



## St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 7th March 2025**  
**Newsletter No.23**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy week. On Ash Wednesday we had a liturgy in the morning with Fr. John for KS1 and a Mass in the afternoon with Fr. Paul. Many thanks to those parents who came along to join us. Many thanks to Mrs. Engelbrecht, Mrs. Hobday and Mrs. Caramba-Coker for all their planning. We are now in Lent. Pupils have all made a Lenten promise which they will try to keep until Easter.

Mr. Harding is looking for one or two volunteers to help with the story sacks each week in Year 1. We know helping children to read is one of the most important jobs that we do and the story sacks project aims to foster a love of books with young children. If you can help for an hour a week please speak to Mr. Harding – thank you so much.

Parents should receive a mid-year report today (ask your child!) and next week there will be parents evening to enable parents the opportunity to discuss these with class teachers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON FRIDAY NEXT WEEK THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR TRAINING**

<b>Upcoming Events – PLEASE SEE SOME NEW DATES BELOW</b>	
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. This week's episode features the awesome Miss Hawkes

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-03-07T01\\_25\\_52-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-03-07T01_25_52-08_00)



## Art Gallery

We had a wonderful start to the week with our Art Gallery on Monday. Mrs. Allan had inspired all the teachers to participate in the National Gallery's project, 'Take One Picture' and all the classes studied Canaletto's beautiful painting, 'A regatta on the Grand Canal.'

Those of you who came into the hall on Monday will have seen the lovely responses from the pupils to this painting. We wanted all the children to experience having their work exhibited in an exhibition and thank Mrs. Allan for all her hard work and encouragement. The standard of work was amazing and created many talking points amongst the children. Thank you to all those who purchased the work as this meant we raised £205 for the school. If you did not purchase your child's artwork and still wish to do so please email the school office.





## Science Fair

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our 3rd annual Science Fair at St Augustine's. I have been having lots of chats with children over the past few weeks regarding their ideas and am looking forward to seeing their final projects. Please remember that projects must be brought into school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, straight into the main school hall from 8.45am, where there will be tables set up displaying year group names. Please ensure that projects have the child's name and class clearly on them. The main hall will be open at the end of the school day for you to come and have a look at the projects. Unfortunately, we cannot store projects so they must be collected and taken home at the end of the day. I hope to be able to announce the winners at the end of the day and those children from Key Stage 2 who will be taking to the Xavier Grand Science Final on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

We are all looking forward to seeing the children's efforts.

Mrs Sarah Moore (Science Lead)



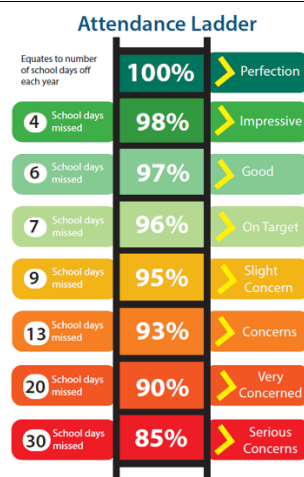
## World Book Day

Everyone looked fantastic on Thursday. The day started with an assembly on World Book Day and pupils enjoyed story times with different staff across the school.



## Mid-Year Reports

Pupils will be sent home with mid-year reports for parents today. The reports cover progress in the core areas of reading, writing, maths and R.E. and teachers have shared targets for further improvement in each subject. The report will also give parents information about their child's behaviour and attitude at school. Parents will also receive information on their child's attendance. Please see the attendance ladder as a guide to how to interpret your child's attendance figure. Attendance above 95% is viewed as on target / good attendance. Any attendance less than 90% is considered a concern and is monitored by the local authority.



## How do I know if my child is on track with their learning?

Staff will have used the end of Autumn term scores when they wrote the mid-year reports. The children will be assessed at the end of this term so teachers will update parents if they anticipate any significant changes. Children on track will have a 'B' grade. Children performing beyond expectations will be a 'B+'. If any child is not yet meeting the expectations for their year group I attach the grid below to give parents a sense of where their child is. Anyone not on track will be receiving additional help at school. Teachers will be able to discuss this with parents and share ways in which parents can also help at home.

	End of Autumn Term	End of Spring Term	End of Summer Term
Year 1	1B	1W	1S
Year 2	2B	2W	2S
Year 3	3B	3W	3S
Year 4	4B	4W	4S
Year 5	5B	5W	5S
Year 6	6B	6W	6S

## Sports News

### Tag Rugby Fixture with Connaught & Mytchett:

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, children from year 6 participated in a tag rugby event at Connaught. After last week, this was another opportunity to play some friendly games and develop a better understanding of how to play rugby.

The games were competitive, and the children have clearly taken previous instructions on board, leading to plenty of excellent play.

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, Olivia C, Maya R, Lola T, Alexis B, Isla C, Isabelle E.*





## **PTA News**

### **Quiz Night: Friday, 21 March, at 8pm**

Come and join us in the school hall for a fun-filled night of brain tickling questions, good company and food. Teams of up to 8 people per table. Have you thought about teaming up with other class parents or maybe bringing some family or friends? There are prizes for the winning team! Book your tickets now at [www.staugustinespta.uk](http://www.staugustinespta.uk).

Options: Quiz and Meal for £15 per person, or Quiz Only for £10 per person.



### **Order Secondhand Uniforms online**

Are your little ones growing fast? Do you need some cheap uniform to get you through to the end of the year? If so, you can always order uniform by emailing [st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com). We have lots of jumpers, trousers, polos, pinafores, skirts, PE items, shoes and more.

### **Save the Date: Summer Fair on Saturday, 28 June 2025**

The giant inflatables and games will be back at school this summer. Please save the date in your calendars and join us at our annual Summer Fair. If you know of anyone or any companies who would be interested in supporting the school in return for promotion and advertising, please get in touch at [st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com).

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### **Channel 4- Junior Bake Off**

Interested bakers can apply online at -

[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2025, but our applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Please do feel free to contact us on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions regarding the above.' enquiries:

[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

