



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025
Newsletter No.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St. Valentine's Day to you all! We are already at half-term and you can see there is lots planned for next half-term so please do make a note of any key dates. Pupils in Year 4 are going on their residential trip straight after half-term and we hope that they have a wonderful time (and also the team of staff going with them!!).

Upcoming Events – PLEASE SEE SOME NEW DATES BELOW	
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	Half-Term
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th Feb	Year 4 Residential PGA Trip
Wednesday 26 th February	PTA Smarties Challenge returned
Monday 3 rd March	Art Gallery Exhibition
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies – KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm) KS1 Liturgy 5 th March, 11 am Father John, parents welcome KS2 Mass 5 th March, 2:15 pm Father Paul, parents welcome
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day - pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Pupils can also bring an unwanted book to school to swap with someone else if they want to.
Friday 7 th March	Mid-Year Reports to parents
Monday 10 th March	School Science Fair
Tuesday 11 th March	Y4 Police Talk
Tuesday 11 th and Thursday 13 th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 14 th March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17 th March	Year 5 Star Gazing Evening 6.30- 8p.m. (separate letter coming out)
Wednesday 19 th and Friday 21 st March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 19 th - Thursday 20 th March	Rail safety sessions
Wednesday 19 th & Friday 21 st March	Sacrament of Reconciliation: at 2 pm.
Friday 21 st March	Farnborough Hill performance for Y5 pupils PTA Quiz Night
Monday 24 th March	KS2 Music Festival
Tuesday 25 th March	Xavier Science Fair for KS2 school finalists to attend
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
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Happy Bag
Friday 4 th April	PTA Break the Rules Day End of term – early finish

PTA News

Smarties Challenge



This week, your child has come home with a Smarties tube. They can eat the Smarties (if they like!), but need to keep the empty tube.

Then, over the next two weeks, they should help with chores and tasks at home to earn themselves money to fill into the empty tube. Please encourage your child to fundraise for the school and fill up their tubes. They can do any useful tasks such as emptying the dishwasher, putting the laundry away, tidying up before bed time, tidying up the garden, helping grandparents, etc.

All tubes will need to be returned to class by 27 February. The class that raises the most money will win a prize!

Save the Date: Quiz Night on Friday, 21 March 2025

Do you enjoy tickling your brain while having a fun night out? Then join us on 21 March for an adults-only night of entertaining trivia and food.



Invite friends or family, or create a Year or Class team with other parents! There will be food and drinks, so sort out the babysitter and get your team ready.

Podcast Please click the link to hear this week's interview with Mrs. Moore

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-02-14T01_26_46-08_00

St Augustine's Science Fair - Monday 10th March 2025

There has been a buzz around the school recently about the upcoming Science Fair on Monday 10th March. The children are encouraged to carry out a scientific investigation and then produce a presentation based on what they have done. They must include their scientific question (e.g. which material conducts electricity the best?), a write up of what they did, a conclusion and graphs, tables or photographs to support their findings. If your child would like to take part but is not sure about what to do, please have a look at the following websites for some fun science activities which can be completed quite easily at home and will lead onto to some great scientific discussions and understanding.

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32176446/science-experiments-for-kids/>

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/top-science-experiments-for-kids/>

Entries need to be ready and brought to school for display at the Science Fair on **Monday 10th March 2025**. Parents will be able to view the projects in the main hall from 3:15pm until 4pm. We do ask that projects are collected from the main hall and taken home at the end of the day, unfortunately we are unable to store any entries.

Mrs Sarah Moore - Science Lead

Sports Hall Athletics- 2025:

On Wednesday 13th February, children from year 5 and 6 participated in the Active Surrey event: Sportshall Athletics. The event took place at Guildford Spectrum and consisted of both track and field events. The competition was fierce, and all the children competed with great enthusiasm and passion.

Through the fantastic efforts of all involved, we managed to finish in third place. Well done to everyone who participated.

Also, a big thank you to parents who helped with transport. This ensured we could take a the full amount of athletes.

Team:

Luca C	Elliott C	Isabella M	Ruva G
Zac M	Liam A	Maia B	Madeleine F
William D	John Z	Olivia C	Ophelia K
Joel L	Frank M	Lily D	Natalia S-R
Daniel Wel	Arlo S	Alexis B	Charlotte S
Daniel Will	Ben H	Rose G	Lucy W
David U	Austin D	Sophie G	Maya R
	Liam M	Rebeka S	



Mental Health Week

Last week was Mental Health Week and Class 3W started the week by holding a class liturgy. After reading Psalm 25 verse 4-5 we discussed how life was a journey and how listening was so important (to God, each other and our bodies). We help a teaspoon to focus ourselves as we said a Teaspoon Prayer: T being for 'thank you', S for 'sorry' and P for 'please'. After our liturgy we decorated 'Gratitude Stones'. These stones will be kept next to our bed and held each night as we say 'thank you' to God for at least three things that we are grateful for.

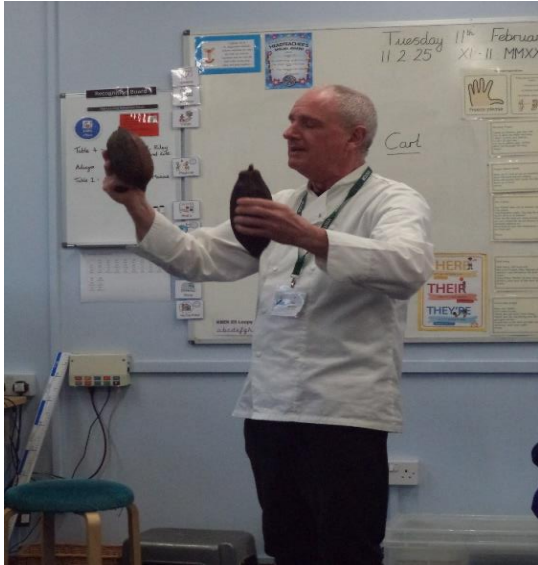


Volunteers Needed

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. Please let us know if you can help.

