



# School newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break.

It is wonderful to be back at school this week. The children have started the second part of the Advent term with their usual zest for learning and impeccable behaviour.

At St. Augustine's, we pride ourselves on the children doing the right thing, first time, every time, and following our *Learning to Serve* promises.

If you have time over the weekend, it might be a lovely activity to share the promises with your child and ask them how they are fulfilling each promise.

**At St Augustine's we strive to love and serve God in all we do:**

**Our Learning To Serve Promises:**

- We will all listen and respond to all adults and each other politely.
- We will all move about our school quietly and safely with respect for others.
- We will all care for our school and everything in it.
- We will all show our care for each other by using kindness and good manners.
- We will all respect each other's right to learn and do our best.

**Learning To Serve**

Wishing you a restful weekend.

As always if you have any queries or concerns please catch me at the school gate at the beginning or end of the school day or email me [francesmoore@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:francesmoore@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk)

## EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 95.6%

Well done to Year 5/6 Class who had the highest attendance of 98%



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## PE

It is compulsory for your child to bring their PE kit in for the whole week so they can participate in their curriculum lessons.

Your child's PE days are as follows:

**F2:** Thursday

**Y1:** Wednesday and Friday

**Y1/2:** Wednesday and Thursday

**Y2:** Monday and Friday

**Y3:** Monday and Friday

**Y3/4:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Y4:** Monday and Wednesday

**Y5:** Monday and Friday

**Y5/6:** Tuesday and Friday

**Y6:** TBC

Please ensure your child's PE kit is brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. This will mean if your child has an afterschool sports club they will have their kit with them.

## Hair Cuts and Styles

In accordance with our school uniform policy, we would like to remind parents that extreme hair-cuts and styles are not permitted.

Please refrain from having tram lines or patterns cut into your child's hair or eyebrows, styles should be simple and clean for boys.

For girls we ask that hair accessories follow the school colours (red, white and black) and that all hair styles remain natural colours for example no reds, blues, pinks etc. We also ask that long hair (longer than shoulder length) must be tied up for health and safety reasons this can help prevent the spread of headlice and prevent your child's hair become trapped or tangled in equipment.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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## Sickness

If your child is unwell with a sickness bug, please remember that your child is to remain off school until 48 hours after the last time they were sick or have diarrhoea, this is to prevent them passing on any bugs to other children.

## Birthdays at School

We love to celebrate the birthdays of our children here at St Augustine's and we know that some parents like to send in treats into school so that their class can celebrate their birthday to.

Please remember that only something small such as a **small bag of Haribo** or other sweets and individual cupcakes are accepted. **We will not be able to take large cakes, as we do not have the capacity in school to cut them and serve them to the children.** Please also keep in mind that some of our children do have allergies or dietary requirements when sending in a treat for the class.

## First Holy Communion

**1st Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation;** forms are now available to register for this preparation in Holy Family Parish which will start in January 2025. Forms are to be collected from church and **MUST** be returned to church or the parish office by the 15th December. Do not return them to school. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. This preparation is open to children who have reached their 7th birthday by 31st August 2024 (are in Year 3 or above in school this academic year). The forms are available at St Augustine's Church, Our Lady & St Edward's Church and Sacred Heart Church.



Remember St Augustine's is now on Twitter! To keep up to date with everything the school is doing please follow us **@staugustinesNG3**. **There will be lots of photos and updates on Twitter when join today.**

## Prayer Corner

### Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, the truth;

Where there is doubt, the faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen





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**OUR LADY  
OF LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST



## Year 3/4 PE

Year 3/4 had the best time in PE this week learning about the team sport of football. They learned all about passing and their knowledge and use of vocabulary was incredible!



## KS1 Display

We love this, KS1 Our hope is in the Lord



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## Year 5 Music Lesson

First music lesson back with Mr.Sweeney using Glockenspiels to collectively build chords up. Bravo Year 5



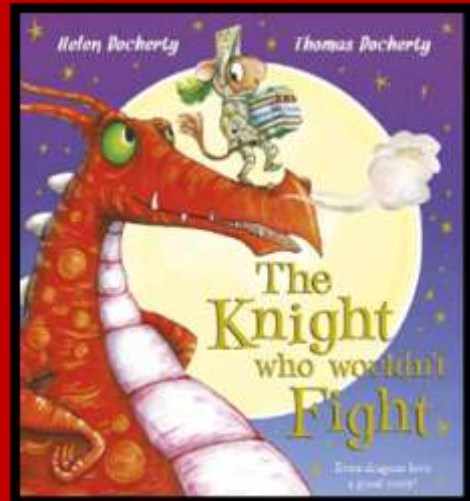
## Celebration Assembly

Another great way to start our brand new week. Well done to our worthy recipients. The quality of our work counts The quality of our character counts. Every second counts.





