



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break and that the children have returned to school refreshed and ready for the busy weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school with such positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning.

A gentle reminder that all children are expected to wear full school uniform each day. This includes a white shirt, school tie and a named school jumper. Our uniform helps to foster a sense of pride and belonging within our school community, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring that children come to school dressed smartly and ready to learn. Please do ensure that all items, including jumpers and coats, are clearly named.

We would also like to remind families of our school policy regarding hair. All hair colour and extensions must be in natural hair colours. Bright or unnatural colours such as red, blue, green, pink or purple are not permitted. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children's appearance aligns with our school expectations and reflects the smart, respectful standards we promote.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the recent parent meetings. These meetings are so important in supporting your child's education. They provide an opportunity for us to work together, celebrate achievements, discuss progress and identify next steps in learning. Strong home and school communication makes a real difference to children's confidence, wellbeing and academic success, and we are very grateful for your partnership.

We are incredibly proud of the children who have represented the school so beautifully this week. On Wednesday 25th February, our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils took part in an online relaxation session, engaging thoughtfully and learning valuable strategies to support their wellbeing. On Thursday 26th February, families attended the Confirmation meeting; an important step in our children's faith journey. Also on Thursday, four of our Year 6 pupils represented us at the Library Quiz at the Central Library, demonstrating excellent teamwork and knowledge. Finally, Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Belgrade Theatre to watch the production of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. The children's behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement were exemplary, and they were wonderful ambassadors for St. Augustine's.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Let us continue to work together to ensure this half term is filled with learning, growth and opportunities for our children to shine.

Warm regards,

Miss V. McDonald - Headteacher

CONTACT INFO

Office Email: sta-parents@hccmac.co.uk

Phone: 02476 596 988

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 - 97%

Y1R - 91%

Y2MW - 98%

Y3H - 91%

Y3P - 87%

Y4K - 95%

Y5P - 97%

Y5S - 98%

Y6C - 100%

Y6D - 95%



Well done

Y6C!

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

Leanne B
Michelle A
Allen M
Melissa N
Elisha W
Kyron F
Raphael M
Nikilesh S
Kirthika V

Happy Birthday from everyone at St Augustines!!



Brilliant Awards

REC - Anjola & Teddy

Y1- Dannie-Rose

Y2- Hajira

Y3- Michelle & Phoebe

Y4- Godfred

Y5- Peyton & Laura

Y6- Gloria



**WELL
DONE**

Intentional and Prophetic

Y1 - Aviana K & Dylan

Y2MW - Eleanor V, Lyla-Rae, Pola, Shivansh

Y3 - Nicolas R & Oriana M

Y4 - Oaklea-John

Y5 - Sivakarathi, Felicia & Oriana

Y6 - Matthew A



House Points



St David

2995



St Patrick

2975



St George

2225



St Andrew

3185

After School Clubs

Please see below the updated after school club schedule for this half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5-6 Football	Y5-6 Squad Football Y3-6 Choir Y1-2 Coding Y3-6 Dance	Parents Evening – No Clubs	Y3-4 Multi Skills Y1-2 Football Y5-6 High 5 Netball	Y3-4 Football
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No Clubs	Y5-6 Squad Football	No Clubs	High 5 fixture vs SJV (home) Y3-4 Multi Skills <small>(moved from 5th March)</small>	No Clubs
END OF TERM - EASTER HOLIDAY				

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

03/03/2026 - Y3H Sacrament retreat @ 9-11:30am

04/03/2026 - Author Visit Ks2 hall 2pm - Years REC 1, 2, 4 and 5.

04/03/2026 - Y3P Sacrament retreat @ 9-11:30am

04/03/2026 - Football match vs St Osburgs (home)

04/03/2026 - First Reconciliation Meeting @ 4:30pm

05/03/2026 - High 5 match vs St Thomas More (away)

05/03/2026 - World book day

Children can bring in their favourite book & dress as favourite character.

(No football kits)

09/03-13/03/2026 - Y6 Dol-y-Moch trip

09/03/2026 - British Science Week - see next slides for more info

18/03/2026 - Y4 Trip to Think Tank

17/03/2026 - Netball match - vs Our Lady @ Home

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.

13:15pm - 14:45pm.

Online Safety

TextMe is a free texting and calling service.

Users can send texts, voice messages, pictures and videos to any phone number in more than 40 countries. The app is free and available to install on any Apple or Android device. On registration, it assigns a 'new' mobile number to each user, effectively making them anonymous. TextMe is recommended for people above 10 years old, but there is currently no way to determine a user's actual age: children under 10 could easily bypass this age criteria, since no verification is required to download the app. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as predators, visible location and in-app purchases.

PTA Event

A big thank you to all those who have worked hard to take part in the Big 2026 Challenge. All money should have been handed into school by today. If you didn't manage to hand it in, please do so on Monday so the final total can be counted and prizes awarded for the classes/individuals who have raised the most money.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TEXTME 13+

TextMe is a free texting and calling service. Users can send texts, voice messages, pictures and videos to any phone number in more than 40 countries. The app is free and available to install on any Apple or Android device. On registration, it assigns a 'new' mobile number to each user, effectively making them anonymous. TextMe is not recommended for children below 13 years old but there is currently no way to determine a user's actual age: children under 13 could easily bypass this age criteria since no verification is required to download the app.

