



School newsletter



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Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well, I'm excited to share this special edition of our newsletter with you. We've kicked off the new year in a fantastic way, and I couldn't be more proud of our amazing children who live out our Gospel Values every day. It's a true honour to lead our school as we continue to serve you all in everything we do.

If you have any ideas on how we can make our school even better, please feel free to add your suggestions to our parent voice box, located opposite the office in the foyer. Your feedback is very important to us!

As you may know, this year is extra special in the Church's calendar because it's a Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" for this Jubilee Year. This special year is a time to remember the biblical Jubilee of Israel, where people rested from work, debts were forgiven, and God called everyone to reconcile with each other and with Him.

When is the Jubilee?

The Jubilee Year will start on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, and will end on the Solemnity of the Epiphany in 2026.

What is a Jubilee?

Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, have been celebrated since 1300 AD, every 25 years. Sometimes, they're called at other times too, like the Year of Mercy in 2016. These years focus on reconciliation, conversion, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and living in solidarity, hope, and peace with others.

Living as Pilgrims of Hope

We are all on a journey to grow closer to the Lord. The Jubilee Year offers many ways to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Let's embrace the spirit of Jubilee through prayer and share the hope it brings.

Sharing Hope

A Jubilee is also about celebrating what we share with others. It's an opportunity to spread the message of the Jubilee, especially the Good News, with our community, neighbours, and beyond. What will you do to share the Good News?

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

Yours sincerely,
Mrs F Moore





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Your school needs you as a Parent Governor

Why become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Headteacher and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all the children.

As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work towards improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come. This voluntary role is extremely rewarding and is a great way to build on your skills. You will be supported in the role through a programme of training and mentoring allowing you to use your knowledge and experience to the full extent.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Julie Welsh, Chair of Governors, at julie.welsh@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk or myself on 0115 9156995 for an informal chat.



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.

Parent Voice

If you have any suggestions or feedback for the school we would love to hear them. Please leave your suggestions in our 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.



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Have you ever thought of becoming a foundation governor in one of our schools?

We are looking for people like you!

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS



Catholic schools were founded by the Church to

- Assist in its mission of making Christ known to all people
- Assist parents, who are the primary educators of their children, in the education and religious formation of their children
- Be at the service of the local Church - the diocese, the parish and the Christian home
- Be 'a service to society'

Since September 2018, all maintained Catholic schools in the Diocese of Nottingham have become academies.

Each one belongs to one of three Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts (or CMATs).

The CMATs rely on local governors, attached to each of their academies, to support the designated school to thrive.

As practising Catholics, foundation governors help to ensure that the Catholic identity of the school is preserved, that the Bishop's vision for education is followed and that standards remain high.



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School Activities and Clubs

Did you know that there are many clubs and activities that run through out the school year? Please see below for our current clubs and keep an eye out as there are new clubs starting all the time.

Monday: KS2 Choir

Year 6 Maths Boosters

Tuesday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

Year 3 and 4 Athletics (invite only)

Wednesday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

Year 5 and 6 Netball

Thursday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

Year 6 English Boosters (invite only)

Friday: KS1 Phonics (invite only)

Year 5 and Year 6 Musical Theatre Club



OPAL donation appeal!

This week: dolls push chairs/ child pushchairs

As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) at lunch times we need resources to make it even better! This week we would really appreciate if you could donate any dolls push chairs/ child pushchairs .
Many thanks.



Celebration of the Word

Well done Year 4. A beautifully presented Celebration of the Word. So lovely to see so many parents present too.



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Learning in the Nursery

In Nursery we have been working on our listening skills and gross motor movements whilst using the Parachute. We had an Astronaut on the moon (parachute) and were working together to make him bounce on the moon. The children had such fun!



Times tables practice in Year 2

Keep going Year 2! You've got this



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Year 3 Celebration of the Word

Year 3 had a lovely class celebration of the word this week, focussing on the word Epiphany. They worked hard in their groups to act out how the Wise Men would have praised the newborn Jesus!



Thank you to Father Joe and Sister Philomena from F2

F2 wrote 'Thank You' notes to Father Joe and Sister Philomena as we embark on our new 'Celebrating' topic in RE. We said thank you for being welcomed so warmly into the parish community. We then took them to Ms Burrows to deliver to the church for us.



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Celebration Assembly

The quality of our work counts. The quality of our character counts. Every second counts. A huge well done to our worthy recipients.



Year 4 RE

Y4 have been learning about the Visitation in RE. We drew our own representations of the Visitation capturing the compassion between Mary and Elizabeth.



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Handwriting practice in Nursery

Nursery have been developing their fine and gross motor skills whilst using the Penpals Handwriting approach. We have been strengthening the muscles in our hands by making star shape movements and hammering and rein-acting the weather by being wind and rain.



Epiphany Mass

The Epiphany Our first Mass of 2025, led beautifully by our Gospel Values Team.



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Role-play in F2

Daisies had a BLAST role-playing our class text 'Life on Mars' by Jon Agee this week! Starring: the astronaut, the alien and the rocket!



Maths in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning how to add by counting on. To practise our skills, we played each other at a game of Snakes and Ladders this morning. We had a lot of fun!



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Celebration Assembly

Yay! Another brand new week with a brand new start. A huge well done to our worthy recipients who know that: The quality of our work counts. The quality of our character counts. Every second counts.



Music in F2

Musical fun in F2! We even got to get the instruments out this week too - lots of tunes coming from the F2 classroom.



