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ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

What a lovely couple of weeks we have had in school. It has been wonderful to see the children so happy, settled and engaged in their learning. We have also been very lucky with the weather, although it has certainly started to feel a little chillier over the last few days. Thank you for continuing to make sure that your child has a warm coat with them each day. It really does make a difference, particularly when we are outside for playtimes, lunchtimes and learning. I really cannot believe that we only have one more week before our half-term break. It has been such a positive and successful first half term, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines.

A particular mention must go to our youngest children in Nursery and Reception. They have made such a fantastic start to their time at St Augustine's. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing, friendships developing and their little personalities beginning to shine. They have worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves.

Our Word of the Week – Respect

Next week, our Word of the Week is Respect.

As a Catholic school, respect is at the heart of how we live and learn together. We believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, every member of our school family deserves to be treated with kindness, dignity, compassion and understanding. Respect means listening to others, valuing different opinions, caring for those around us and recognising that everyone has something special to offer. It is shown through the words we use, the choices we make and the way we treat one another each day.

Respect also extends beyond people. God has given us the wonderful world we live in, and we have a responsibility to care for and protect His creation. We want our children to understand that even small actions can make a big difference — looking after our school environment, not wasting resources, recycling, caring for plants and animals, and thinking about how our choices affect the world around us.

Next week, our Key Stage 1 children will also be taking part in some special workshops focused on Respect for the Planet. We are looking forward to helping the children explore how they can become responsible stewards of God's creation and how, together, we can make a positive difference to our beautiful world.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your families, and we look forward to another wonderful week together before our half-term break.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

F. Moore

Headteacher

OPAL Donations

As you may be having a sort out we would love any outdoor toys, bikes and scooters for OPAL play that you may be clearing out.

If you have any you can donate we would be really grateful.

Miss Rice



Word of the Week:

Respect

"Love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Gospel Value of the Week:

Justice

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31



Building in Nursery

We built our very own bus to take us to a swimming party!

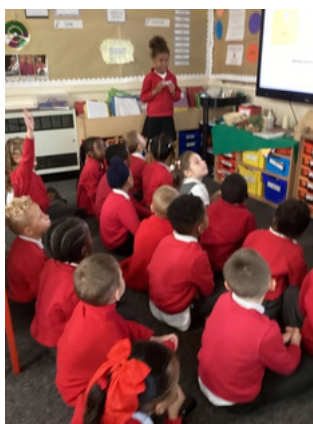
Fantastic teamwork from our Nursery children — what a brilliant team effort!



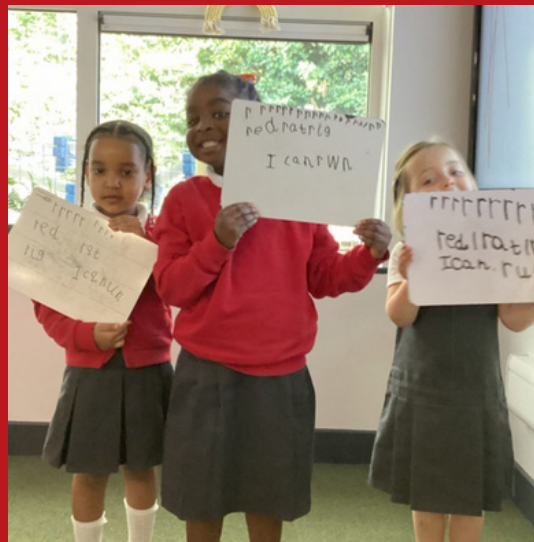
RE in Year 1/2

Last week in Class 1/2, we spent time with our Chaplain, Maria, and became Steward Superheroes!

We learned about the importance of caring for God's wonderful creation and how we can all do our part to look after the world around us.



Phonics in F2



Daisies have been smashing their letter formation as part of our daily Phonics sessions. Keep up the good work girls!

OPAL Play

Just a little safety demonstration from Miss Rice on how to use the kayak during outdoor OPAL play. We can't wait to get started!



Stone Age Trip

Year 3 and Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Broadway Cinema with Mr Pepper, continuing our learning about the Stone Age and the beginnings of human life. Through film, the children explored what life might have been like during the Stone Age, helping them to imagine the challenges people faced and how different everyday life was from today. A brilliant way to bring our history learning to life!



Mini Robin Hood Marathon



We are so proud of D! We love hearing about your achievements outside of school too. D completed the Mini Robin Hood Marathon in record time! What an incredible achievement — well done, D! We're so proud of you!

Celebration Assembly

Well done, everyone! We are so proud of you! Remember, the quality of your work counts, the quality of your character counts, and every second counts. And, reading every day counts! Keep up the fantastic work — we are incredibly proud of you all!





