



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025
Newsletter No.19

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations to Olivia in Year 3 for her gold medal in cross-country this week. That's the second gold medal in 2 weeks! Mrs. Rashleigh is a serious long-distance runner in her spare time so her coaching has clearly been having a great impact! Next week we will be starting Children's Mental Health Week with a special assembly. We are also starting work on a project run by the National Gallery called, 'Take One Picture' where pupils across the school will be looking at the painting 'A regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto.

If your child has access to a device please can you check what your child is doing on it and what conversations your child is taking part in outside of school. I've had 4 serious concerns raised regarding pupils in Year 5 since September. Many thanks.

Upcoming Events	
Monday 2 nd -Friday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7 th February	PTA Movies and Munchies for Years 1-6 (eve)
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 character
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 Evenings
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

Please see attached this week's podcast with Miss Benn's debut!

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-01-31T01_24_13-08_00

Godly Play

This week years R, 1 and 2 have had another Godly Play workshop. Please see some photos from Blue Class.



Key Stage 2 Online Choir Rehearsal

On Wednesday 22nd January, the children who are part of the Key Stage choir took part in the first ever online rehearsal with the conductor for this years music festival. The online rehearsal was attended by over 2000 children from all the Surrey schools taking part. The children participated brilliantly and are continuing to work hard to prepare for the festival at G Live in March.



Year 3 & 4 Cross Country- Round 2

On Wednesday 29th January, Children from Y3 & 4 participated in a cross-country event at Frimley C of E school. The children have clearly been working hard with Mrs Rashleigh in cross-country club, as the improvement in everyone was clear to see. Everyone ran a fantastic race. Congratulations to Olivia, who managed to finish first in her race.

Thank you to Mrs Rashleigh for her support with the cross-country events and thank you to the parents who came and supported the children all the way!

Cross Country team:

Joshua D, Michael S, AJ M, Anthony G, Seve B, Sebastian D-C, Matteo M, Adam C, Olivia O, Ava K, Felicity B, Dia M, Matteo C



2025- Football County Finals

On Thursday 30th January, St. Augustine's yellow team played in the Surrey County finals at Meadowbank stadium in Dorking. This was a fantastic opportunity for the team, after winning the Surrey Heath tournament.

They were up against other teams from around Surrey who had won their local tournaments. The quality of football on show was brilliant and the team competed in every match. Unfortunately, we did not finish in the top two places in the group, so did not progress to the semi-finals. The team can be very proud of their accomplishments this year.

Thank you so much to all the parents who gave up their time to help take the children to and from the event. We could not have participated without you.

St. Augustine's Yellows:

Jake G, Zuri S, David U, Arlo S, Zac M, Luca C, Frank M, Elliott C, Liam A



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from 3-9 February 2025.

In 2025, the week's focus will be <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#know-grow> Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. We want to equip and empower children, young people, and the adults who surround them to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Each year, Place2Be experts create fun and engaging resources for families, parents and carers to take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year we're partnering with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company and the Inside Out 2 characters

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#disney> to explore our theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

Please refer to the attached sheet which gives some ideas of things you can do with your child not just during Children's mental health week but all year round.

S.E.N.D Focus - Dyslexia

Please find attached a video from the Xavier Education Psychologist, Ali D'Amario on 'Does my child have Dyslexia?'

[Does my child have dyslexia?](#)

The Helen Arkell also have information for parents on dyslexia [Signs of dyslexia | Helen Arkell](#)

As a school we buy a number of licenses for pupils to use Nessy at home. This is a resource aimed to help dyslexic children with reading and writing.

[Dyslexia Explained | Nessy](#)

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 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 <https://www.farnborough-hill.org>

Trinity Troopers Youth Club (Children in school years 4-7)

Friday 14th February 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall in Camberley.

The Youth Club meets every second Friday of the Month. £1 entrance. Activities include Arts and crafts, playing games.

New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details (cbparish.com).

Best wishes

Alison Walsh Headteacher