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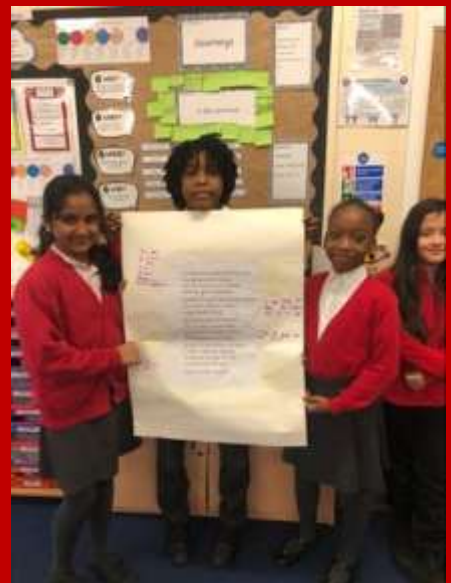


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Music in Year 5

We're not feeling blue but we have been creating our own compositions inspired by blues music, thinking about its lyrics, bass lines and instrumentation. We can't wait for next week's lesson!
Well done Year 5.



RE in Year 4

In groups, with the help of Sister Philomena, we looked at ways we could live out Psalm 122: 1-9.
Well done Year 4



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Year 1 Class Trip to Nottingham Castle

Year 1 loved finding out more about Robin Hood this week.



SYNOD Trip

Such a meaningful and reflective occasion today as all the schools from our trust worked together in unity and shared mission.



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SIBBS DRAMA WORKSHOP

COME ESCAPE FOR AN AFTERNOON OF WILD IMAGINATION AND ADVENTURE AROUND THE GALAXY.

WE'LL USE DRAMA GAMES AND EXERCISES TO BLAST OFF INTO OUTERSPACE AND JOURNEY AROUND THE SOLAR SYSTEM, ROLE PLAYING HOW WE'LL OVERCOME PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES AND PEOPLE (OR ALIENS!) WE FACE - ALL WITH LOTS OF FUN ALONG THE WAY!

THIS SESSION IS SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN AUTISTIC OR LEARNING DISABLED SIBLING AGED 7-11 YEARS OLD.

NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE
WELLINGTON CIRCUS
NOTTINGHAM
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MEET AT THE BOX OFFICE

Date- 17.02.25
Time- 1:30pm-3pm.

NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE

Supported financially by the
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Nottingham City Autism and Learning Disability Keyworking Service

Mini Movers - Soft Play Monday, 9:30am to 11am

Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre
35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB
Ages 0 to 4 - £1.50 per child
Book your place
bookwhen.com/renewaltrust



Community Health Hub (monthly)

Mondays, 11pm to 1pm
Second Monday of the month
Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
All ages - Free
No need to book, just turn up



Talking Therapies Mondays, 1pm to 3pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
Ages 17.5 and over - free
No need to book, just turn up



Tuesday Social Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm includes

Chatty Cake Cafe (monthly)
and
Chatty Cafe goes for a walk
Tuesday 9:30am to 11am
Third Tuesday of the month
Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park,
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
All ages - Free
Drop in, no need to book



Healthy Horizons
Tuesday 10am to 12pm
Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre
35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB
Ages 18 and over - Free
Drop in, no need to book



Mini Movers - Outdoor Play
Wednesday, 9:30am to 11am
Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park,
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
Ages 0 to 4 - £1.50 per child
Book your place
bookwhen.com/renewaltrust



Feel Good Gold Wednesday 11:30am to 1:30pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park,
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
Ages 60 and over
£2 contribution
Contact us to find out more



Yoga (women only session) Thursday 11am to 12pm

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park,
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
Ages 16 and over - £5 per session
Book your place:
bookwhen.com/renewaltrust



Lego Club (monthly)
Thursday 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park
Carlton Road NG3 2AS
Ages 4 and over - £1 per session
Book your place
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Book here



email enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk

To find out more
call 0115 911 2226
or



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Word of the Week: Scripture

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Gospel Value of the Week: Courage

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1: 9



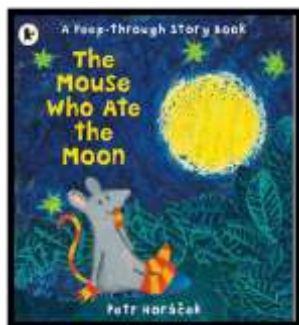


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F2 Curriculum Corner

A gentle reminder – it so important to read with and support your child with their reading at home. The impact it has is huge and those who aren't supported begin to fall behind.



We have been reading 'The Mouse Who Ate the Moon' in English and we are really enjoying it! We have explored the characters' thoughts and feelings throughout the story.

Ask me:

What has happened so far in the story?

Who is your favourite character in the story and why?

In Maths we have been working on weight and comparing the mass of objects using balancing scales.

Ask me:

What can you weigh around the house?

What does light mean? What does heavy mean?



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 will be continuing to learn all about Space in the coming weeks. We will continue to learn about 'Celebrating' too in our RE lessons.



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DIARY DATES

Please keep this safe **New Dates Added**



Date	Event
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
Thursday 13th February 2025	PJ Day Non- School Uniform School Fundraiser Day More information to follow
Friday 14th February 2025	Inset Day School Closed
Monday 17th February 2025	School Close - February half Term (1 Week)
Monday 24th February 2025	School Open- New Half Term
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration of the Word led by Year 1 Class 9.10am Parents Welcome Gospel Values Team Trip to Lincoln Cathedral (more information to follow)
Friday 14th March 2025	Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Studio now on Arbor
Thursday 27th March 2025	Seasons of Love a Musical Evening performances by KS2 Choir and Musical Theatre Club 3.40pm- 4.30pm More information to follow
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





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Date	Event
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)
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



EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 94.64%

Well done to Year Class who had the highest attendance of %



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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