COFFEE MORNING: PARENT SEMINAR	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 -FoSA NON-UNIFORM DAY! -EYFS OPEN AFTERNOON 1-3pm	27	28	29
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December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 ADVENT WREATH BLESSING - 2.15PM ALL WELCOME!	2 -CYBERWISE WORKSHOPS -FoSA MOVIE NIGHT!	3	4	5	6
7 YEAR 6 GALA DINNER!	8 - WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO TRIP! -CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY!	9 -FLU VACCINE MOP-UPS -KS2 VISIT TO SWA: WINTER PRODUCTION	10 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!	11 -EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY -ROOTS TO FOOD WORKSHOP WHOLE SCHOOL	12	13
14 POP ROX CONCERT 9AM*	15 KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROLS ALL WELCOME!	16 FoSA CHRISTMAS FAYRE!	17	18 LAST DAY OF TERM!	19	20
21 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	22 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	23 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	26 BOXING DAY	27
28 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	29 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	30 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	31 NEW YEARS EVE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	01 NEW YEARS DAY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		









FOR PARENTS OF POP ROX CHILDREN



EYFS
OPEN AFTERNOON

COME AND EXPLORE OUR LOVELY SCHOOL
FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS - NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

Thursday
26th November 2026
1.00PM - 3.00PM

- OFSTED **OUTSTANDING** EARLY YEARS PROVISION!
- SINGLE YEAR GROUP EARLY YEARS CLASSROOM!
- "PUPILS FEEL SAFE AND WELL CARED FOR." - ***OFSTED***

IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO MAKE OUR OPEN AFTERNOON BUT WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT US - WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

ADMISSIONS

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2027 SCHOOL YEAR
OPEN 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

ST. AUGUSTINE'S STAMFORD

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