WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank our children, families and staff for their continued enthusiasm, kindness and commitment to our school community. It has been wonderful to see the children working hard, supporting one another and living out our school values in so many different ways.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful half-term break and has the opportunity to spend some special time together as a family.

November Reading Competition – Bring a Book to Life!

We are delighted to launch our November Reading Competition, which invites children to bring their favourite books to life through creativity and imagination! See the poster attached.

Children are encouraged to decorate an everyday object to represent a character, setting or important part of a story. This could be a wooden spoon, potato, pebble, paper plate, cardboard tube or even a shoebox. We would love children to use recycled materials wherever possible and to take the lead in creating their own wonderful designs.

The competition is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6, and we look forward to seeing the imaginative entries they create.

The closing date for entries is Friday 20th November 2026.

Parent and Carer Research

A member of staff within the Archdiocese is undertaking research as part of a PhD and is keen to hear the views and experiences of parents and carers whose children attend Catholic primary schools. The research is a survey which should take no longer than 5 minutes.

The findings from this research will be used to help enhance and support Catholic education, so we would be very grateful for your participation. Parents and carers of all faiths, and those of no faith, are warmly encouraged to take part – your views and experiences are important.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

To find out more and take part, please click here: Complete the parent and carer survey.

Thank you for supporting this valuable research.

The Month of the Holy Rosary

Throughout October, we have continued to encourage the children to deepen their relationship with Mary through prayer and reflection. The Rosary provides us with a special opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and to remember the importance of prayer in our daily lives.

As we approach the end of the month, we encourage families to find a quiet moment to pray together, perhaps saying a Hail Mary and remembering those who need our prayers.

Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to our special Mission Day on Thursday 5th November, when the children will have the opportunity to learn more about St Carlo Acutis and his extraordinary example of faith.

St Carlo reminds us that we do not have to be adults to make a difference in the world. Through simple acts of kindness, prayer and love for others, we can all respond to God's call.

We hope this will be a memorable day for the children and one which encourages them to reflect on how they can use their own God-given talents to make a positive difference.

Thank You and Enjoy Half Term

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout this first half term. The partnership between home and school is so important, and we are grateful for the many ways in which you support your children and our wider school community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, ready for another exciting half term of learning, faith and friendship.

God bless,
Miss McDonald

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Hand in hand, we listen to God's calls, we learn from God's word and we share God's love through service.

ATTENDANCE

Class Attendance

Reception - 95%
Year 1R - 99%
Year 2B - 92%
Year 3H - 97%
Year 4R - 96%
Year 4S - 95%
Year 5P - 100%
Year 6D - 96%
Year 6K - 92%



Well done
Y5P!!
For being this weeks class attendance winner!

Did you know?

U CODE

'U' Code is classed as an unauthorised.

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.

LETS CELEBATE

BIRTHDAYS



Enola M

Amelia M

Asher A

Briella F

Filip M

Prince- BO

Blanka P

Freddie H

Shruthik R

Julia R

Happy birthday from everyone at St Augustine's



CERTIFICATES

Y1R- Nelson
Y3H - Heavenly
Y4R - Pola
Y4S - Jabishiha
Y5P - Neriah
Y6D - Erik
Y6K - Jaxon

HOUSE POINTS

Knock - 750 points

Guadalupe - 540 points

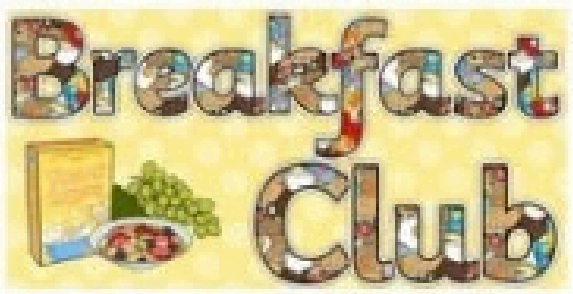
Kibeho - 815 points

Akita - 400 points

We would like to inform you that, going forward, our school newsletter will no longer include details of the certificates awarded to children.
This is because certificates will be presented during the final Mass of each term, to which parents and carers are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the children's achievements.
We hope this will provide a lovely opportunity for families to share in these special moments and recognise the efforts and successes of our children together as a school community.

