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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2023 Issue 11

Dear Parents,

During the week, our Year 6 children visited Coventry Cathedral for the Blitz Experience. The children spent time learning more about the history of Coventry and WWII. It was a very engaging and interactive day with lots to learn and explore. Year 6 had a wonderful day and have been using their visit to enhance their History work this week. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done, Year 6. Thank you to the staff for making the visit possible. Over the half term, all the MAC schools took part in the Spooktacular times tables challenge. Each of our KS2 class winners were announced today and received an award and prize. Well done to all of the winners and all children who took part. St. Augustine's were also very proud to have a winner in the top 3 scores for all children across the MAC. Well done, Jamail, who received 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

Our liturgy have been working hard to gather ideas for supporting prayer at the school. They will share some of these ideas as we move closer to the Christmas break. In the meantime, we have our Advent morning coming up on 1<sup>st</sup> December and also Adoration during Advent. Please do look out for further information. 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



Friday 1st December: Advent Morning (more details to follow)

Thursday 7th December: Athlete Visit - Year 1-6 to wear PE kits to school (more information to follow)

Tuesday 12th 9.15am EYFS & Y1: Christmas play

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

Thursday 14th

December at 6pm - St. Augustine's Church - KS2 Carol Service

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

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Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) . Further resources are available on our [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Coventry are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say:  
<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



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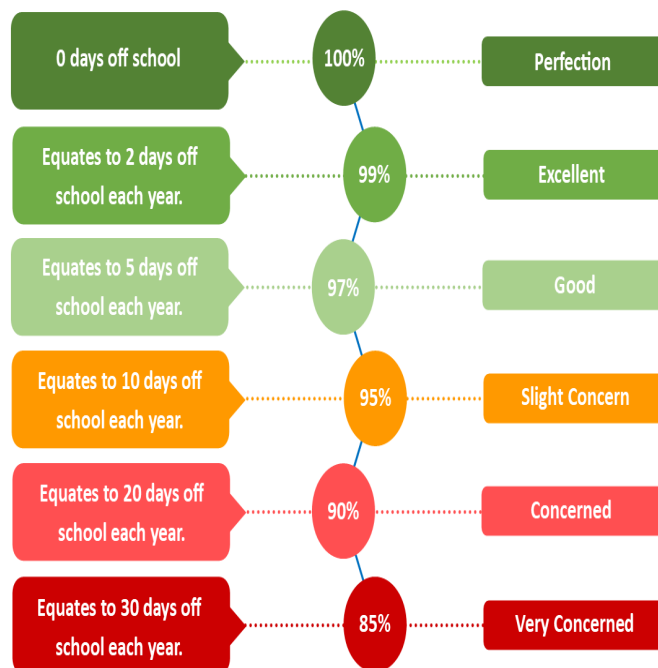
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## Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	89%
Nursery AM	91%
Reception	97%
Y1M	99%
Y1RW	91%
Y2K	100%
Y3B	94%
Y3PH	100%
Y4L	93%
Y4M	95%
Y5A	95%
Y5S	94%
Y6C	94%
Y6D	92%

## Attendance Goal 96% and above



## Class Attendance Winners



Classes 2K & 3PH

100%



### 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	
Year 2	
Year 3	Keegan
Year 4	
Year 5	Hibah
Year 6	Jayden M



## House Points



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
1895	2380	2570	2400

## Attendance Winners

100% Winners are :

Mila, Ciara D, Godfred, Saicha-Ray, and Sujeeth

## Brilliant Awards

REC	Elisha and Eleanor
Y1M	Liam
Y1RW	Joanna
Y2K	Amin, Szymon, Zhaorong
Y3B	
Y3PH	Kacper
Y4L	Ayla Finn
Y4M	Benedict
Y5A	Lily-Mae
Y5S	Emmanuel
Y6C	Finley and Arjan
Y6D	Natalia

## Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

REC	
Y1M	
Y1RW	
Y2K	Maro
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	
Y4M	Daniel
Y5A	Victoria
Y5S	
Y6C	Renee
Y6D	Jakub, Reece and Jamail

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## PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

### Clubs

Monday Dance After School Club – please note that due to the cancelled sessions, there will be additional sessions on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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.

### High 5 Netball Lunchtime Club – Year 5 & 6 – Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have not had enough interest in our school high 5 netball team this academic year so will not be continuing in the High 5 Netball league this season.

### Fixtures

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



## PE Kit

Can we please remind parents that **football kits are not part of our uniform policy for PE.** If your child is attending an after school club, they can change into a football kit, if they wish, at the beginning of the session.

High top trainers are unsafe for children to wear during PE sessions.

## Active Families

Each week we will provide you with a resource which will give you some ideas on ways to keep active at home!

