



School newsletter



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Dear Families

We've had another wonderful week at St Augustine's! There's always so much happening every day, and it's fantastic to see how much the children are learning while also having fun!

It's Behind You!

This Tuesday morning we were treated to a fantastic performance of A Christmas Carol by a visiting theatre company. The children's laughter echoed down the corridors, and the performance was such a hit that we've already booked them for the fourth year running, next year!

Dropping Off/Collecting Your Child

A gentle reminder to all F2 and KS1 parents-We've noticed that some parents are gathering at the Black Gate in front of the F2 Entrance and assembling opposite the car park, where the office and benches are, which is causing congestion and making it harder to ensure smooth and safe drop-offs and collections. Please refrain from gathering there, and thank you for your understanding.

Diary Dates

Please take note of the calendar on pages 23-25 for important upcoming dates. So many things to look forward to.

Christ the King

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, a celebration of the reign of Jesus Christ as the King of the universe. It emphasises His authority over all creation and His role as the divine ruler who reigns with justice, love, and mercy. I will be attending St Augustine's 11:30am Mass with some of the children from our school, and it would be wonderful to see some of you there too.

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

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 92.7%

Well done to Year 5/6 Class who had the highest attendance of 99%



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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: Tuesday and Friday

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

A prayer for Christ the King to share with your child:

Dear Jesus,

You are the King of all the world.

Help us to follow You with love and kindness.

Guide us to do what is right,
and share Your peace with others.

Thank You for being our King,
now and forever.

Amen.





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Science in Year 5/6 Class

In Year 5/6 we've been using bread to grow mould, so we can see what factors make it grow quicker.



Remembrance

We discussed the quality of the soldiers' character and how they served their country. It reinforced that: The quality of our work counts. The quality of our character counts. Every second counts.



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PE in Year 4

Year 4 worked on extending sequences with a partner in our dance lesson using a canon, different levels, expression and creativity. Well done Year 4.



Art at St Augustine's

We had fun exploring clay in preparation for making Corbel Heads. We practised the techniques of slip, score and blend.



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Learning at St Augustine's

Great focus and collaborative learning this week Y5/6



Phonics Club

We love our early morning reading groups.



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Art at St Augustine's

Look what Y3/4 have been up to! - Practising working with clay to make Corbel Heads in Art. We loved learning about clay and trying out different techniques on it with a variety of tools to help us prepare for making our Corbel Heads.



Collective Worship

Year 2, reflected on our Word of the Week, Remembrance.



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CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST



Celebration of the Word

A poignant Celebration of the Word last week, led beautifully by Y1/2.



Remembrance

Last week Nursery were learning about Remembrance. We spoke about remembering people who fought in the War and that Jesus died for us on the cross. We made tissue paper poppies and painted our own poppies for our class.



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Children in Need

All dressed in our children in need clothes working hard. Well done to our worthy winners who received a prize for being so spotty and Pudsey and quite simply a wonderful person. A massive thank you for your generous donations. We raised over £150 for Children In Need



Bearpee Challenge

We did the Joe Wicks Bearpee challenge and did 1000 bearpees as a class. Then after learning about what do, we made posters explaining to others the brilliant work they do to help children less fortunate than ourselves. Well done Year 5/6.



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Celebration Assembly

What a great way to start our brand new week. The quality of our work counts. The quality of our character counts. Every second counts.



PE in Year 3

Year 3 have had a great time creating dance movements as wild animals in PE! They used their skills with a partner and then a group to show their amazing teamwork skills!



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Snow Fun

We were having the best day!



A Christmas Carol

Could our day actually get any better? Snow and a pantomime! Oh, no it couldn't!!



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Alternative Faiths

Y4 have been so engaged learning about Judaism in our Alternative Faiths week. We have been learning why the synagogue is important and what it is like inside. We can't wait for our visit to a synagogue to experience the real thing!



Celebration of the Word

A lovely Celebration of the Word exploring our Word of the week: Youth. We all have a youthful attitude at St A's.



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Snow Fun at Nursery

Nursery have been having fun in the snow. We worked together to roll the snow to make a snowman and used natural resources to put on the eyes, mouth and nose. We made snowballs and threw them at the fence. We used powder paints in the snow to explore colour.