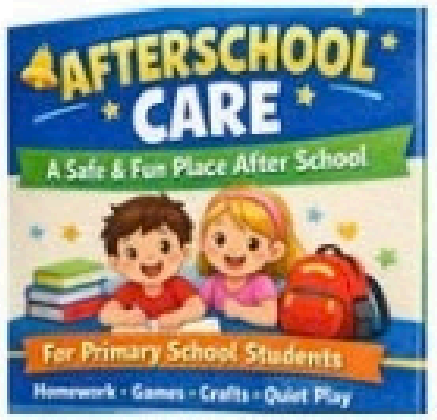
Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care

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.

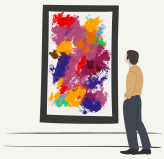
Tel: 02476 596 988

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TRIPS & UPCOMING EVENTS



04/11 - Parent Meetings



04/11 - Y3 Trip to Herbert Art Gallery



06/11 - Y6 Math's Workshop with parents (2:15pm - 3:10pm KS2 Hall)

09-13/11 - EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week

10-14/ 11 - Anti-bullying week





11/11 - Mass Led by Y4R

12/11 - School Photographs



13/11 - Y4 Math's Workshop with parents (2:15pm - 3:10pm KS2 Hall)





15-21/11 - Road Safety Week

16/11 - Odd Socks Day



19/11 - Y6 Blitz experience at Coventry Cathedral



20/11 - Y2 Math's Workshop with parents (2:15pm - 3:10pm KS2 Hall)



20/11 - Y5 assembly





22/11 - Y3 First Holy Communion Commitment Mass



23-27/11- Y6 Trip to Dol-y-Moch



25/26/11 - Y6 Anne Frank Exhibiton

25/11 - Mass led by Y3



27/11 - Y1 Math's Workshop with parents (2:15pm - 3:10pm KS2 Hall)





27/11 - Y4S assembly

03/12 - Good Sheperd Mass @ Holy Family





06/12 - Y1/Y2 - Mass

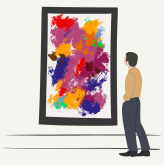
04/12 - Advent Afternoon



04/12 - Y3 - Math's Workshop with parents (2:15pm - 3:10pm KS2 Hall)



12/12 - Y5 Trip To Herbert Art Gallery



FITNESS AND FUN
HOLIDAY CLUB

HALF TERM
HOLIDAY GROUP

£22.50 PER DAY
OR
3 DAYS £60

TUESDAY 27TH, WEDNESDAY 28TH
& THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEATHCOTE ST, COVENTRY CV6 3BL

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KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN

MULTI SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

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St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

NOVEMBER READING COMPETITION

Bring a Book to Life!





Get creative and transform an everyday object into something inspired by your favourite book, story or character!

You could decorate a wooden spoon, a potato, a pebble, a paper plate, a cardboard tube or even a shoebox! The possibilities are endless!

1 Decorate a wooden spoon



Turn a wooden spoon into a favourite book character.

2 Create a potato character



Transform a potato into a character from your favourite story.

3 Paint a story stone



Decorate a pebble with a character, an important object or a scene from your favourite story.

4 Make a paper plate character



Create a character or an important part of the story using a paper plate.

5 Create a story in a shoebox



Make a miniature setting from your favourite book.

6 Transform a cardboard tube



Use a cardboard tube to create a character from your favourite story.

How to enter:

1. Choose a book you have enjoyed reading.
2. Find an everyday object to decorate.
   Recycled materials are encouraged!
3. Transform your object into a character, setting or important part of the story.
4. Attach a label with your name, class, book title and author.
5. Be as imaginative as you can!
   Children should complete as much of their entry independently as possible.



Closing date:
20th November 2026