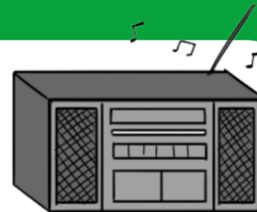
### Add it on



What you need: Music

People: 2 or more

Play: Inside



#### How to play:

- One person shows everyone else a dance move.
- The others copy the move.
- The next person shows everyone a dance move.
- Everyone does the first move and then adds on the next move and so on.

## PE Kit – Reminder

### 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.

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## SEND Support

### Special Educational Needs

In case you missed it last week here is another shout out for the workshop sessions offered by Coventry's Complex Communication Team. I know several parents have booked onto the sessions already, they look very useful.

The sessions are over six weeks and are aimed at parents and carers of children and young people on the autism spectrum and with complex communication needs.

The sessions are delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and are led by a specialist teacher. All sessions are from 4.30pm – 5.45 pm.

The range of topics includes:

Week 1 – Understanding your child and their Autism

Week 2 – Supporting your child with self-care and independence

Week 3- Supporting your child and their sensory processing differences.

Week 4- Supporting your child and their behaviours

Week 5- Supporting your child with their learning

Week 6- Supporting your child with transitions

The aims of each session will be:

- To raise awareness of how Autism/CCN affect your child
- To develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges that our children face and the strengths they can bring
- To increase your confidence in understanding and supporting your child
- To build up a bank of ideas and strategies that can be used to support your child

There will be weekly advice clinics to accompany each session where you have an allocated slot to ask specific questions relating to your child.

Please email [BSCLimbrickWoodCentre@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:BSCLimbrickWoodCentre@coventry.gov.uk) if you would like to attend these sessions.

Mrs Wightman (SENDCO)

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## Parking / Road Safety



Polite notice we experiencing problems with parking on Heathcote Street and Sadler Road, please can we remind all parents/carers not to double park in the sports centre carpark, do not park on double yellow line or across residents driveways. The residents in St Augustine's Walk have reported the issue to the parking wardens and they are issuing parking fines.

The school is not responsible for the fines issued.

Please take care when leaving school, Please keep children to paths and walk ways do not walk across the staff car park.



## Medical

Thank you to all parents who have updated healthcare plans with me. All children with asthma or an allergy must now have a healthcare plan.

If you haven't yet done so please can you return the signed slip to say that the information on the updated plan is correct.

There are only six outstanding healthcare plans to complete. If you have received a telephone message asking you to call school to discuss a healthcare plan I would be very grateful if you could contact me so that these final plans can be completed.

Mrs Wightman (SEND/CO)



## Online Safety

Do you want to know more about keeping your child safe online? Visit <https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/>



**Help, advice and  
resources for  
parents and carers**

Offer your children support and guidance with our range of online safety guides

## Safeguarding

We do not tolerate any behavior of abusive, threatening or aggressive nature against Staff or Members of the school community

## School Update

The School Gates open at 8:30am Please ensure your child arrives promptly. If your Child is late arriving after 8:40am when the gate is closed an adult must bring them to the school office and sign them in with the reason if lateness.

Can we remind parents that if you are going to be late collecting your child from school at 3:10pm, that you make alternative arrangements for children to be collected on time. We have had a number of parent arriving up to 30 minutes late this is not acceptable.

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## AUTUMN MENU CYCLE St Augustines Primary School

### WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Chicken Nuggets	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish of the Day
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Quorn Nuggets	Tomato Pasta Bake	Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegetable Bolognese	Cheese Roll
VEGETABLE	Peas or Baked beans	Sweetcorn	Mixed vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas or Baked beans
SIDES	Potato wedges or Fries	Garlic bread	Roasted Potatoes	Pasta penne	Chips

Jacket potato with various fillings offered each day

Salad served Daily



## Packed Lunches

We would like to remind you that we have a strict **NO NUTS** policy at our school. We kindly ask that the following items are not put in children's lunch boxes

- No nuts or products containing nuts
- No Chicken or Meat on the bone
- No chocolate spread
- No sweets
- No fizzy pop



Please ensure that fruit such as grapes and berries are cut in half to prevent choking

Suggested lunch box items

- Sandwiches/wraps
- Meat/cheese
- Yogurt
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Crisps
- Small Tuck bar
- Drink – Water/Juice/Squash



## Arbor

You can log into Arbor to view any clubs or trips your child may be eligible for. You can also make dinner choices and payments



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**Term and Holiday dates 2023/ 2024**



Term	Pupil Dates	Teacher Days
<b>Autumn 1 2023</b> 	Return to school on <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> Pupils break up at 3.05pm on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	
<b>Autumn 2 2023</b> 	Children return to school on <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	
<b>Spring 1 2024</b> 	Children return to school on <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	
<b>Spring 2 2024</b> 	Children return to school on <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	
<b>Summer 1 2024</b> 	Children return to school on <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024</b>	
<b>Summer 2 2024</b> 	Children return to school on <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> to <b>Last day of term Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>

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