



## St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 28th February 2025**  
**Newsletter No.22**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term. On Monday we have the Art Exhibition in the school hall. The children's artwork has been framed and will be displayed in the school hall. You can purchase your child's work should you wish to but there is absolutely no obligation to do so (the school will get a small donation for any artwork sold). Please do come and have a look in the hall at home-time on Monday.

Next Week it is Ash Wednesday. We have KS1 Liturgy 5th March at 11 am with Father John and a Mass for KS2 pupils at 2.15p.m. with Father Paul. There will be some very limited space in the school hall if there are some parents who would like to come and join us. We will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at School on Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st March at 2 pm.

Many thanks to the very kind volunteers who have been in school this week helping Mr. Harding with an audit of the Little Wandle phonics books and resources. We bought the scheme a few years ago and it's been very well used but we are aware that some books and cards may need refreshing which is why we have undertaken this work.

The PTA have a quiz night coming up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We will have a bar and parents will have the option to pre-order food if they wish to do so. The aim of the quiz night is to raise a little money but also to enable us to come together as a school community and have some fun. It might be nice to get together at least one team per class as it's a good way to get to know some of the other parents in your child's class (but you can form teams however you like!). Please add the date to your calendars and you have plenty of time to plan your childcare for the evening!!!

<b>Upcoming Events – PLEASE SEE SOME NEW DATES BELOW</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Art Gallery Exhibition 3.00pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies – KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports to parents
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Science Fair
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Police Talk
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evenings
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Star Gazing Evening 6.30- 8p.m.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Rail safety sessions
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Farnborough Hill performance for Y5 pupils <b>PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!!</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Music Festival
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Xavier Science Fair for KS2 school finalists to attend
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
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Happy Bag
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Break the Rules Day /End of term – early finish

## PODCAST

Please find below the podcast from this week – featuring an interview with Mrs. Rashleigh (Y3 teacher)

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-02-28T01\\_26\\_31-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-02-28T01_26_31-08_00)

### **Tag Rugby Fixture with Ravenscote:**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, children from year 6 participated in a tag rugby event at Ravenscote. This was an opportunity to play some friendly games and develop a better understanding of how to play rugby.

Everyone participated and listened respectfully to the teachers who were helping them to develop their game. Well done to all who participated!

### **Tag Rugby players:**

*William D, George P, John Z, Kosta M, Vincent V, Alexander P, Eli V, Aiden F, Lily D, Olivia C, Maya R, Lola T, Alexis B, Isla C.*



## LENT

We are rapidly approaching the start of Lent next week. You may wish to share this clip with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xo1mjuv1NA0>

In half-term I read the book – ‘The Shed that fed 2 million children’ by Marcus MacFarlane-Barrow which is an incredibly powerful read and I highly recommend it if you haven’t read it already. This is a Catholic Charity which operates out of a shed in Scotland- some of you may have heard of it through your parishes. The charity’s aim is to give school children a meal for free using local produce and volunteers to cook the food each day. The charity is operating out of 16 countries and is feeding almost 2 and a half million children each day. For £19.15 you can feed a school child in another country a meal each day for a whole year. In some countries providing a free school dinner has boosted school attendance by 40% and will impact their life chances. This might be the only meal these children eat each day. For those of you looking to support a charity during Lent – consider [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) There are films on the website including Child 31 and Love Reaches Everywhere ( with the actor Gerald Butler) which are incredibly humbling.

In classes pupils have been thinking about their Lenten Promises. Staff have been sharing the messages below:



Do I take time out of my day to speak to God?  
Do I take time to thank Him for all He gives me?  
Do I pray for the needs of others?  
Do I bring my worries, problems and challenges to Him for help?  
To I spend time in silence listening to His voice?  
Do I ever pray any of the church's traditional prayer devotions?

My Lenten Prayer Promise:



Is there something in my life that I do or have too much of?  
Do I love something more than I love God?  
Do I spend too much time on my screens?  
Do I spend too much money on myself?  
Do I eat too many treat foods?  
What could I do or have less of that would give me more time for God or others?

My Lenten Fast Promise:



Do I give my time to help others?  
Do I help around my home regularly?  
Do I give my time to those who are lonely?  
Do I use my talents and time to make things better for others?  
Do I give my money or talents to help those who do not have as much as I do?  
Do I try to support CAFOD or MISSIO or other charities in their work – through my time, money or my prayer?

My Lenten Give Promise:

**Holme Grange School, Wokingham Year 5 Discovery Morning Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

This is ideal for children currently in Year 5, who are interested in joining our senior school, Eaton Grange, in Year 7.

Parents can follow the link below to sign up. We also ask that they complete our Learning Support Questionnaire at the same time (attached below)

<https://forms.office.com/e/9QG8QGQqUU>

[Learning Support Questionnaire](#)

The day will start at 8:30 am, with collection between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm (to be confirmed). A snack and refreshments will be provided throughout the morning. The children are invited to wear comfortable, casual clothing suitable for light sporting activities. We kindly ask that jewellery and accessories, such as baseball caps, be left at home. A sweatshirt is preferable to a hoodie. They can look forward to a wide range of fun activities, including Ceramics, Cooking, Pickle Ball and Orienteering (to name but a few). It is set to be a great day!

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Walsh

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