Diary Dates

Thursday 15th October 2026	DRAMA4ALL Save the World Workshops for KS1 and LKS2
Monday 19th October 2026	School Closed - October Half-term (2 weeks)
Monday 2nd November 2026	School Open- New Half-term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Flu Vaccinations - Sign Up Now
Wednesday 4th November 2026	KS1 Movie Night Fundraiser 3.20pm - 5pm more information to follow
Thursday 5th November 2026	KS2 Movie Night Fundraiser 3.30pm-5pm more information to follow
Tuesday 17th November 2026	PANTO DAY- Robin Hood
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Christmas Mass 9.30am at St Augustine's Church All Welcome
	F2 and Year 2 The Snowsmith Show Trip at Lakeside Arts - More information to follow
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Christmas Tree trail and Fair - More information to follow
Thursday 10th December 2026	KS1 Christmas Performance more information to
	F2 Nativity Performance more information to follow
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day
Thursday 17th December 2026	Candlelight Christmas Carol Concert 2pm-3.15pm in school hall more information to follow
Monday 21st December 2026	School Closed - Christmas Holidays (2 weeks)
Monday 4th January 2027	School Open- New Half-term
Tuesday 12th January 2027	Feast of the Epiphany Mass 9.30am at St Augustine's Church All Welcome



Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th February 2027	Ash Wednesday Mass in School Hall
Friday 12th February 2027	INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 15th February 2027	School Closed- February Half-term (1 week)
Monday 22nd February 2027	School Open- New Half-term
Friday 26th March 2027	School Closed - Easter Holidays (2 weeks)
Monday 12th April 2027	School Open- New Half-term
Tuesday 20th April 2027	Easter Mass 9.30am at St Augustine's Church All Welcome
Monday 3rd May 2027	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY- School Closed
Monday 10th May 2027	Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 26th May 2027	Musical Theatre Summer Concert 2pm-3.15pm in School Hall
Thursday 27th May 2027	Feast of St Augustine's Mass 9.30am at St Augustine's Church
Monday 31st May 2027	School Closed - May Half- term (1 week)
Monday 7th June 2027	School Open- New Half-term
Wednesday 9th - 11th June 2027	Year 6 Briars Trip More information to follow
Thursday 1st - 2nd July 2027	Year 2 Camp Redwood Trip more information to follow
Thursday 15th July 2027	Year 6 Performance -TBC
Friday 16th July 2027	Year 6 Performance -TBC
Tuesday 20th July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.30am in School Hall
Friday 23rd July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am in School Hall
Monday 26th July 2027	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Every Second Counts

Our Attendance target is 96%. This week we are 96.85%
Well done to F2 Poppies Class who both had the highest attendance of 100%

Healthy Packed Lunch Guide for Parents



A healthy lunch gives children the energy, concentration and nutrients they need to learn, play and grow!



1. Choose a nutritious main

Include a source of protein to help keep them full and energised.

- ✓ Lean meat (e.g. chicken, turkey, ham)
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Tuna or salmon
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Hummus or other bean/lentil spreads
- ✓ Vegetarian options (e.g. falafel, beans, cheese and egg)



2. Add fruit and vegetables

These provide vitamins, minerals, fibre and help with good health and digestion.

- ✓ Fresh fruit (e.g. apple, banana, berries, grapes, orange)
- ✓ Veg sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper, celery)
- ✓ Cherry tomatoes
- ✓ Salad leaves



3. Choose wholegrain options

Wholegrains give lasting energy and are good for concentration.

- ✓ Wholemeal bread, wraps or pitta
- ✓ Wholegrain pasta or rice
- ✓ Wholegrain crackers
- ✓ Oats (e.g. in flapjacks or oat bakes)



4. Keep it simple and safe

Try to make lunches easy to eat, store and keep fresh.

- ✓ Use a lunchbox with an ice pack (for perishable foods)
- ✓ Avoid high-sugar snacks and drinks
- ✓ Be mindful of allergies (e.g. nuts are not allowed)
- ✓ Keep food fresh and well packed



5. Healthy snack ideas

If you'd like to include a little extra, these are great choices:

- ✓ Yoghurt or fromage frais
- ✓ Rice cakes with cheese or ham (avoid high-sugar spreads)
- ✓ Homemade muffins (lower sugar)
- ✓ Plain popcorn
- ✓ Fresh fruit (e.g. raisins are not allowed)



6. Don't forget drinks

Water is the best choice to keep them hydrated and focused.

- ✓ Water bottle (still water)
- ✓ Flavoured water (no added sugar)
- ✓ Milk (optional)

Avoid fizzy drinks, squash and sugary juices.



Healthy choices today...
brighter futures tomorrow!

Thank you for supporting
healthy eating at home
and at school!

♥ Healthy bodies ♥ Happy minds ♥ Ready to learn

We are a **NUT FREE**

SCHOOL!

Let's keep everyone
safe and healthy! ♥

No nuts,
please!

Even a
little bit
can hurt.



Check your
lunchbox!

Make sure
it's nut free.



Nut free snacks we love!



RICE CAKES



APPLESAUCE



PRETZELS



YOGURT



CHEESE STICK



POPCORN



Thank you
for helping keep our
school safe for everyone!



Be kind. Be safe. Be a friend.



Safeguarding at St Augustine's

Learning to Serve - Loving to Learn

Who do you talk to in school about safeguarding concerns?



Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs F Moore



Deputy Designated Safe guarding Le ad

Mr N Edge

Who do you talk to if you have concerns about a colleague...What if it's the Head you are worried about?

If you have a concern about a colleague – always report to **Headteacher**

If you have a concern about the Headteacher – report to the CEO of the Trust

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