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ST AUGUSTINE'S

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

We have had a very busy week at St Augustine's. The children actually felt like superstars for the day when the photographer came in to update the photos for our school website. All of the children looked smart and proud, and we can't wait for you to see the results. I will let you know as soon as the new photos have been uploaded.

Our Gospel Values initiative is going very well and we already have two recipients. Please continue to remind your child about the importance of both the quality of their work and the quality of their character. Your support at home makes all the difference.

We have also been making a real push with our OPAL play project. If anyone is able to help by volunteering an hour or two to assemble some items, please do let me know. Once again, your support really helps us provide the best opportunities for the children.

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day, a special opportunity to honour and give thanks for all the wonderful women who nurture, care for, and support us. Whether it's our mums, grandmas, aunts, or other important mother figures in our lives, it's a day to show appreciation for their love and guidance. As we celebrate, we also reflect on Mary, the Mother of God, whose example of faith, compassion, and devotion inspires us all. Whatever your family tradition or way of celebrating, I hope it is a day filled with love, gratitude, and joyful memories.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

And don't forget you can catch me at the school gate at the beginning or end of the school day or email me at frances.moore@st-augustines.nottingham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Moore

Next week our Word of the Week is sacrifice.

This can be quite a tricky word for children to understand. In simple terms, a sacrifice is when we give something up or do something difficult for the good of someone else or for God. During Lent, we remember how Jesus made the greatest sacrifice out of love for us.

A question to discuss at home:

Can you think of a small sacrifice you could make this week to help someone else?

A short prayer you may wish to share this weekend:

Dear God,

Help us to follow Jesus' example of love and sacrifice.

Teach us to think of others, to be kind, and to make good choices each day.

Amen.



OPAL Donations

We would love any old garden hoses (even with holes) and funnels to create 'Talking tubes' for OPAL play. If you have any you can donate we would be really grateful.
Miss Rice



Word of the Week: Sacrifice

"Jesus loved us so much that He gave everything for us. We can show love too by helping others and sharing what we have."

Based on John 15:13

Gospel Value of the Week: Justice

"God wants us to be fair and help others. Doing what is right shows His love in action."

Based on Micah 6:8



Pennies in a Jar

This term, Miss Coronato also initiated a Lenten Appeal called "Pennies in a Jar." Children and families are encouraged to donate spare coins throughout Lent, reflecting on the importance of sacrifice and giving during this important liturgical season. All funds raised will be donated to CAFOD to support those most in need around the world. The appeal also provides an opportunity for pupils to reflect on the needs of the most vulnerable in our global community and to recognise how even small acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference to the lives of others.

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 5/6 Basketball

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

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

Gospel Values Wall of Fame

Our 2nd recipient has now made it to the Gospel Values Wall of Fame! The quality of our character counts. Well done! A voucher, lanyard and postcard home are on their way. We're so proud of you for demonstrating the seven Gospel Values every day



Growing in F2

Planting flowers in the F2 garden area today as we care for God's creation. A lovely way to learn, grow and look after the world around



Celebration Assembly



The quality of our work counts.
The strength of our character counts.
Every moment of reading counts.
Every second counts.
A huge well done to this week's worthy winners
— we are so proud of you!

Reading in Year 4

Some brilliant new (second-hand!) books for Year 4. A huge thank you to Miss Rice for trawling the shops to find some fantastic bargains for our readers. We can't wait to see the children enjoying these in class!



OPAL Playtime

Such brilliant boys — enjoying a lovely chat together at lunchtime.



Year 5/6 Basketball



Well done Year 5/6 for a great basketball PE lesson today!

Spring Cleaning in F2

The sun is shining and we've had a spring clean in F2. It's blooming lovely.



Growing in Nursery

Nursery have been planting Beans this week and started our Bean Diaries. We are excited to take them home and continue to record what we see as they grow!





Dairy Dates

Monday 23rd March 2026	Managing Anxiety in Children 2.15pm-3.15pm School Hall
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Year 1 and year 2 Chatsworth House Trip on Arbor now
Friday 27th March 2026	EYFS Reading Workshop 2.45pm in School Hall
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
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
Monday 25th May 2026	School Closed for half term- One Week
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET DAY - School Closed



Dairy Dates

Wednesday 10th June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Camping meeting for Parents 2.30pm • OPAL Stay and play for parents 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 11th June 2026	Year 6 Briars Meeting for Parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Afterschool OPAL Stay and Play 3.45-4.30pm
Monday 15th –Friday 19th June 2026	Sports and Wellbeing Week - more information to follow
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Garden Party Summer Fair Fundraiser
Thursday 25th June 2026	Musical Theatre Club Trip - more information to follow
Thursday 2nd-3rd July 2026	Year 2 Camping Trip to Camp Redwood - more information to follow
Wednesday 8th– 10th July 2026	Year 6 Briars Residential Trip - on arbor now
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
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 93.9%
Well done to Year 4 and Year 5 Classes who both had the highest attendance of 99%

Easter Bonnet Making Competition

Get your craft skills at the ready as we are having an Easter Bonnet Making Competition. We want to see the most fabulous bonnets that you can create for your chance to win one of our mystery prizes! The winners will be announced on our last week of term.



Eggtastic Easter Egg Raffle

In the last week of term, we will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the school office for 20p each.

If you are able to donate an Easter Egg to the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. All of the money raised will go towards our CPAL fundraising.





PARENT WORKSHOP

MANAGING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Monday 23rd-March 2026

Time: 2:15pm-3:15pm

Location: St Augustine's RC Primary

Join this workshop
if you're a parent
who wants to learn
more about
childhood anxiety
and strategies
to support



Led by Dr Sophie Wright (Educational Psychologist)
and Miss Doherty (SENDCO)



Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv





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.





St Augustine's Catholic Primary & Nursery School



**Come and see why
our school is a
fantastic choice for
your family**

**At St Augustine's, we strive to love and
serve God in all that we do.**

**We welcome applications from all faith
and non-faith backgrounds.**

***"A school that consistently goes the
extra mile to support pupils and
families."***

Catholic School Inspection September 2025

**Please contact the school to
arrange a visit**



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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**