



St. Augustine's
Catholic
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023 Issue 9

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for our new half term.

This week, we have been delighted to have Pools for Schools lead swimming lessons for many of our children. The pool has been set up on our school playground and the children have been extremely sensible in preparing, entering and exiting the pool safely and take part in lessons with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the children so excited and enjoying swimming so much! Thank you to Mrs Kelly and Mr Bennett for organising and all staff for supervising.

Year 3 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion meeting took place on Thursday after school. It was lovely to meet many of our Year 3 parents. Fr. Benedict provided information about preparation for the sacraments and led us in prayer. Children received their Mass books and dates for future meetings were shared with parents. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office for this information. If you haven't received an invitation to the meetings and your child is a baptised Catholic in Year 3, please contact us as soon as possible.

Parents and children preparing for the sacraments are invited to join us for Mass on Sunday at 10:30am in St. Augustine's Church, where some of the children will be reading. Please do join us if you can.

Thank you to Mrs Carey for preparing the Remembrance service on Friday with pupils from year 5. The beautiful service and reflection included prayers of blessings from Fr. Benedict for all those who have gone before us.

We look forward to another exciting week next week when we will focus on anti-bullying beginning with odd socks day on Monday!

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.'

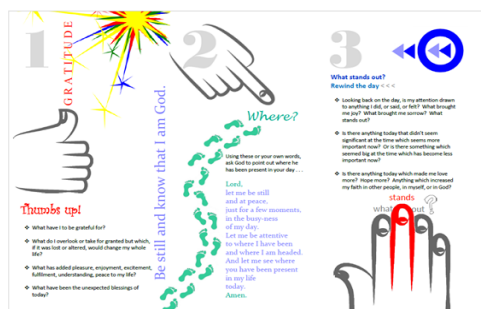
We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interests and needs of others because we know it will have a positive impact on their lives.

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



Monday 6th November - Thursday
16th November: Pools to Schools (letter and Arbor updated)

Monday 13th November—Odd Sock Day (Anti-bullying Week)

Friday 17th November - School Closed (inset day)

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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Birthdays



Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	Neriah
Year 3	Carissa, Olasunbomi and Klara
Year 4	
Year 5	Emilia
Year 6	Chimamanda



House Points



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
2140	2250	2345	2045

Attendance Winners

100% Winners are :

Amelia rose, Laura B, Lorraine, Hudson and Blessing.

Brilliant Awards

REC	Kirk Miller
Y1M	Olamide Adebayo
Y1RW	Arthur Finn
Y2K	Neriah Muhammed
Y3B	Julia Rojek
Y3PH	Brendan Burford
Y4L	
Y4M	Lorraine Dzwza
Y5A	Jude Turner
Y5S	Zofia Zak
Y6C	Abbie Perkins
Y6D	

Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

REC	
Y1M	
Y1RW	
Y2K	
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	
Y4M	Alex Kirby
Y5A	Emilia Krimmer
Y5S	
Y6C	
Y6D	

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

High 5 Netball Lunchtime Club – Year 5 & 6

Mr Bennett will be running a High 5 Netball Club on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime (weather permitting). If this isn't your usual PE day and you wish to take part, please bring your trainers to school on these days.



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.

PE Kit – Reminder

Boys' and Girls' P.E./Games.

Item	Colour
Polo top	White
Shorts	Plain Black
Pilmsolls/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.

Active Families

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

Musical Statues

What you need: some music, someone to stop and start the music

How to Play:

- When the music starts players start dancing. Dance however you like – hop, skip, twirl, or anything else that makes you happy! Let the music inspire your moves.
- When the music everyone must freeze like a statue until the music starts again.
- Keep dancing and freezing whenever the music stops.

Playing with others? Every time someone moves when the music stops, they become the helper to stop the music next time. Who can be the last one dancing?

www.getset4education.co.uk

Reminder— Pools for Schools

Children have one more week of access to the swimming pool after a great first week can we remind all parents,

Children need to bring :

Essential :Swimming costume or shorts, Towel (large enough to cover body), Flip flops or other suitable footwear to walk to the pool.

Optional : Dressing gown, Swim hat.

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SEND Support

Special Educational Needs

Thank you to all parents who have attended structured conversations for IEP's we look forward to seeing more parents for the meetings next week. Invitations for appointments for structured conversations for My Support Plans will be sent out next week.

It was great to welcome Lindsay Street from complex communication team this morning at our coffee morning, and we hope those who attended found it valuable.

Mrs Wightman (SENDCO)

Other Events

This month the children have been learning about **Black History Month**. We have been thinking about our own Black History Month Champions.

Over half term, why not write or create a piece of artwork about your Black History Champion? Who is it? Why are they your champion/hero?

This could be someone you know.

Someone from history.

Someone famous today.

You can find about some inspirational people at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000wfhl/our-black-history-heroes>

Please bring all entries to **Mrs Lovelock (4L)** on **Monday 6th November**. We look forward to using them to create a whole school display.

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

Choir

It has been great to see our choir members back after half term. We are learning some tricky songs for Young Voices – but the children have been working hard. Over the next few days, there will be some letters sent out to you for formal sign up to the Carol Service in the Cathedral (6th December), Young Voices and a grand concert in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Our School Choir now has 24 members and is therefore closed to anyone else. Should your child wish to join, they will be added to a waiting list.

On the last Friday of half term, you may recall we had a fundraising event for our Choir, with a "Wear Your Own Clothes" day. I am pleased to announce that **£197.37** was raised – that is amazing. Thank you so much for your generosity – I and our School Choir much appreciate your support.

Mrs Mills, Music Co-Ordinator



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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 drive-ways. 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.



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.

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 (SENDCO)



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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

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

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