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## Traditional Tales in F2

Dragon masks in F2 to kick off our 'Traditional Tales' topic for Advent 2



## Teddy Bear Hospital

Year 1 had a visit this week from The Teddy Bear Hospital (QMC Junior Doctors) we took part in workshops to help us learn more about keeping healthy and what a visit to hospital might be like. Doctors aren't scary!



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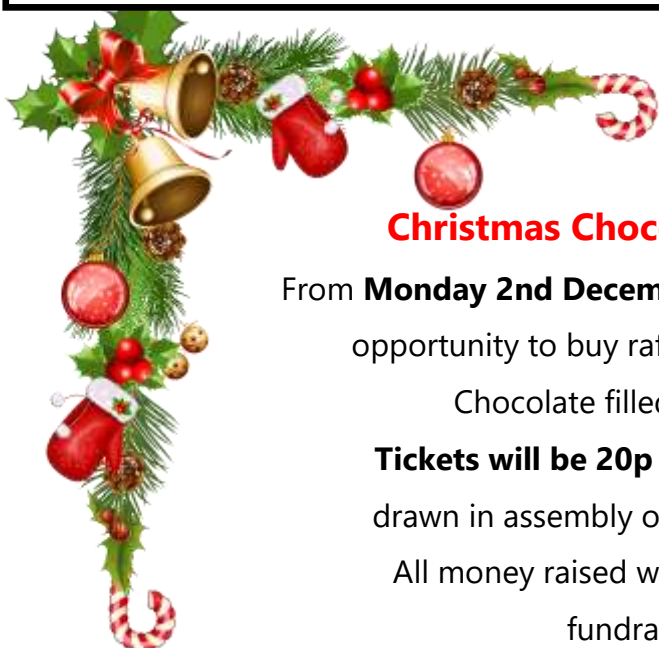


## Musical Theatre Visit to Nottingham Hospice

Saint Augustine's Catholic Primary School visited Nottingham Hospice, with the Year 5s and 6s from their Musical Theatre Club putting on a mini show for the patients!

Included in the songs they sang were Disney classics and numbers from well-loved musicals. For many of the students, this was their first time performing in front of adults - and with only 6 hours of rehearsing!

Patients said they felt uplifted after meeting the children, and thought it was brilliant to help them with crafts afterwards, too! The school was thrilled to have a chance to give back to their community, and for the to show compassion towards others.



## Christmas Chocolate Hamper Raffle

From **Monday 2nd December** all children will be given the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for our wonderful Chocolate filled Christmas hamper.

**Tickets will be 20p** each and the raffle will be drawn in assembly on **Friday 20th December**.

All money raised will go towards the school fundraising efforts.







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## School Christmas Dinner

We are happy to announce the very popular School Christmas Dinner Menu. The School Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 19th December** and you will have received an email about this. Please remember to consent on Arbor by Friday 29th November, it is the same price as a normal school dinner. If you do not consent by that date your child will have to bring a packed lunch for dinner that day, as you will be unable to order a school dinner on that day. This is because the cook requires the exact numbers so we are able to order in the correct amount of food for that day.

FOOD  
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St Augustine's

## FESTIVE FUN

19th December

Roast Chicken & Stuffing  
or  
Cheesy Cauliflower & Leek Puff Pastry  
Wreath

Roasties,  
Christmas Vegetable Medley,  
Gravy &  
Yorkshire Pudding

Christmas Tree  
White Chocolate Blondie







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## Christmas Tree Trail And Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 3rd December  
3.40pm to 5.30pm**

Christmas Craft Stalls

Chocolate Hampers

Face Painting

Gifts

Cakes

Hot Chocolate

Sweets

Toys

Hand made soaps and wax melts

Lucky Bags

And lots more!

Entrance £1.00 per family on door

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## Candlelight Christmas Carol Concert

*Wednesday 18th December*

*3.40pm to 4.30pm*

*A wonderful event of Christmas songs and cheer. With songs and performances from our wonderful Upper School Choir and Musical Theatre Club.*

*All are welcome to this event that will truly get you into the spirit of this time of year.*

*Please join us for a mince pie and what will be a magical performance.*

## School Advent Calendar Competition

Last year we had such a wonderful response and the children all really enjoyed getting involved, so as Christmas is coming we thought it would be a lovely idea to do the school advent calendar again this year.

Each day we will choose one picture from those that have entered to be part of our Advent Calendar, that will be displayed in the school. If your drawing is chosen then they will also receive a mystery prize.

So, draw something that reminds you of Christmas for example snowmen, holly, Bethlehem, Christmas trees, the list is truly endless. We cannot wait to see what you come up with. But remember to hand them into the office by **Thursday 28th November**.



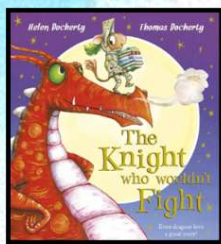


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## F2 Curriculum Corner

Hello and welcome back to the F2 Curriculum Corner. It is the first week of Advent 2 and we have had a jam-packed week already (we even started to practise some of our Nativity songs)!!!



We have started reading 'The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight' in English and it is one of our favourites already!

