

# St Augustine's Newsletter

Thursday 13th March 2025 Newsletter No.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful start to the week with the Science Fair. I am always blown away each year by the range of fascinating projects that the pupils bring in. Thank you to all parents who have supported the children at home with these. Anything that encourages home learning and an interest in Science has got to be a good thing. A huge thank you to Mrs. Moore this week for all her work on organising this. Well done to those children who have been invited to go to the Xavier Science Fair in two weeks time. On Monday evening we hope to see pupils from Year 5 here for our Star Gazing evening with Tom Hollaway who is the Director of Regional Programme of the Primary Science Teaching Trust. Tom has been working with our school for a number of years now on Science and was a huge support to our school being awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark in 2023.

# PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TOMORROW THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR TRAINING

Upcoming Events – PLEASE SEE SOME NEW DATES BELOW	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Star Gazing Evening 6.30- 8p.m.(by invitation only)
	Police visit to YR as part of 'People Who Help Us' topic
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 Y4 pupils
	PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!!
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Music Festival
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Xavier Science Fair for KS2 school finalists to attend
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Firefighter visit to YR as part of 'People who help Us 'Topic
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, an interview with Mr Wise. https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rwisepodcast/episodes/2025-03-13T06 45 41-07 00

## **Author Talk**



Our Year 4 students recently enjoyed an exciting event with bestselling author Jennifer Bell, hosted by Authors Aloud UK and Walker Books. They journeyed through the magical world of Magicalia, discovering how spectacular beasts called magicores are conjured using different emotions. The event also included fascinating lessons on ancient meteorites, the science of energy, and the magic of our emotions, leaving the children inspired and eager to learn more.

# **England National Age Championships for Synchronised Swimming**



The very best of luck to Belle and Maya who are competing this weekend in a variety of synchronised swimming events with their team in the London Olympia in the under 12s category! We know you have spent hours practising for a very long time.

# Science Fair

On 10th March, St Augustine's held a science fair and what a response we had. We were truly amazed by the number, quality, and diversity of the children's projects.









## Music lessons in school

I have some spaces for individual Piano and Keyboard lessons next term.

My group music classes for Reception, Year 1 and 2 are proving to be very popular. I'm Kodaly trained so we focus on the general principles of music, singing and lots of instruments with a particular focus on the Piano. We have great fun!

Next term I will be running Group or Individual lessons for Keyboard, Recorder and Ukelele.

I hold Theory classes online out of school hours.

Please message me for details. Miss Hobday 07770 375719

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

Friday 14th March 7.30pm – 9pm 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 (<a href="mailto:cbparish.com">cbparish.com</a>).

# **PTA News**

# **Announcing our new Headline Sponsor: Hamiltons Property Services**

We are thrilled to announce that Hamiltons Property Services have agreed to be the school's Headline Sponsor. A big thank you to Robbie Ridgway and his team for supporting St Augustine's School this year. Their generous support is truly helpful towards our fundraising efforts for the curriculum kitchen, school minibuses and more. In addition, if any parent or friend of the school uses Hamiltons Property Services to sell or let out their property, Hamiltons will give the PTA between £250 and £500 for each successful transaction. Please visit www.hamiltonspropertyservices.co.uk to find out about Hamiltons.



# **Smarties Challenge winners: Green Class!**

We would like to say a massive well done to everyone, especially the children who worked so hard during their half-term break to raise an amazing £1,095.95! Green Class are the winners, raising £220.32, with Blue Class in second place, raising £148.73.

# 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 <a href="https://www.staugustinespta.uk">www.staugustinespta.uk</a>. Options: Quiz and Meal for £15 per person, or Quiz Only for £10 per person.



## **Order Second hand 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. We have lots of jumpers, trousers, polos, pinafores, skirts, PE items, shoes and more.

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

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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.



Have a lovely weekend, Alison Walsh