



St Augustine's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Peace Sunday – 19th January

Every year, with the support of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, England and Wales, Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time as a way of observing the World Day of Peace and promoting the Pope's message for that year. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace has been published and his theme is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'.

The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace. Please find attached a copy of a prayer card <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Prayer-card-2025.pdf>

Please see below that Family Voice have kindly agreed to come back and hold another coffee meeting and create a SEND Parent Forum in response to your feedback. They are also hoping to provide some training for parents and staff on 'masking' behaviours which can sometimes present with Neurodiverse pupils (more details to follow!)

Upcoming Events	
Thursday 23 rd January	Magical Toy Museum visit Year 1
Thursday 30 th January	PINS – SEND Family Voice Coffee Afternoon at 2.15p.m.
Friday 31 st January	PTA Secondhand Uniform Sale
Friday 7 th February	PTA Movies and Munchies for Years 1-6 (eve)
Tuesday 11 th February	Ministry of Chocolate Workshop Year 3
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th February	Year 4 Residential PGA Trip
Monday 3 rd March	Art Gallery Exhibition
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day - pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book day
Friday 7 th March	Mid-Year Reports to parents
Monday 10 th March	School Science Fair
Tuesday 11 th and Thursday 13 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 14 th March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 19 th and Friday 21 st March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 24 th March	KS2 Music Festival
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 Mass at OLQH at 2p.m. YR Mother's Day Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 Easter Liturgy at 2.15p.m. each day

Podcast Beyond the Classroom

Many thanks to Daniel and Jasper for interviewing Mrs Williams this week.

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-01-17T01_23_24-08_00

Thank you from The Charlotte School

Happy New Year and Thank you from Charlotte School, Sierra Leone



To the Headteacher, Teachers, Pupils, Parents, Guardians, Friends and Staff of St Augustine's Primary School in London. I write on behalf of the Pupils, Parents, Guardians and Friends of the Charlotte Village Primary School to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the money sent by your school to our school for support just before Christmas. The sum of 800 pounds was received by our school (which was raised from your schools Christmas play collections). This equates to 22,648.00 Leones (our country's currency).

We used the sum of 7000 Leones from the said amount to make a Christmas party for the children which was held on 26th December 2024. We have also bought uniforms for six pupils who can't afford them and these will be distributed shortly.



We plan to use the balance of the money to start a building project for the school. We want to construct another classroom which will create more space for the children. This is desperately needed now we have set up a nursery class. The plan is for this to commence in March 2025.

We thank you for all your support. We pray that God will continue to bless, protect and guide you all.

Rainbow Theatre Visit to Reception

The children in Blue and Green class had some special visitors this week. The Rainbow Theatre company came in on Thursday afternoon and worked with the children to recreate four of the world's best stories. To start with they sang a song entitled Four favourite tales. They then reenacted Little Red Riding Hood. Some of the children were flowers in the forest and Mrs Fereday was Granny. After this they went on to tell the tale of Goldilocks, the three billy goats gruff and the three little pigs. The children showed the Big, Bad wolf that they weren't scared of him. The children were really engaged. The whole experience brought to life the Traditional Tales topic that is being covered this term.



Science in Year 3

Year 3's new science unit this term is Forces and Magnets. We have been exploring which forces we can use to make objects move, such as a windmill, ping pong ball, playdough, wire pipe cleaners and spinning tops. We have thought about which of these forces are contact and which are non-contact forces. We dropped ping pong balls on the ground to learn about the non-contact force of gravity. We also investigated magnets and found that sometimes they attract and sometimes they repel each other, later in the term we will learn more about magnets.



PTA News

Secondhand Uniform Sale: Friday 31 January, 3-3.40pm

The PTA will hold a uniform sale in 2 weeks time. We have lots of blue polos, blue shirts, jumpers (round and v neck), pinafores, skirts, trousers, etc. in very good condition. We will be in the Arts Block from 3.00pm - 3.40pm on Friday 31 January. Cash and card payments accepted.

If you can help with set up at 2.45pm or clear up at 3.40pm, please let us know by emailing st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com.

Movies & Munchies: Friday 7 February, drop off from 5.45pm

All pupils from Years 1-6 are invited to our annual **Movie and Munchies** evening! Our films this year are:

Years 1 & 2 - Despicable Me 4

Years 3-6 - Spies in Disguise.

Book your ticket and snack pack (£5) online at www.staugustinespta.co.uk. Snack pack includes freshly made popcorn, a drink and snack. *Don't forget to add yourself as a volunteer when making the booking.*

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some volunteers during the week of the 24th February to help us with an audit of our Little Wandle (our phonics and reading scheme) resources.

This would involve checking books and cards, replacing broken wallets for packs, making book repairs where possible and creating a list of missing/damaged books that need replacing. If you have an hour or two spare that week please let the office know. Many thanks, Mr. Harding.

Community

Farnborough - Open Afternoons

We have two further Open Afternoons scheduled for this academic year, on Friday 7 February and Friday 25 April, both at 1.40 p.m.

Taster Days

Finally, our ever-popular taster days for Year 5 pupils are due to take place on Thursday 19 and Monday 23 June. Again, please could you let your Year 5 girls' parents know of this event? They are welcome to register their interest in attending by completing this form

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Best wishes,
Alison Walsh