



St. Augustine's
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023 Issue 2

Dear Parents,
Have a lovely weekend.

It has been another incredible week at St. Augustine's. It is always wonderful to see how dedicated and enthusiastic the children are towards their learning. Our younger children are settling well and it has been a delight to welcome all our nursery and reception children to school. Both classes have all completed their first days so well with courage and curiosity.

During the week, we celebrated the Holy Cross MAC Feast Day. Year 3 and year 6 joined with all our MAC schools at Coventry Cathedral for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Longley followed by workshops or a walk around the peace trail. The celebration of the Exultation of the Cross was a wonderful reminder of all that Christ has done for us and his great love for us. Our children were exceptionally well-behaved and enjoyed the day.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for persistence in bringing children to school every day and on time. This continues to be a focus as we move forward. Sharing the importance of learning with your children is invaluable and we are very grateful for your support.

Our Ofsted Report is here! We are very proud of whole school community and hope you will enjoy reading the report. It will be published on the Ofsted website in a few days, but is attached to this email for you.

Best wishes,

Miss McDonald

Reminders/Messages

Sunday 15th October - Thursday 19th October: Year 6 Residential to Dol-Y-Moch

Thursday 26th October: Athlete Visit - Year 1-6 to wear PE kits to school (sponsorship forms and more information to follow)

Monday 6th November - Thursday 16th November: Pools to Schools (more information to follow)

Reminders/Messages

Polite notice we have been back in school now for 2 weeks and are already 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.

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Class Attendance

Nursery	88%
Reception	
Y1M	95%
Y1RW	97%
Y2K	98%
Y3B	88%
Y3PH	90%
Y4L	94%
Y4M	98%
Y5A	97%
Y5S	95%
Y6C	91%
Y6D	91%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Attendance Winners 4M



Aleyah, Cian, Maya, Phelan & Keavy



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.

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Birthdays



Nursery	Aviana
Reception	Lyla-Rae & Kirk
Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Zhorong
Year 3	Annabel & Dorothy
Year 4	Benedict, Luke & Matthew
Year 5	Abdulrhaman & Thamilpriyan
Year 6	Gabriel, Oliwia & Natalia



Brilliant Awards

Nursery	
REC	
Y1M	Savannah
Y1RW	Gracie
Y2K	Jerry and Micheal
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	Xavery
Y4M	
Y5A	Hibah
Y5S	Nevaeh
Y6C	Ava
Y6D	

House Points



St. David	St. Patrick	St. George	St. Andrew
810	895	690	1015



Virtues Grateful and Generous Awards

Nursery	
REC	
Y1M	
Y1RW	
Y2K	Zhaorong
Y3B	
Y3PH	
Y4L	Gabriella
Y4M	
Y5A	Gracie
Y5S	
Y6C	Bin
Y6D	

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Choir

Mrs Mills is excited to have Choir re-starting next Tuesday (19th September) – a number of fantastic singing opportunities have already been arranged. All those children who have submitted signed forms already have a place in Choir. There are other children who expressed an interest in joining but are yet to return their forms – there is still time to apply and there are a few places left. Please see Mrs Mills if you would like another application form. If Choir becomes over-subscribed, your child will be notified and added to a waiting list.

Choir will normally take place in Key Stage 2 Hall every Tuesday, 3:15-4:15 (weather permitting with Sports After school clubs). Children can be collected from door outside the Hall (or Mrs Mills Year 1 classroom door). Don't forget a water bottle and a smile!

Mrs Mills, Music Co-Ordinator



Apply for a Blue Peter book badge


Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books by applying online or by post just visit the Blue Peter website.

[Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

Active Families

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

5 Minute Challenge




What you need: A little space and a stopwatch or clock.

How to play:

- You have 5 minutes – how many times can you complete this circuit?
- 10 x Star Jumps
- 10 x Burpees
- 10 x Press ups
- 10 x Squats

How many times did you complete the circuit?



Online Safety

AGES 5 TO 7

Your child will more than likely be aware that some online content is rude, upsetting or generally inappropriate for them. Use search engines with them, demonstrating safe search settings as well as reading content descriptions on apps before installing them. Get them into the habit of always doing this.

If your child has seen something inappropriate, discuss it with them and deal with it together.

Did You Know?

Over
45%

of children who access live stream content have witnessed violence or hatred content (NSPCC, 2017)

Top tips:

- There are no 100% safeguards we can put in place to protect our children from inappropriate content. For this reason, children must be supported in becoming informed and empowered online users.
- Parents are there to protect children from harm. Ignoring ratings can have long lasting damaging effects. For example, distorted understanding of healthy relationships with others.



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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Eco Team

Mrs Carlin would like to say a massive congratulations to last year's Eco Team. At the end of the last academic year, the Eco School Team informed us that we had been awarded the Eco Green Flag Award.

Please see below our message from the Eco School Team:

Congratulations!!! Fantastic work!