Year 3 – Ministry of Chocolate!

Today we had a visit by the Ministry of Chocolate. We learnt about how chocolate is made, where the ingredients come from and the difference between dark, white and milk chocolate. We investigated and described chocolate by using all our senses, before finally tasting a piece. The highlight of the session was when we each got to make our own individual chocolate, which we decorated with toppings of our choice! There was great pupil engagement as you can imagine!!!!



S.E.N.D Focus – Neurodiversity Padlet

<https://www.sendadvice.surrey.org.uk/>

'SEND Advice Surrey is Surrey's statutory Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Information, Advice and Support (SENDIAS) service for children and young people aged 0 to 25 years with additional needs and/or disability, their parents/carers and professionals.

The service we provide is impartial, confidential, free of charge and at arm's length to the Local Authority. We aim to respond to all enquiries within 3 working days.'

<https://familyvoicesurrey.org/>

This is the parent forum who offer guidance to parents of pupils with additional needs. They have organised the two coffee sessions at school this year.

Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday 11th February it was Safer Internet Day. Year groups have been discussing Internet Safety in their computing or PSHE lessons. This year the theme is, "Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online," highlighting a crucial issue to support young people with identifying and avoiding online scams.

The aim is to ask questions like:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

If you would like to carry on the discussions with your children, you can find the resources for 3–7-year-olds and 7–11-year-olds specifically created for Safer Internet Day here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/education-resources>

These resources cover understanding what a scam is, if something is fake or is too good to be true, protecting your online profile and where to get help and information.

There are also Tips for Parents and Carers which you may find useful, including parents of our youngest children 3–7-year-old:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Please do take a look and keep these conversations active, as it's so important for children to be aware and know how to keep themselves safe online.

Please click on the link to the school website for further information

<https://www.staugustine.surrey.sch.uk/surrey/primary/staugustines/site/pages/parentinformation/e-safety>

Community

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

Friday 14th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm 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).

Community

Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School (World Famous Choir)

The choir are looking for Catholic boys with musical potential in years 2,3 or 4 who love singing. Each year the choir welcomes six choristers into Years 4 or 5. The boys receive an education at the school until Year 8. There are no financial barriers to entry as all boys receive generous scholarships, with bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. There's a zoom information session at 6.30p.m. on Wednesday 12th March. Please email lfreeman@choirschool.com for further information.



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SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Tour and Talk - 10, 14, 24 & 28 March 2025

We welcome parents of Year 5 students to come and have a tour of the College during the working day with a member of our Senior Leadership Team, followed by the opportunity for a discussion over refreshments

Open Morning Saturday 10 May

The whole family are invited to hear from the Headmaster, staff, and students, tour the campus, engage in activities, and chat with our Admissions Team over refreshments.

Taster Day Monday 30 June

Year 5 boys are able to experience life and learning at Salesian College through our Taster Day. During the day they will experience sample lessons, games and a hearty lunch.

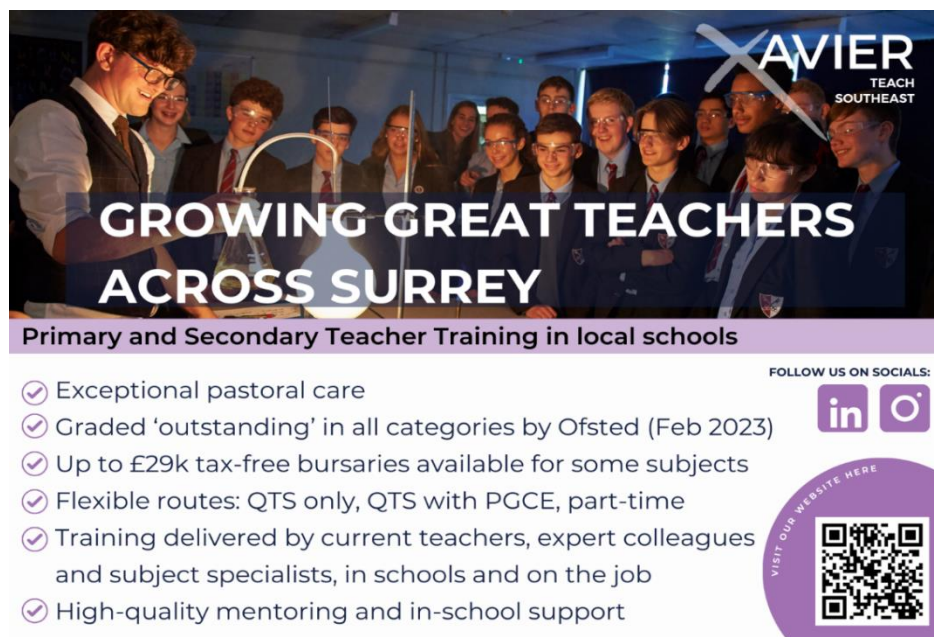
To book your place at these events:

www.salesiancollege.com



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Have a lovely half-term,
Alison Walsh