



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th February 2026



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding week at St. Augustine's, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning this week. Across the school, pupils have been working hard, showing curiosity, perseverance and kindness towards one another.

We are particularly proud of the way our children live out our school values each day.

We are also delighted to share some exciting news about improvements to our school environment.

We are currently working on new images for the windows along our new school entrance, which will celebrate our values and our community, and help make the entrance an even more welcoming and vibrant space. In addition, we are pleased to now be considering plans for additional play equipment for our school field. These new plans will provide further opportunities for active play, teamwork and enjoyment during break and lunchtime.

A gentle reminder to ensure children are arriving on time each morning, as this helps them settle calmly into the day and make the most of their learning. We also appreciate your support in maintaining high expectations around uniform and readiness for learning. We now have additional uniform, which can be purchased from the school office or via Arbor. Our winter uniform requires children to wear a shirt and tie. Elasticated ties are now available in school.

As always, our priority is to ensure that every child feels safe, happy and supported. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend with your families, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school next week.

Warm regards,

Miss V. McDonald

Headteacher

CONTACT INFO

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Website: sta.hccmac.co.uk

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

Email: sta_welfare@hccmac.co.uk

Phone: 02475 186 520



ATTENDANCE

Class Attendance

Reception – 96%

Y1R – 98%

Y2MW – 99%

Y3H – 93%

Y3P – 93%

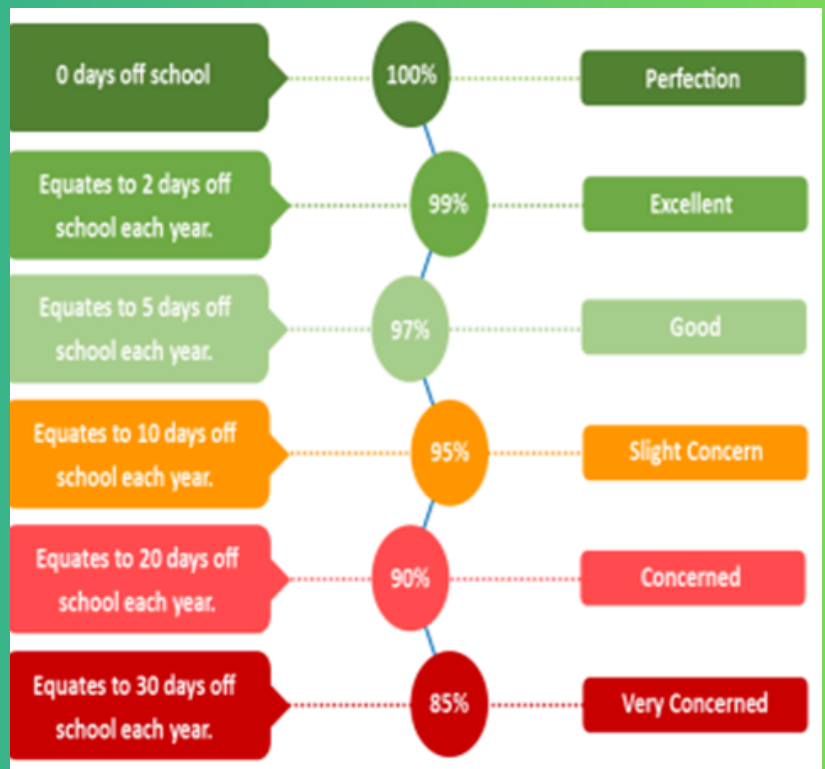
Y4K – 94%

Y5P – 96%

Y5S – 94%

Y6C – 96%

Y6D – 91%



Well done

Y2MW!

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

Prince-A O
Isabella O
Sara H
Sara H
Ciara D
Sujeeth G

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Augustines!!



