



# St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Newsletter No.18**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday this week Mrs. Moore spoke to all the children about the Science Fair which will be happening at school on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. Those pupils that would like to enter have plenty of time to plan their investigations. Each year we are always blown away by the fabulous projects that the children submit.

Today we launched the Jubilee Year at school in a special liturgy. The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". Next week in classes pupils will be talking about this and making their own pledge linked to the Jubilee Year.



The Jubilee is an experience of faith and a profound encounter with the Lord.  
This is the official prayer of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Holy Year:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Upcoming Events	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	PINS – SEND Family Voice Coffee Afternoon at 2.15p.m.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	PTA Secondhand Uniform Sale
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Movies and Munchies for Years 1-6 (eve)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Residential PGA Trip
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Ministry of Chocolate (in school)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Art Gallery Exhibition
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports to parents

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Science Fair
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Music Festival
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Mass at OLQH at 2p.m. YR Mother's Day Afternoon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4 Easter Liturgy at 2.15p.m. each day

### **Podcast**

Find attached the link for this week's episode: the infamous Mr Girault!

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### **Godly Play Workshops**



Pupils from YR, Y1 and Y2 have started a series of Godly Play workshops with the wonderful Lucy Hall from Wintershall. The PTA very kindly have paid for this experience which is helping children to experience a story from the Bible and have time for questions and answers. The sessions then give space to wonder and allow time for discerning a personal response. The sessions help with spiritual growth to explore and develop an understanding of God. These workshops have been extremely well-received by pupils and Lucy led a staff meeting for all the teachers this week so we can continue the good work throughout the year. The PTA have also funded some lovely Godly Play resources which we can use linked to our R.E. lessons going forward.

### **New Kitchen**



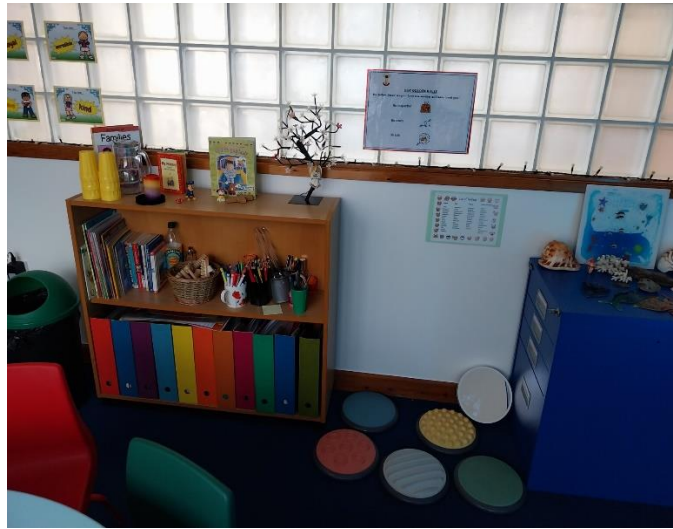




### **Rainbow Room**

Last summer one of our parents, Mr. Borelli, signposted me to a grant that was available through his company ( Henkel Ltd) which I applied for. The application was successful and this meant that we could refurbish and equip a room which is very much focussed on ' nurture and emotional' support. We have a silver den where a child may want to go and our bubble tube. We our lovely feelings mat and mirrors to help us talk about feelings. There is a space for staff to sit with pupils either individually or in small groups and a small sofa. The bid has also funded resources for multi-sensory work. We have a

giant portable bubble machine, speakers to play music and lights to shine on the ceiling. It is really a wonderful space to work in. Many thanks to Mr. Borrelli and his company. ( Please let me know if anyone else works for a company with community grants!!)



### **Year 1 Toy Workshop**



Pupils in year 1 enjoyed a lovely workshop this week looking at Toys from the past linked to their new to their new history topic.

### **Volunteers Needed**

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

This would involved 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.

### **Cross-Country**



#### **Cross Country- Round 2- Year 5 & 6**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, year five and six children participated in a cross-country event at Frimley Church of England School. They were required to run two laps of the field in a race against other schools. We managed to achieve a gold medal and bronze medal place. Well done to all who participated and showed excellent determination and resilience to finish their race!

#### **Cross Country team:**

George P, AJ Pieters, Frank M, Elliott C, Luca C, Arlo S, Julian L, Liam M, Austin D, Charlotte S

### **Community Farnborough Hill - 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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## **PTA News**

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

The PTA will hold a uniform sale next Friday. 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 3-3.40pm 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 message Jolene on 07767 486875.*

### **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](http://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.*

Best wishes, Alison Walsh