UKS2 Poetry

Upper Key Stage 2 We rehearsed our class verse first in our classrooms, then came together in the hall to recite the poem as a whole. The poem was: In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.



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OPAL

Thank you so much Jesse Gray School and Mrs Viggars for sharing your best practice for OPAL. We're now full of new ideas and can't wait to make our Opal play better. Thank you for sharing.



Celebration of the Word

Well done S. You prepared the Prayer table beautifully this morning for our Y5/6 class led Celebration of the Word, as we reflected more about our Gospel Value of the week.



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Celebration of the Word

A moment of reflection during our class Celebration of the Word - Compassion, and drawing how we have shown compassion to others.



Geography Year 3/4 Class

Here are our Year 3/4 young Geographers! They used atlases to locate cities in England on their maps.



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Learning in Year 5

Last Friday afternoon in year 5! All dressed in our children in need clothes working hard.



F2 Traditional Tales

Mummy, Daddy and Baby Bear are getting ready to meet Goldilocks



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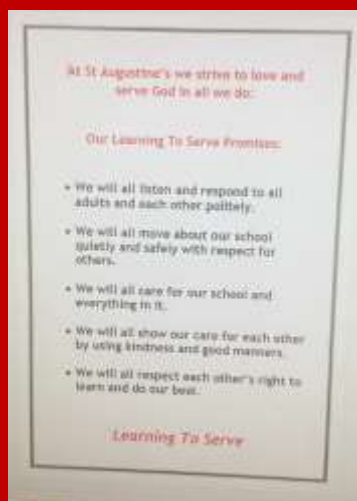
OPAL

The children love OPAL play at St Augustine's!



Black History Week

For Black History week in Nursery they have learned about Alma Thomas. We explored her art-work and tried to recreate our own versions. Here is our display of our work.



LTS Promises Stickers

Look out to see if your child is wearing our new Learning To Serve Promises sticker. It means that they always do the right thing, first time, every time and were spotted by our Gospel Values Team.



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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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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Word of the Week: Kingdom

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"

Matthew 6: 33

Gospel Value of the Week: Justice

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

Matthew 5: 38-39





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DIARY DATES

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



Date	Event
Monday 25th November 2024	Trip to the Synagogue Year 4 Class on Arbor now
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
Thursday 5th December 2024	Trip to the Synagogue Year 3 and Year 3/4 Class on Arbor now
Friday 6th December 2024	Celebration of the Word led by Reception Class
Tuesday 10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper School Choir Visit to Nottingham Hospice 10am (more information to follow)
Wednesday 11th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F2 Nativity Performance 2.30pm in School Hall KS2 Carol Service in Church 9.30 All welcome.
Friday 13th December 2024	Celebration of the Word Class Assembly Year 6 Class 9.10am All Welcome
Monday 16th December 2024	Year 3 and Year 4 Savoy Cinema Trip on Arbor now
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Year 5 and Year 6 Savoy Cinema Trip on Arbor Now
Wednesday 18th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm in School Hall Date change Candlelight Christmas Carol Concert All Welcome 3.30pm- 4.30pm in School Hall
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Celebration of the Word led by Year 5/6 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Monday 23rd December 2024	School Closed - Christmas Holidays (2 weeks)
Monday 6th January 2025	School Opens - New Half Term
Friday 10th January 2025	Celebration of the Word led Year 5 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Wednesday 15th January 2025	Epiphany Mass in Church at 10am
Friday 17th January 2025	Celebration of the Word led Year 4 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome



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Date	Event
Wednesday 22nd January 2025	Nottingham Castle Trip (more information to follow)
Friday 24th January 2025	Celebration of the Word led by Year 3/4 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Friday 31st January 2025	Celebration of the Word led by Year 3 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Friday 7th February 2025	Celebration of the Word led by Year 2 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Friday 28th February 2025	Celebration of the Word led by Year 1/2 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
Wednesday 5th March 2025	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day
Friday 7th March 2025	Celebration of the Word led by Year 1 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome
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"> • Mass in Church at 10am • Ice-cream Van to visit school
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)



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Date	Event
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