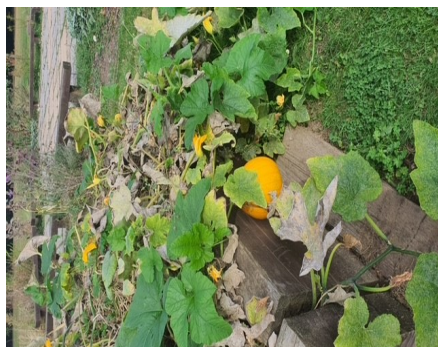
We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's very impressive that you have formed such a large Eco-Committee. It shows that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change. This knowledge and attitude has provided your school with excellent foundations for the many successes that you've achieved this year. Your Eco-Committee were elected democratically, which is a fair and mature approach – well done to selected members on their appointment! It's brilliant that young people were given the responsibility for recording meeting minutes. This will allow them to take ownership over the Eco-Schools programme and develop their listening, communication and teamwork skills. The pupil quote provided is brilliant. They're clearly a passionate and impressive young person and we're delighted that they have been given an opportunity to make a difference through the Eco-Schools programme, what a fantastic ambassador for your school and our programme. 'I love nature and outdoor because of the beautiful flowers and plants. I really like being part of the eco team' was a great quote to read! It was lovely to read all the comments on your Environmental Review and gain a real insight into the debate and discussion that took place whilst completing it. It's clear your Eco-Committee are constantly considering what actions they can take to improve their local community and benefit our planet. Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community. We enjoyed reading about your plans for your focus areas on Biodiversity, Energy and Marine You have provided practical and fun curriculum examples, which impressively build on the projects you have worked on in your Action Plan. This is a great way to add context to your Eco-Schools work, it means young people at your school are given the opportunity to learn about important environmental issues and then the chance to work on these issues – a great dual approach. You have worked with a variety of different individuals and organisations including the Coventry Canal Basin, relying on their expertise and passion to enrich and inform your Eco-Schools journey. No doubt this was a mutually beneficial experience for all, as these individuals and organisations must have also been inspired by your dedicated Eco-Committee. Your greatest successes link clearly to the experience of your pupils. Your crisp packet recycling scheme has been a huge success, well done! This is what the best forms of climate action are about – impactful but achievable things that create a positive experience and prompt more action. We love this! Your Eco-Code is very punchy, clear and easy to digest for those that see it. It's a direct call to action. We love this! Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag, congratulations!

Nurture Team

Well done to our nurture team who have managed to grow some amazing pumpkins.



We require up to 2 representatives from each year group (Years 1-6) to join our new Eco Team for this academic year.

Do you think you have what it takes to help us come up with great ideas to ensure we take care of our God given world?

If you wish to apply for the position, then please send your letters of interest to Mrs Carlin explaining why you would like to take on the role.

Collection boxes for applications will be left outside the KSI hall by the display boards.

Please hand in all applications by Monday 18th September.

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up for our After School Clubs this term. You have been emailed to confirm the date in which these clubs will run, including the start dates. Please make a note of these for your reference.

Monday

Multi Skills: Year 1&2 – Monday 11th September

Dance: Year 1,2&3 – Monday 18th September

Tuesday

Multi Skills: Year 3&4 – Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday

Football: Year 5&6 – Wednesday 13th September (shin pads essential)

Thursday

Multi Skills: Year 5&6 – Thursday 14th September

Football: Year 3&4 – Thursday 21st September (shin pads essential)

Friday

Football: Year 1&2 – Friday 22nd September (shin pads essential)

Please note: Football kits and branded clothing are not part of our school PE uniform policy, however these can be brought to school to change into, if attending an after school club.

Can we politely request that parents to speak to their children about behaving appropriately during the After School Clubs.

The contract below was sent out to all parents before clubs became available.

After School Club Contract

By signing your child up to an after-school club, you are agreeing that:

My child will:

Be respectful – to all adults and children within the club

Be kind – with words and actions to all adults and children within the club

Be honest – to all adults and children within the club

Be safe – by listening and following the instructions given to you by the coach or other adults

Be all they can be – to ensure the children get the most fun and enjoyment during the sessions!

We have a waiting list for every club we are running. Unfortunately, if these rules are not followed, appropriate action will be taken and your child may be removed from their club.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on the days they attend After School Club. For **football** sessions, they **must** bring long socks and **shin pads** – **due to Health and Safety, children will not be able to join in without shin pads**. If children wish to change into a football kit, this will be done independently at the beginning of the club, but **football kits are not to be worn during the school day**. Clubs finish at 4:10pm and collection is from the office at the main entrance. If parents are consistently late to collect their children, they may have to be removed from the club, as staff have their own commitments after school.

Fixtures

Mrs Kelly attended a fixtures meeting this week to arrange all of our High 5 Netball and Football sporting fixtures for the academic year. Mr Bennett will be selecting the teams based on children who attend the clubs and who are following the rules above. Please note, if your child is selected to represent the school, you will be notified via email and you will need to give your consent on Arbor prior to the fixture. We will always try to notify you of this a week before.

First football fixture – Monday 2nd October vs Our Lady of the Assumption (home)

First high 5 fixture – Thursday 5th October vs Our Lady of the Assumption (home)



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AUTUMN MENU CYCLE WEEK THREE

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Pork Sausages	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beefburger	Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Quorn Sausages	Cheese and tomato pasta bake	Vegetable burger	Vegetable Curry	Quorn Nuggets
VEGETABLE	Peas	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Green Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
SIDES	Mashed Potato	Garlic bread	Chips	Rice	Chips

Salad served Daily

Food Allergies and Intolerance
If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a Team Member before you order your food and drinks.

Safeguarding

Can we remind parents that if you are going to be late collecting your child from school at 3:10pm, please call the office before 2pm so that the messages can be passed on to the relevant members of staff. Thank you.



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 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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