



School newsletter



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Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. As we begin 2026 together, we give thanks for the gift of new beginnings and for the strength, hope and joy that a new year brings. We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and are so proud of how quickly they have settled back into school life. We know many families appreciate the return of routine, and it has been lovely to see such calm, purposeful learning across the school.

We are incredibly pleased to share some wonderful news with you. Our school has been awarded OPAL Platinum accreditation, an exceptional achievement that recognises the high-quality play provision we offer our children. This accreditation celebrates our commitment to inclusive, creative and enriching play opportunities for all pupils, and we are immensely proud of what this represents for our school community.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff team for their continued hard work and commitment. In particular, we would like to extend special thanks to Miss Rice and our lunchtime play leaders, who have been the driving force behind this brilliant achievement. Their passion and determination have truly made a difference.

Next week, our Word of the Week is *Baptism*. We have been talking with the children about baptism as a welcoming into God's family and a sign of love, belonging and new life. As a family, you may wish to share this simple prayer together:

*Dear God,
Thank you for loving us and welcoming us into your family.
Help us to show kindness, love and care to others every day.
Amen.*

We will be sharing this with the children next week:
"In baptism, we are reminded that we belong to God and to one another."

We also have some lovely staffing news to share. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Bates, Mrs Devereux and Mrs Tin are all expecting a baby this year. We know how much you will want to share in this happy news, and we are absolutely thrilled for them all. Please be reassured that there will be no impact on class continuity, as arrangements are already firmly in place ahead of their maternity leave. I will be writing to individual classes with further information in due course.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness and partnership. We look forward to all that this new year will bring as we continue to learn, grow and journey together.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Moore



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Word of the Week: Baptism

“Jesus said, Be baptised and follow me.”

Matthew 28:19

Gospel Value of the Week: Love

“Love one another, just as I have loved you.”

John 13:34





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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: Musical Theatre Club

Tuesday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)
Year 6 Maths Boosters (invite only)
Year 6 Reading Boosters (invite only)
Year 3/4 Athletics (invite only)

Wednesday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)
Year 1/2 Orienteering

Thursday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

Friday: KS1 Morning Phonics (invite only)

Pupil Voice Groups at lunch-times:

Gospel Values Team, School Council, House Captains, Eco-warriors , Well Being Ambassadors



Snow Fun in Nursery

Nursery loved exploring the snow with their buckets and spades. They tried to make marks for their names too!



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OPAL Award

Platinum success! We're incredibly proud to have achieved the OPAL Platinum Award for excellence in play. Huge thanks to Miss Rice for driving this fantastic achievement for our school.



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PARENT WORKSHOP

Girls and Autism

Led by Sarah Golding (Nottingham City Autism Team) & Miss Doherty (School SENDCO)

**14:15pm – 15:15pm,
Tuesday January 27th 2026
Saint Augustine's RC Primary School**

- Presentation of Autism in Girls
- Masking, Anxiety
- Support Strategies

For parents of children with an autism diagnosis, those wondering if their child may be autistic, or anyone who wants to learn more.



So we have an idea of numbers please let the office know if you would be interested.





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St Augustine's



2025/2026

Make a Difference Become a School Governor

Parent or Foundation Governor?

We are excited to share that we are seeking candidates for a Parent Governor role and that the Diocese are recruiting Foundation Governors.

Who is eligible to apply?

Foundation Governor

- ✓ Practising Catholic
- ✓ Over 18 years old
- ✓ Be committed to attending the relevant meetings.
- ✓ Be prepared to play an active part in a Local Governing Body's work

Parent Governor

- ✓ Be a parent or an individual exercising parental responsibility, of a registered pupil at the school.
- ✓ Be committed to attending the relevant meetings.
- ✓ Be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work

Full eligibility criteria for both roles available upon request.

Want to know more? Contact us



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Join us - your skills matter!
No experience needed - just commitment and passion.





DIARY DATES

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 13th January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Heritage Day wear your heritage Epiphany Mass in school hall 9.30am All Welcome
Wednesday 14th January 2026	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents at 3pm in school hall
Friday 16th January 2026	Year 2 Celebration of the Word, All Welcome 9.10am in School Hall
Tuesday 20th January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Parents' Consultations 1.30pm-4.30pm F1 and F2 Wonderdome visit in school
Thursday 22nd January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F2 Little Wandle Parents Workshop 2.45pm-3.15pm (more information to follow) Year 6 Parents' Consultations 1.30-4.30pm
Friday 23rd January 2026	Year 1/2 Class Celebration of the Word, All Welcome 9.10am in School Hall
Friday 30th January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word, All Welcome 9.10am in School Hall EYFS Writing Workshop 2.45pm more information to follow
Friday 6th February 2026	F2 Class Celebration of the Word, All Welcome 9.10am in School Hall
Tuesday 10th February 2026	Mount Saint Bernard Abbey Gospel Values Team Trip (more information to follow)
Friday 13th February 2026	INSET DAY- School Closed
Monday 16th February 2026	School Closed for half term - One Week
Monday 23rd February 2026	School Open for new half term
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	Parents' Evening 3.40pm-6.30pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 5th March 2026	Parents' Evening 3.40pm-6.30pm (more information to follow)
Friday 6th March 2026	World Book Day (more information to follow)
Friday 27th March 2026	EYFS Reading Workshop 2.45pm more information to follow



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Date	Event
Monday 30th March 2026	School Closed for Easter Holidays - Two Weeks
Monday 13th April 2026	School Open for new half term
Thursday 16th April 2026	F2 Little Wandle Parents Workshop 2.45pm-3.15pm (more information to follow)
Tuesday 21st April 2026	Easter Mass in Church 9.30am All Welcome
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Day (more information to follow) Afterschool OPAL Stay and Play 3.45-4.30pm (more information to follow)
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 5th May 2026	School Bake Sale Fundraiser (more information to follow)
Monday 11th - 15th May 2026	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Seasons of Love a Musical Performance 2pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 21st May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St F2 Little Wandle Parents Workshop 2.45pm-3.15pm (more information to follow) Augustine's Day (more information to follow)
Monday 25th May 2026	School Closed for half term- One Week
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wednesday 10th June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Camping meeting for Parents 2.30pm (more information to follow) OPAL Stay and play for parents 9.15-10.15am (more information to follow)





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Date	Event
Thursday 11th June 2026	Year 6 Briars Meeting for Parents 2.30pm (more information to follow)
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Afterschool OPAL Stay and Play 3.45-4.30pm (more information to follow)
Monday 15th –Friday 19th June 2026	Sports and Wellbeing Week (more information to follow)
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Garden Party Summer Fair Fundraiser (more information to follow)
Thursday 2nd-3rd July 2026	Year 2 Camping Trip to Camp Redwood
Wednesday 8th– 10th July 2026	Year 6 Briars Residential Trip
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Open Afternoon 3.30pm to 4.30pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 6 Musical Performance (more information to follow)
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 6 Musical Performance (more information to follow)
Thursday 23rd July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers Mass in School Hall 10am Year 6 Leavers Disco 5pm-7pm 9 (more information to follow)
Friday 24th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am school hall
Monday 27th July 2026	School Closed - Summer Holidays



EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 89.6%

Well done to Year 4 Class who all had the highest attendance of 97%



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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 Mrs Bates 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 – Mrs L Bates



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs F Moore



Designated Safeguarding Person
Ms E Burrows



Designated Safeguarding Person
Mrs C Soulsby