Visible Location
 Location services on the app allow users to share their location with other people. This function is useful if children are out of their parents' or carers' view, but it also means that predators can track their whereabouts with it. It would be a good idea to turn off location services on the app and highlight their exposure to advertising content. Some children aren't always age appropriate such as chatting websites and dating products.

Exposure to Advertising
 Users can see adverts on TextMe by watching adverts, completing surveys or playing games within the app. Parents can then be charged for extra calling minutes or more messaging credits. The desire to accumulate points could result in children spending longer hours on the app and heighten their exposure to advertising content. Some children aren't always age appropriate such as chatting websites and dating products.

Protection for Predators
 Messages and phone calls using TextMe cannot be blocked. However, if you do not register on the app, you will not receive any messages or phone calls. It is important to ensure that children do not give out their phone number to anyone they do not know, and that they do not give out their phone number to anyone they do not know, and that they do not give out their phone number to anyone they do not know.

Anonymous Users
 Users are allocated a 'new' phone number when they register on the app. This means that they are anonymous to anyone they contact. However, it is important to ensure that children do not give out their phone number to anyone they do not know, and that they do not give out their phone number to anyone they do not know.

In-App Purchases and Subscriptions
 TextMe has a free trial offer for premium subscription service which removes adverts and unlocks extra calling minutes. The subscription renews automatically on expiry, potentially meaning a rolling charge. Additionally, there is a range of bundles available as in-app purchases for increased minutes and extra text credits, which children could easily purchase inadvertently.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Keep Locations Private
 Try to help your child understand why using TextMe to share their location might not be safe. Even sending it to a contact listed from their address book could be hazardous. If they're in a group chat with other children, people they don't know, or people they don't know, it's important to ensure that your child that revealing their whereabouts to someone they do not know is not a good idea.

Set Spending Limits
 Given that TextMe offers a number of options to buy extra minutes and text credits, or take out a premium subscription, it would be wise to set your child's spending limit in advance if you do decide to let them download the app. Alternatively, you could remove any payment methods that are linked to their device, so they cannot make in-app purchases - either themselves or inadvertently.

Monitor Digital Wellbeing
 TextMe actively encourages users to fill in surveys, play games and watch ads to earn them money, more credit for calling and texting. To control your child's spending, you should set a limit on the amount of time on the app. You should also check your child's device settings, ensuring that you do not allow your child to download TextMe, or that they do not allow in-app purchases on how long they can use it for each day.

Discuss Online Dangers
 It may be wise to encourage children from downloading anonymous messaging apps like TextMe. If you do let them use the app, it's important to ensure that your child that revealing their whereabouts to someone they do not know is not a good idea.

Leave, Block and Report
 If you discover that a young person is in a group chat that is making them uncomfortable, or that they have been contacted by someone who is asking them to share their location, there is an option to block the user who is asking them. Alternatively, you could report the user to the app's support team. If you do decide to let them use the app, it's important to ensure that your child that revealing their whereabouts to someone they do not know is not a good idea.

Meet Our Expert
 Parveen is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and carers. She has a wealth of experience in the social media and creative industries. She is a mum of two children and is passionate about helping parents and children thrive in a digital world.

NOS National Online Safety
 #WakeUpWednesday

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

ECO



We are joining the Big Lent Walk!

This Lent we will be supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world by carrying out a fundraising event on 20th March. We will send more information next week. We are proud to put Catholic Social Teaching into action, and live out our Jubilee Pledge, by taking part in this event.

Other

RSHE: Ten Ten: Life to the Full

The Online Parent Portal provides a summary of each lesson, links to specific content, and suggestions for further engagement at home. Every school is given a unique username and password which they can distribute to parents to provide all-year-round access to the portal. Please see information below:

Parent portal

As part of your subscription to "Life to the Full" and "Prayer and Liturgy", all parents will be able to access the Online Parent Portal with the following login credentials:

Username	st-augustines-cv6
Password	brother-22-cv6
Parent Portal	https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/
Parent Consultation Tool	https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-tool-primary/

British Science Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our celebrations for British Science Week, we are excited to invite you to a Parent and Child Science Workshop in school.

This year's theme is all about curiosity, exploration, and hands-on discovery. To share this learning with you, we would love for you to join us for a special workshop where you and your child can take part in fun, interactive science challenges together.

There is no need to let us know you're coming, please just check below for the time and date for your child's class and show up. Please enter through the KS2 Hall unless noted otherwise. All children will be able to participate even if an adult is unable to attend.

Reception: Thursday 12th March 1:45 – 3:00

Year 1: Tuesday 10th March 1:45 – 3:00 (Please enter through the main reception.)

Year 2: Wednesday 11th March 1:45 – 3:00

Year 3H: Friday 13th March 8:45 – 10:00

Year 3P: Monday 9th March 1:45 – 3:00

Year 4: Tuesday 10th March 8:45 – 10:00

Year 5S: Monday 9th March 8:45 – 10:00

Year 5P: Thursday 12th March 8:45 – 10:00

Year 6: Friday 13th March 1:45 – 3:00 Please note, this is for children not attending DYM.)

We hope you can join us for this enjoyable and educational session!

Mrs Dyer