Brilliant Awards

REC- Raphael
Y1 - Liliانا
Y2MW - Bily
Y3 - Oskar & Lillybelle
Y4 - Cian
Y5 - Filip & Annelisa
Y6 - Gabriel & Darasimi



Curious and Active

Y1 - Dannie-Rose, Esme & Oye

Y2 - Kirk & Aurora

Y3 - Isabella, Andrew, Laindon, Gracie, Makda & Ethan I

Y4 - Zuzanna & Matilda

Y5 - Oskar, Mikolaj, Baven & Damian G

Y6- Martyna, Sally, Luke, Diyala & Ola



House Points



St David

2500



St Patrick

1995



St George

1960



St Andrew

2290

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 Trampoline 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 Trampoline Y5-6 Girls Football	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball <i>High 5 fixture vs GKS (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	<i>Y2-4 Trampoline – session will be made up at the end of term. Date TBC</i> Y3-6 Coding 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

PE Kit Reminder

Jogging bottoms or Leggings (Black) – Plain no logos or images

Sweatshirt/Hooded zip top (Black) – Plain no logos or images

T-shirt (White) – Plain no logos or images

Trainers (Black or White)

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

Trips and Upcoming Events

06/02/2026 - Dol-y-Moch parent and children meeting @2:45pm in 6C

12/02/2026 - Netball match VS Holy Family (home match)

25/02/2026 - Parent meetings

26/02/2026 - Confirmation meeting @ 4:30pm

26/02/2026 - Y4 trip to the Belgrade Theatre

27/02/2026 - Choir: Young voices 12:45 - 21:30/22:00pm



St Augustine's Stay Together, Play Together



Every Wednesday, session starting,
Wednesday 14th January 2026,
1:15pm - 2:45pm
at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
Heathcote Street, Coventry, CV6 3BL

Term Time Only

Fun sessions for parents/carer and
children 0-4 years old promoting
learning and readiness for
Nursery/School.

Contact Us

For more information please
visit
www.coventryfamilies.co.uk
or phone 0845 887 0545



We are now offering stay and play
every Wednesday.

This is completely free of charge.
Ages 0-4 year (babies included) are
welcome to come and join us for
learning and readiness for
Nursery/School.

Cake Sale

Year 5 Cake Sale - Year 5 will holding a cake sale at breaktimes on **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of February.**

Cakes will be priced at 20p, 50p and £1, so please ensure that your child brings in money
with them on those days.



What parents need to know about SOCIAL PRESSURES LINKED TO 'INFLUENCERS'




AN UNREALISTIC PERCEPTION OF BODY IMAGE

Some of the most popular social media influencers often depict themselves as having the 'perfect body' and are paid to promote items such as health supplements or swimwear, which young people believe can help them achieve the same look. What is not always realised is that these images can be edited or filtered and aren't always a true-life representation. Your child may feel like this is what they need to look like and in some cases, become obsessed with their body image, which could contribute towards a lower self-esteem or even becoming depressed if they can't achieve the same look.



BECOMING UNREALISTIC ROLE MODELS

As children become more and more involved on social media and identify who their favourite people are to follow, they may come to see social media influencers as role models, particularly if they are attracted by the lifestyle they see online. This could lead them into developing potentially unrealistic expectations of life and in some cases, using their role models as an escape from reality, particularly if they feel like their own life isn't very fulfilling.





ENCOURAGING BAD HABITS

Although many social media influencers will get paid to advertise brands and their products, they will also post their own material online too, usually depicting their daily life or an activity for example. This may have both desirable and undesirable consequences, with influencers able to inspire both good habits, such as healthy eating, exercise or kindness. However it may also encourage children to adopt bad habits, such as drinking, smoking, swearing or even criminal behaviour, particularly if these are seen to be endorsed by the influencer.



THE NEED TO HAVE EVERYTHING

Many social media influencers will take photos or videos of themselves wearing the latest fashion or jewellery which companies want them to promote. They may also be provided with the latest gadgets to promote or, if they are children, toys to play with in order to persuade their followers to purchase them. Many children will be keen to buy these items in order to keep up with the latest trends however if they get left behind, they could be made to feel inadequate or inferior by other children who do have them.



AUTHENTICITY OF ENDORSEMENTS

Social media influencers hold a lot of persuasion with their audience and are often looked up to by younger followers. Many children will see them as credible, authentic and trust what they see online. However, some influencers may not always believe in the product they are promoting and therefore can mislead their followers, abusing their level of confidence in them. Your child may therefore find themselves looking up to people who are disingenuous or who feign interest in activities that they themselves do not actually care about.

St. Augustine's School PTA
PRESENTS

2026 CHALLENGE

WE ARE ASKING ALL CHILDREN TO TRY AND
RAISE £20.26 - HOWEVER THEY CAN!

