



# School newsletter



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Dear Families,

As we come to the close of another term, we are filled with gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. This term has been one of growth, reflection, and prayer. Our Celebrations of the word have provided us with meaningful opportunities for reflection, as we came together as a school community to pray and deepen our understanding of our faith. The moments of quiet reflection and the shared prayers have truly been a highlight for both pupils and staff.

It has also been an incredibly busy and productive term. A special mention must go to our OPAL play initiative and Miss Rice who leads this. It has transformed our lunchtime experience. This new approach has not only made our playtimes more fun and engaging but has also encouraged teamwork, creativity, and social development. It has been wonderful to see our children enjoying their time outside, discovering new games, and making new friendships.

This final week of the term has been especially significant as we embarked on our Holy Week Reflections. Year 4, Year 5, and Year 5/6, as well as Year 6, have journeyed through the powerful events of Holy Week, deepening their understanding of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, readings, and reflective activities, the pupils have gained a deeper understanding of the significance of this sacred time in our liturgical calendar.

Holy Week holds profound meaning for Christians as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ for humanity. It begins with Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Then we move through the solemn days of Holy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist, and Good Friday, where we remember His crucifixion. Finally, we celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday, when Christ's resurrection gives us hope for new life. Holy Week is a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for God's immense love and the gift of salvation.

As we head into the Easter break, I want to take this moment to thank you all for your continued support and for being such an important part of our community.

I wish you all a happy and restful Easter break filled with peace and joy.

Mrs Moore  
Headteacher

## Easter Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

As we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, we give thanks for His sacrifice and the new life He brings to us all. May His love fill our hearts with peace and joy, and may we be inspired to share that love with others. We pray for all those in need, for our school community, and for the strength to carry His light with us in all that we do.

Bless us during this Easter season and guide us in our journey of faith.

Amen.





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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:** Year 5 and Year 6 Musical Theatre Club

**Tuesday:** KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)  
Year 3 and 4 Football

**Wednesday:** KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)  
Year 1 and 2 Football

**Thursday:** KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

**Friday:** KS1 Phonics (invite only)



## **OPAL donation appeal!**

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 crates, cable drums, tyres, logs, tree stumps, wooden planks, old decking planks, rope, twine, old trellises, rugs, mats, old scooters, plastic toys, old pots, pans, utensils Many thanks.



## **Keeping Safe Online**

Y3/4 had a very insightful afternoon learning about keeping safe whilst being online. They role-played what they would do if they came across something inappropriate and know who to tell, tell, tell!





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## Decades of the Rosary

Y5 children creating their own Rosary and exploring the meaning of the 5 decades of the Rosary.



## Science Experiments in Year 5/6

This term in science we have been learning about forces. Year 5/6 have been experimenting with air forces and seeing if different materials affected how fast our parachute fell.



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## Art in Year 5

Year 5 enjoying making their mixed media installations.



## F2 Growing

F2 were so excited to take home their cress plants as we continue to learn all about growing!





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## Kindness Cards

Daisies delivered their 'Kindness Cards' to Year 5/6, inspired by Cornelius in Acts 10:2. Our Word of the Week is 'Almsgiving' which the Daisies have remembered as 'Give, Give, Give. Pray, Pray, Pray.'



## Prayer and Reflection in F2

F2 enjoying our outdoor spontaneous prayer and reflection area.



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## Celebration of the Word

A beautiful Celebration of the Word Year 3, showing how the greatest act of service is Jesus giving himself to us in the Eucharist.



## Helping Others

In PSHE class 5/6 have been learning about helping people when they are injured. We have learned how to put people in the recovery position and made posters teaching others about DR ABC.





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OF LOURDES**  
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## Lenten Walk

Year 3/4, Year 3 and F2 Daisies enjoyed doing the Lenten Walk. Some great use of their phonic knowledge from Daisies and lovely modelling of careful reading and teamwork from Y3 and Y3/4.



## F2 Mother's Day Assembly

A full house for our F2 Mother's Day assembly.



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## Pilgrims of Hope

We loved welcoming the Pilgrims of Hope from SBTchaplaincy. Thank you for taking our prayer intentions to Lourdes.



## Holy Week Reflections

We have started our Holy Week Reflections. Year 5 led us all in Celebration of the word focused on Palm Sunday.





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## Special Visit

"If you knew how much I love you, you'd cry of joy". Sister Philomena presented Y4 with a beautiful card, for them to carry with them at all times, to remember we can grow day by day close to God through prayer.



## OPAL Lunch

We have been playing the sandpit, constructing dens, playing chess and swinging! We LOVE OPAL play! The children have been working tirelessly on an important excavation! They managed it!



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## New OPAL Equipment

Thank you so much to Dan, our school cleaner, for making the most amazing music area for the children! We love it!



## Holy Week Reflections

We continue our Holy Week Reflections. Year 4 led us all in Celebration of the word focused on Maundy Thursday.





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## Holy Week Reflections

Y6 led Celebration of the Word focused on Good Friday. Y6 explained The Veneration of the Cross, inviting everyone to place their hand on the cross in a moment of prayer and reflection. It was a meaningful and powerful reminder of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us all.



## This Girl Can

So proud of our girls who represented St Augustine's so brilliantly in the recent, 'This Girl Can' competition. Thank you Mrs H and Mrs P for leading this.



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## Easter Garden in Nursery

Nursery have used sticks and pipe cleaners to create crosses to go in our Easter Garden.



## Goodbye Father Joe

We will miss you so much, Fr Joe. Thank you for everything Good luck in your new parish.





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## Easter Bonnets

So lovely to see all the effort the children put into their Easter Bonnets. Well done to each of the children who made a bonnet.



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## F2 Curriculum Corner

We have had a busy final week in Reception this week and we're ready for our holidays!



We finished reading 'Dinosaur Roar' by Paul and Henrietta Strickland in English and we loved it!!! We have LOVED our dinosaur topic this half term.

### Ask me:

What have you learnt about dinosaurs over the last six weeks?

Which dinosaur themed story was your favourite and why?

In Maths we have been learning about repeating patterns and 3D shapes.

### Ask me:

What are the names of some of the 3D shapes we have been learning about?

Can you make any repeating patterns with items at home – socks, cutlery, toys?

### To help me:

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

Count with me forwards and backwards (1-20).



### Next Week:

**We will be enjoying a two week break for Easter. School will be open again on Tuesday 22nd April. Have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming you all back soon!**





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## Word of the Week: Alleluia

*"Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! It's time to sing to God a brand-new song so that all his holy people will hear how wonderful he is! "*

*Psalms 149:1*

## Gospel Value 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*





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## DIARY DATES

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



Date	Event
Monday 7th April 2025	School Closed - Easter Holidays (2 Weeks)
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School Opens– New Half Term
Friday 25th April 2025	Harry Potter Presentation to Parents UKS2 9.10am in school hall
Wednesday 30th April 2025	Easter Celebration Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 5th May 2025	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7th May 2025	Heritage Day Non school Uniform Day wear your culture Feast of Culture 3.40-4.30pm (More information to follow)
Monday 13th– Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 21st May 2025	Seasons of Love a Musical Afternoon performance by the Musical Theatre Club 2pm –3.15pm
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 now on Arbor
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Performance 2pm in school hall (more information to follow)
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Performance 2pm 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