

20TH MARCH 2026



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ST AUGUSTINE'S

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It has been another lovely week at St Augustine's, and the sunshine has been a welcome addition. The children have particularly enjoyed their OPAL play at lunchtime, making the most of the brighter weather. It's hard to believe that we are heading into our final week of the Lent term.

As we will be on holiday during Holy Week, so next week we will be spending time exploring its significance in school. The children will take part in a special spiritual walk, thoughtfully planned by Miss Coronato, reflecting on scripture and considering how Jesus may have felt from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. Our word of the week will be "journey", as we focus on Jesus' journey during this important time. As a family, you might like to share this simple prayer together:

Loving God,
As we think about Jesus' journey during Holy Week,
help us to follow Him with kindness and love.
Guide us to make good choices
and to care for others each day.
Amen.

I have also been incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour and the kindness they have shown this week. I truly feel blessed to lead such a special school, and I thank you for the continued support you give—it really is a partnership.

A polite reminder that we do not have a lost property box, so please ensure that every item of your child's clothing, including PE kits, is clearly labelled. This helps us to return any misplaced items quickly.

I would also like to share a few staffing updates. Mrs Devereux and Mrs Bates will be starting their maternity leave later next week, and I'm sure you will join us in wishing them both a safe and happy arrival of their new additions.

It is also with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Skadorwa, who will be leaving us next week after many years of dedicated service as a teaching assistant at St Augustine's. We thank her for everything she has given to the school and wish her every happiness in her next chapter.

I hope the sun continues to shine this weekend and that you have a lovely, restful time with your families.

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



OPAL Donations

We would love any old pots and pans, plastic honey bottles (washed) for our upcoming potions area for OPAL play. If you have any you can donate we would be really grateful.
Miss Rice



Word of the Week: Journey

*"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path."*

Psalm 119:105

Gospel Value of the Week: Service

"Be kind and serve one another in love."



Galatians 5:13



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

Gardening Club

Miss Parker and our wonderful gardeners are getting ready for some planting this lunchtime. We can't wait to see everything grow!



Me Vs Me



Year 4 and Year 3/4 enjoyed their second Me vs Me session!

After weeks of practice, they rose to the challenge and beat their own scores — fantastic effort all round!

Those who improved the most earned gold, silver and bronze medals and a special award was given for showing the Spirit of the Games. A big thank you to our wonderful Year 5 leaders for helping to organise everything — brilliant teamwork!

Times Tables

Nothing beats a bit of friendly competition to boost our times tables!



Fun in the sun with OPAL Play

We've been loving playing with our new 'Talking Tubes' during OPAL!

Ring, ring... who's there? So much fun, communication and imagination in action!



Art in Year 1/2

Year 1/2 creating beautiful sunset artwork inspired by African skies. Such warm colours and creativity, how beautiful!



St Patrick's Day in F2



Happy St Patrick's Day!

Did you know St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is famous for bringing Christianity to the country? Legend says he used the shamrock to help explain ideas about faith in a simple way.

Let's celebrate kindness, learning, and a little bit of Irish cheer!

Lenten Tree in Nursery

For Lent we have been thinking about different ways to be kind and how we can help people. We drew these on leaves and hung them on our 'Lenten Tree'.



Art in Year 6

Year 6 getting creative making Greek pots in art. Not a mess in sight... of course!
Who says you're ever too old for clay?





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 93.89%
Well done to Year 5 Class who had the highest attendance of 99%

Easter Bonnet Making Competition

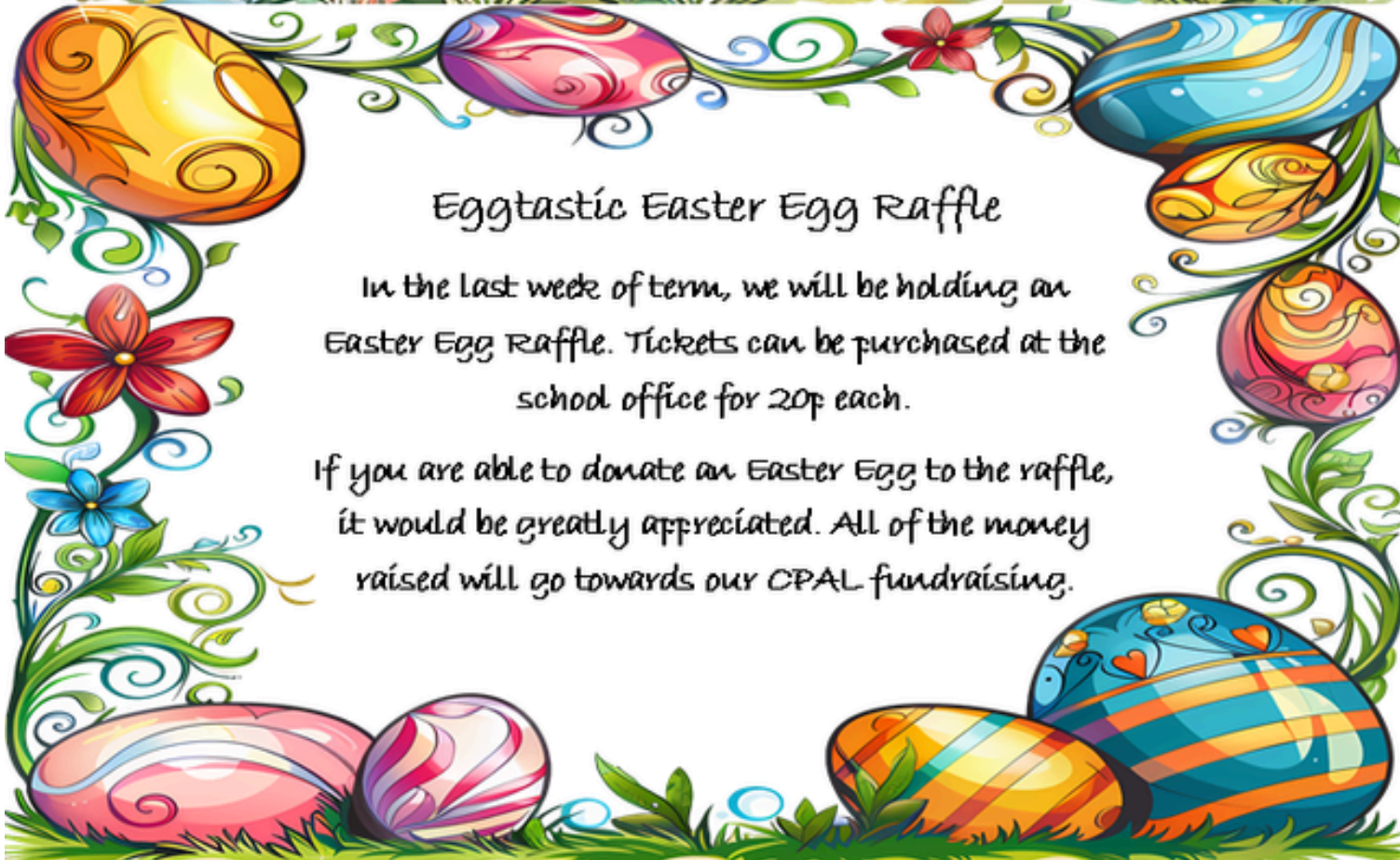
Get your craft skills at the ready as we are having an Easter Bonnet Making Competition. We want to see the most fabulous bonnets that you can create for your chance to win one of our mystery prizes! The winners will be announced on our last week of term.



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)



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