**A PRIZE FOR EVERYONE
WHO TAKES PART!!**

WHETHER IT'S A SPONSORED WALK, BAKE SALE, OR A READING CHALLENGE, IT'S UP TO YOU!



A PRIZE WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE STUDENT WITH THE MOST CREATIVE FUNDRAISING IDEA



ALL MONEY IS TO BE IN BY FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY. A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST!!

RAISE £20.26

*SUGGESTED TARGET - ALL MONIES RAISED ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Sponsorship forms for our Big 2026 Challenge have come home with all pupils this week! Which class will raise the most money? The race is on!

Choir

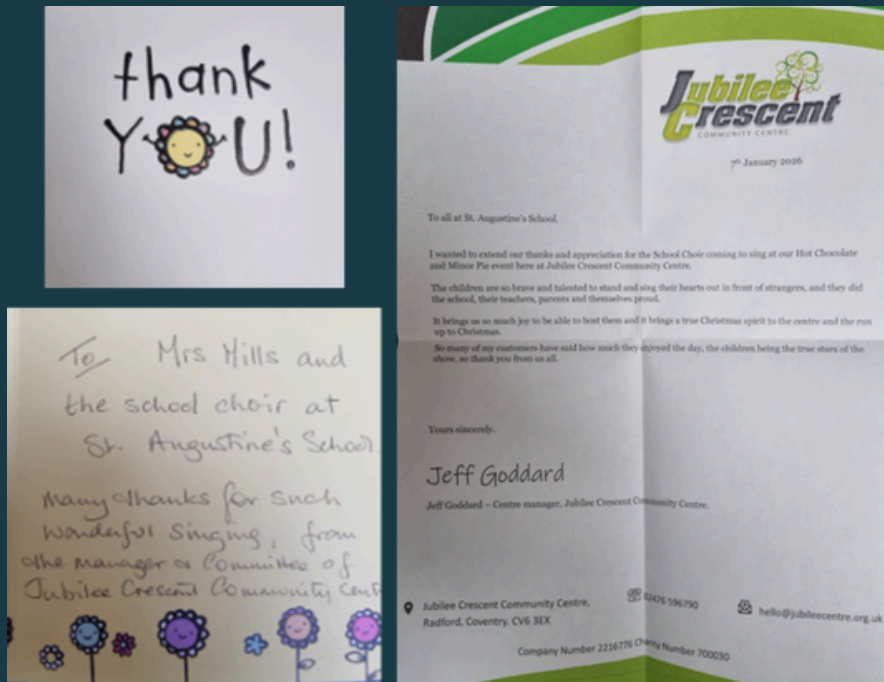
The Choir have enjoyed their first few sessions of 2026 – and it has been fantastic to welcome some new members. We were delighted to receive a card and letter of thanks from Jubilee Crescent Community Centre following our carol singing just before Christmas. The children really enjoy going out and singing in the local community.

We were pleased to hear that our postponed Young Voices concert has been rescheduled for the end of February – and equally pleased to hear that it gives us more time to rehearse!

The Choir are really making a lovely sound and are working hard to blend their voices together – and this was particularly evident in the psalm singing last week.

Keep practising those Young Voices tunes – especially 'Power in Me' (with actions) and 'Move towards the Light' ready for our next performance!

Mrs Mills, Music Co-ordinator



Music Appreciation

Our Music Appreciation during January has been focussed around the season of winter – very apt bearing in mind how cold and wet it is currently! We began with a short study by the Polish composer Frederic Chopin nicknamed 'Winter Wind' and performed by a Japanese pianist and influencer known as Canteen (listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHlqEvAwdVc>). This was followed by an extract from Pytor Tchaikovsky's first symphony given the name 'Winter Dreams' (listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InLFvAhXXZ8>).

Both these pieces are recordings of live performances – the children were fascinated at the speed of Canteen's dancing fingers in the first piece and spotting the different instruments in the orchestral work. This week we listened to a different style of music – a piece written in 1966 and performed by the American duo Simon and Garkunkel: 'A Hazy Shade of Winter' – about a poet struggling with seasonal change from autumn to winter (listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVA-liJxRQI>).

I hope that you enjoy listening to these very different pieces – perhaps your child can tell you which was their favourite?

Mrs Mills, Music Co-ordinator