



St. Augustine's
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2023 Issue 13

Dear Parents

Our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children continue to rehearse for their nativity play next week. It promises to be a wonderful production. Please do come along and see them sing and perform next week on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

Congratulations to Year 3 for leading our Mass so beautifully this week. The readers, offertory and servers all carried out their role reverently and respectfully. Well done! Our choir received the opportunity to visit and sing within Coventry Cathedral this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were excellent ambassadors for St. Augustine's. Thank you to Mrs Mills and the staff for helping make the opportunity possible.

As part of our advent journey, we have a new Jesse Tree in school. There are lots of symbols attached with the newsletter this week. Children can colour these and bring them in to add to our tree or collect one from school to colour in for the Jesse Tree. I will choose children each day to add symbols to the Jesse tree.

Once again today, we have received the opportunity to participate in Adoration at St. Augustine's Church. It is a short time of quiet prayer as we prepare for to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and await his coming again. Adoration time is open to parents and families and you are very welcome to come in and pray with us one more time next Friday from 2:40pm until 2:55pm.

We are still looking for one parent governor on our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact me on 02476 596988.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss McDonald

Gospel Virtues

Our virtues this half term remind us to be Attentive and Discerning

We are attentive when we listen to God's call and serve one another in all that we do. Our school motto reminds us of this every day. 'Hand in hand, we listen to God's call, we learn from God's Word and we share God's love through service.'

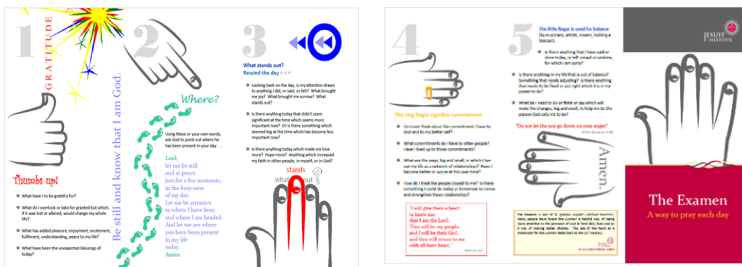
We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interests and needs of others because we know it will have a positive impact on their lives.

Activities to try at home:

Take time during Advent to be attentive to the real reason for this season in preparation for the Lord's coming.

Set yourself a challenge everyday during this season of Advent eg (<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar> CAFOD Interactive Advent calendar)

Take time at the end of each day to discern the actions and decisions you have made and how you can develop in your vocational response to God's calling – you can use the prayer leaflet below:



Reminders/Messages



Marvellous Mondays 11th Dec (Last session)

Monday 11th 2pm EYFS & Y1 Christmas Play

Tuesday 12th 9.15am EYFS & Y1: Christmas play

Wednesday 13th December: School Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 14th December at 2pm - St. Augustine's Church – KS2 Carol Service

Monday 18th - Wed 20th Dec - Christmas Grotto

Thursday 21st Dec-Christmas Disco Non uniform

Friday 22nd December, 1.30pm: Y2 to lead Christmas Mass

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Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	97%
Nursery AM	97%
Reception	85%
Y1M	93%
Y1RW	95%
Y2K	99%
Y3B	93%
Y3PH	96%
Y4L	90%
Y4M	98%
Y5A	93%
Y5S	90%
Y6C	89%
Y6D	88%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Class Attendance Winners



Year 2K

99%



Aims

At Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company (MAC), we view regular attendance as an essential part of a child's academic and social success. Learning and friendship opportunities are enhanced by sustained periods of unbroken attendance, and we rely on our partnership with parents/carers to ensure that this is achieved. Good attendance means that children usually make good, consistent progress in their schoolwork. If a child is registered at school, parents and carers have a duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure that their child attends regularly and is punctual.

Attendance Policy, January 2023

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Birthdays



Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	Sivaram
Year 2	Omoshileola
Year 3	
Year 4	Ayla, Arjun, Harvey James
Year 5	
Year 6	Presli



Brilliant Awards



REC	Jesse
Y1M	Alma, Annabel
Y1RW	Khalid
Y2K	Oaklea & Krish
Y3B	Noah Tiernan
Y3PH	Oskar
Y4L	Daniella Ankomah
Y4M	Martyna L
Y5A	Lena Kusnierz
Y5S	Kayla
Y6C	Finley and Arjan
Y6D	Presli, Annabella



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
1885	1660	2050	2025

Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

REC	
Y1M	
Y1RW	
Y2K	
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	Dawson Wilson
Y4M	Jaxson Mvogo
Y5A	Iveren Dem, Lena Kusnierz
Y5S	Oluwasemilore Ayorinde
Y6C	
Y6D	Izabela

Attendance Winners

100% Winners are :

Hibah, Anabel E, Keegan, Jessica Stone, Joshua O,

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SEND Support

Special Educational Needs

A couple of information links this week. If your child has a diagnosis of autism or is on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment then you might find these two websites useful, either for yourself or as a resource to share with the wider family such as grandparents.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Mrs Wightman (SENDCO)



National
Autistic
Society



<https://50thingstodo.org/download>

Winter Reading Challenge

It's back! Spark a love of reading for children with the free online



Winter Mini Challenge <http://www.wintermini.org.uk/>. Unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities on the dedicated children's website.

Call into your local library this winter to pick up books for the challenge, activity & colouring sheets and certificate and join in with some of activities and events for children

www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

Clubs

Please note that most of our After School Clubs this term have now come to an end.

Apart from:

Monday - Dance Year 1-3 - final session Mon 18th Dec (performance)

Friday - Soccer Rockz Year 1/2 - final session Fri 15th Dec



Our After School Clubs for next term went live this week for you to sign your child up. An email will be sent out on Monday, informing parents of remaining availability. If you have been unable to book a place for your child, this is because the clubs are **full**. Thank you for your continued support.

PE Kits

Please can we remind you that school PE kits should consist of black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and a black hoody or jumper (school jumper okay too) - no branded kits should be worn in school. There are a number of children coming to school in very colourful tracksuits - **this is not in line with our school uniform policy and is only acceptable on non-uniform days**. Phone calls will be made home for incorrect kit and children will be provided with a change of clothes.

Boys' and Girls' P.E/Games.

Item	Colour
Polo top	White
Shorts	Plain Black
Plimsolls/trainers	Black
Trainers	Outdoor sports
Jogging suit (optional)	Plain Black (for winter lessons)

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we prefer children do not wear jewellery in our school. The only earrings to be worn are **small studs**, which the child will have to remove during PE lessons or cover with tape. Watches are also permissible. The school cannot be held responsible for any lost items.



Results

Football - Wednesday 6th December - Home vs St Patrick's (Cup Game)

Congratulations to our football team for a strong 6-0 win against St Patrick's on Wednesday. We are now through to the next round of the Catholic Cup!

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Athlete Visit

Thank you to Martha Harris for coming into school on Thursday to complete a fitness circuit with us. The children were all very inspired by her and were impressed with the skills and achievements she shared with us.

A huge thank you to the families for their sponsorship money this time round, we know times are hard but we are grateful for your support.

A special mention to our **GOLD** winners for raising £35 or more: Phelan, Mikey, Scarlett, Matilda, Eleanor and Harvey-James!



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