



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have enjoyed hearing about your child's learning this week.

It has been a wonderful week across school, with children showing great enthusiasm and enjoyment in their learning. In classrooms, pupils have been fully engaged in a wide range of subjects, exploring new ideas in English and mathematics, developing their curiosity in science, and expressing creativity through foundation subjects such as art, history, and geography. It has been lovely to see children so motivated, confident, and proud of their work, and we are delighted with the positive attitudes to learning being demonstrated throughout the school.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Dyer, Cardinal Newman Catholic School, and Christ The King for hosting an afternoon of fun maths activities for some of our Year 6 pupils this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented St. Augustine's exceptionally well. Well done to all the pupils involved for their enthusiasm, positive behaviour, and excellent participation.

We would like to remind parents and carers about our school expectations regarding pupils' hair. Hair colours, including the colour of any hair extensions, must be natural-looking shades. Extreme or unnatural colours are not permitted. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a smart and consistent school appearance for all pupils.

This week we were pleased to welcome the Pathways Family Hub to school for a mother and baby stay and play session on Wednesday afternoon. These sessions provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents and carers to spend time with their babies, meet others, and access helpful advice and support.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that these stay and play sessions will continue weekly, and everyone is very welcome to attend. If you would like further information, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,
Miss V. McDonald
Headteacher

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Welfare: *If you need to talk to anyone about help or support please do not hesitate to contact the school.*

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ATTENDANCE

Class Attendance

Reception - 94%

Y1R - 98%

Y2MW - 98%

Y3H - 95%

Y3P - 98%

Y4K - 94%

Y5P - 97%

Y5S - 97%

Y6C - 96%

Y6D - 97%



Well done

Y1R, Y2MW & Y3P!

For being this weeks class attendance winner!

Penalty Notice Fines for School Unauthorised Absence and Lateness

You may be aware that the law has changed regarding attendance at school. We are required to follow the guidance sent to all schools from the government. In order to ensure you are up to date with the changes, we have included a brief overview of updated penalty notice fines. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

1. **FIRST OCCURANCE** The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance or lateness (after register closes) the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

2. **SECOND OCCURANCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)** The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Leave or irregular attendance or lateness (after register closes) the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days No reduce rate will be offered.

3. **THIRD OCCURANCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCE** The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance or lateness (after the register closes) a Penalty will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' court which can be up to: £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' court can show on a DBS certificate for a parent due to the failure in safeguarding a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10 WEEK PERIOD A penalty notice fine will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (including lateness after register closed) in a rolling 10 week period. This can span different terms and academic years.

We ask for medical evidence of children being poorly (doctor's appointment proof or antibiotics) so we can attach it to your child's attendance to support no fines occurring.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Filip D
Octavia F
Annabel E

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Augustines!!



Brilliant Awards

Reception - Diana

Y1 - Akshara

Y2MW - Joycelyn

Y3H - Olamide

Y3P - Chidinma

Y4K - Alice & Zhaorong

Y5S - Shashmi



Curious and Active

Y1 - Allen & Olivia

Y2MW - Sofia

Y3 - Daniel N & Simon

Y4 - Godfred

Y5 - Borys, Chris B && Sujeeth

Y6 - Elizabeth D, Ethan M & Antek



House Points



St David

2175



St Patrick

1705



St George

2330



St Andrew

2400

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After School Clubs

Please see below the most accurate and up to date afterschool club guide.

Please keep a note of the dates for this half term.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 5 th Jan	No Clubs	Y3-6 Choir	No Clubs	No Clubs	No Clubs
2 12 th Jan	Y5-6 Football	<i>Football fixture vs All Souls (home)</i> No Choir Y1-2 Coding Y3-6 Dance	Y3-6 Coding Y2-4 Trampolineing Y5-6 Girls Football	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball (free)	Y3-4 Football
3 19 th Jan	Y5-6 Football	Y5-6 Squad Football Y3-6 Choir Y1-2 Coding Y3-6 Dance	Y3-6 Coding Y2-4 Trampolineing Y5-6 Girls Football	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball <i>High 5 fixture vs StK (away)</i>	Y3-4 Football
4 26 th Jan	Y5-6 Football	Y5-6 Squad Football Y3-6 Choir Y1-2 Coding Y3-6 Dance	Y3-6 Coding Y2-4 Trampolineing Y5-6 Girls Football	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball	Y3-4 Football
5 2 nd Feb	Y5-6 Football	<i>Football fixture vs Christ the King (home)</i> Y3-6 Choir Y1-2 Coding Y3-6 Dance	Y3-6 Coding Y2-4 Trampolineing Y5-6 Girls Football	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball	Y3-4 Football
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HALF TERM					

Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care

We are pleased to inform you that we currently have spaces available in our Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care.

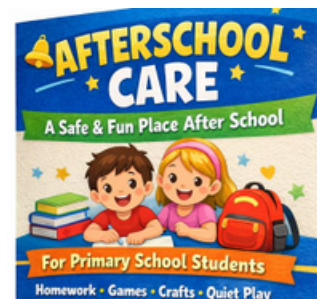
Breakfast Club

7:45am – 8:30am – £3.50 per session

Wraparound Care

Session 1: 3:10pm – 4:15pm – £5.50

Session 2: 3:10pm – 5:45pm – £11.00



If you are interested in signing your child up or would like further information, please contact the school office.

Tel: 02476 596 988

Email: sta-parent@hccmac.co.uk

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Reminder

Have you signed up to the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2026? Details were on last week's newsletter.

Why Do Birds Matter?

We often think that birds are just something pretty to look at. However, they actually serve many vital uses in the environment.





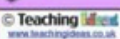
Did you know that birds...

- contribute to the diversity of plant life through pollination and seed dispersal;
- control insect outbreaks and create important nesting areas for other species;
- help rid the world of disease through scavenger "clean-up" services, like carrion crows and magpies.

Birds provide important economic benefits and serve as important indicators for scientists about the state of the environment.



Online Safety.

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> 
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SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk