



School newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fantastic week of learning at St. Augustine's! It's wonderful to see our children thriving in all aspects of their development.

At St. Augustine's, we are committed to living out the Gospel Values that guide our journey: Service, Love, Forgiveness, Courage, Justice, Compassion, and Hope. These values underpin everything we do and shape the way we serve and support one another.

The highlight of my week is always the *Celebration Assembly*, where we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our pupils. Whether it's for academic success, receiving an Achievement Certificate, or demonstrating outstanding character through our Gospel Values Badges, it's truly heart-warming to see our children being celebrated for doing the right thing, first time, every time. This assembly is a wonderful occasion for the whole school community to come together and share in each other's successes. I love Mondays, when the Celebration Assemblies take place. From January, you will be warmly invited to attend and will be informed in advance if your child is going to be a worthy recipient.

Looking ahead, I'm very excited about our Christmas Tree Trail after school on Tuesday next week. It has become a beloved tradition at St. Augustine's, and I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the festive season and bring our community closer together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or need to get in touch, please don't hesitate to email me at frances.moore@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. F. Moore

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 95.2%

Well done to F2 Miss Haimour 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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Parents Voice

If you have any suggestions for the school we would love to hear them. Please leave your suggestions in our new parents voice box outside the school office .

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

God of hope
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our homes
and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship
and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.

Amen



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Year 3 Celebrating Christ The King

Year 3 celebrating the Feast of Christ the King by singing and dancing to Hosanna and drawing how we see Jesus for our prayer table.



Feast of Christ the King

Beautiful reading at Mass, at St Augustine's church on Sunday, as we celebrated the feast of Christ The King



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Year 4 Trip to the Synagogue

Year 4 had a very interesting trip to the synagogue. Rabbi Lent showed us the signs and symbols inside the synagogue and explained what they represented. The arc was beautiful.



Celebration Assembly

This week's worthy winners.
Every second counts at St A's.



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Learning in Nursery

In Nursery we have been working on our fine motor skills. We took part in our 'Dough Disco' session, using the play dough to do single finger dances, patting, make pizzas by pinching and diving into play dough!



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.





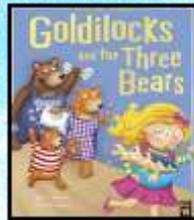
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F2 Curriculum Corner

Hello and welcome back to the F2 Curriculum Corner. We're about halfway through Advent 2 now and the Poppies and Daisies are as busy as ever!



We have started reading 'Goldilocks' in English and it quickly becoming a firm favourite. We can even tell the story now without the book!

Ask me:

What was your favourite part of the story?

Can I retell the story to an adult including key events and characters?

In Maths we have been recapping our size knowledge .

Ask me:

What do the following words mean: size, match, different, large, small?

Can you find things that match 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:

Please send in any clean cardboard for our shield making sessions.

Also don't forget to send in your labelled Nativity costumes.



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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
FESTIVAL
BY ASSOCIATION

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

Sweets

Hot Chocolate

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: Hope

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40: 31

Gospel Value of the Week: Hope

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Romans 5: 3-4





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DIARY DATES

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



Date	Event
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	Upper School Choir Visit to Nottingham Hospice 10am (more information to follow)
Wednesday 11th December 2024	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 and Year 6 Savoy Cinema Trip on Arbor Now F2 Nativity Performance 2.30pm in School Hall <u>Date Change</u>
Wednesday 18th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm in School Hall <u>Date change</u> 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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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