### Ask me:

What was your favourite part of the story?

Which three creatures does Leo meet along his journey? How does he solve the problems?

**In Maths we have been working on representing the numbers 4 and 5.**

### Ask me:

Can you count forwards and backwards to 5?

Can you represent numbers on your fingers, or use things around the house?



### To help me:

Practise writing my name at home.

Count with me forwards and backwards (1-10).

Read my reading book with me and make a note of it in my reading record every night.

### Next Week:

We have Parents Evening on Tuesday and Thursday – please ensure you sign up for an appointment on Arbor as these are compulsory to attend.



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## Word of the Week: Remembrance

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning ~ We will remember them."*

*Laurence Binyon, For the Fallen*

## Gospel Value of the Week: Service

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*  
*Mark 10: 45*







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# Sleep Workshop

'Understanding and Improving Sleep'

<b>Date</b>	November 21st, 2024	<b>Location</b> Room 4, Nottingham Central Library 1 Carrington St, Nottingham Broad Marsh Car Park - Nottingham City Council NG1 7FH
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	

**Aims of the session are to:**

- Understand more about sleep
- Understand more about your child's sleep difficulty
- Go away with ideas about how you can make it better



This is a bookable event, please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the left to book your place.

This event is designed for Nottingham City parents/carers of children with Autism and/or a Learning Disability up to the end of Key stage 1 in school.



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## DIARY DATES

Please keep this safe - **New Dates Added**



Date	Event
Monday 11th November 2024	Nursery Parents' Evening 3.40-5.00pm
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Parents' Evening 3.40-6.30pm Nursery Parents' Evening 3.40-5.00pm
Wednesday 13th November 2024	Parents' Evening Year 5/6 Class 3.40-6.30pm Nursery Parents' Evening 3.40-5.00pm
Thursday 14th November 2024	Parents' Evening 3.40-6.30pm
Friday 15th November 2024	Children in need Non-School Uniform Day £1 Donation (separate letter)
Tuesday 19th November 2024	PANTO in school
Friday 29th November 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	Christmas Tree Trail and Christmas Fair 3.40pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Year 4 and Year 5 Carol Service at Nottingham Cathedral 6pm
Tuesday 10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upper School Choir Visit to Nottingham Hospice 10am (more information to follow)</li><li>KS1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm in School Hall (more information to follow)</li></ul>
Wednesday 11th December 2024	F2 Nativity Performance 2.30pm in School Hall (more information to follow)
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Candlelight Christmas Carol Concert All Welcome 3.30pm - 4.30pm in School Hall
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day
Monday 23rd December 2024	School Closed - Christmas Holidays (2 weeks)
Monday 6th January 2025	School Opens - New Half Term
Wednesday 15th January 2025	Epiphany Mass in Church at 10am
Wednesday 22nd January 2025	Nottingham Castle Trip (more information to follow)







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Date	Event
Friday 14th February 2025	INSET DAY - School Closed
Monday 17th February 2025	School Closed - February Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 24th February 2025	School Opens - New half term
Wednesday 5th March 2025	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
Friday 28th March 2025	F2 Mothers Day Assembly (More information to follow)
Tuesday 1st April 2025	Confessions for Lent
Friday 4th April 2025	Year 5 The Story of Holy Week in School hall at 2.15pm (More information to follow)
Monday 7th April 2025	School Closed - Easter Holidays (2 Weeks)
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School Opens– New half Term
Wednesday 30th April 2025	Easter Celebration Mass in Church at 10am
Monday 5th May 2025	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Monday 13th– Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 22nd May 2025	St Augustine's Feast Day : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass in Church at 10am</li> <li>• Ice-cream Van to visit school</li> </ul>
Monday 26th May 2025	School Closed— May Half term (1 Week)
Monday 2nd June 2025	School Opens - New half term
Monday 16th-20th June 2025	Wellbeing and Sports Week
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Sports Day ( more information top follow)
Thursday 3rd-Friday 4th July 2025	Year 2 Camping Trip to Camp Redwood (more information to follow)
Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 6 Briars Residential Trip (More information to follow)
Friday 18th July 2025	Summer Fair (Date to be confirmed, more information to follow)
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Year 6 Performance 6pm in school hall (more information to follow)
Thursday 24th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 10am in Church
Friday 25th July 2025	Last Day of School Year Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am in School Hall
Monday 28th July 2025	School Closed - Summer Holidays



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## **Safeguarding at St Augustine's**

### **Learning to Serve - Loving to Learn**

**The governors and staff at St Augustine's take seriously our responsibility to promote the welfare and safeguarding of all the children entrusted to our care.**

**Mrs Moore and Mr Edge are the designated teachers for Child Protection issues and will refer any serious concerns to Social Care.**

**We will always do our best to work in partnership with parents. We will liaise with Social Services and our Attendance Service in the best interests of the child.**

**Who do you talk to in school about safeguarding concerns?**



Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr N Edge



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs F Moore



Designated Safeguarding Person  
Ms E Burrows