

# St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Newsletter No.27

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 have ended the term perfectly for us with their beautiful Easter Liturgy – many thanks to them and all the staff involved.

# Summer term begins on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April is Easter Monday

Upcoming Events – Summer Term	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Animal workshops for YR / Y2 and Y5
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Second hand uniform sale
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Trip to the FAST Museum
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum Information Session -7pm
Thursday 1st May	Y4 watching 'Matilda' performance Farnborough Hill
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	YR trip to Bocketts Farm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA meeting online at 8p.m.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Disco (6-7.30p.m.)
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs (Monday-Thursday)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Young Musician of the Year (Xavier Trust event)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 Mass at OLQH at 2p.m.
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half-term (school closed)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	PTA meeting at 8p.m.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to the Lookout
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Augustine's Day Mass at 1.45p.m. – parents / grandparents very welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to the Houses of Parliament (group of pupils)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Camberley
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day activities for YR (YR dads very welcome that afternoon!)
Wednesday 18th June	Going Forth Mass for Y3 pupils at 7p.m. (all pupils expected to attend)
Thursday 19th June	Y6 trip to see the Life of Christ at Wintershall
	PTA Happy Bags Collection
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY - School Closed
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Saturday 28th June	PTA Summer Fair
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 trip to Legoland. PTA Second hand uniform sale
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 trip to Wisley. JOLF workshops
Tuesday 8th July	JOLF workshops
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports home
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Camping event
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Mass (pm)
	Year 6 Disco (eve)
Friday 18th July	End of term

### **Design and Technology in Year 3**







Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been investigating pneumatic systems and how they are used in modern day machinery and equipment. We then build our own pneumatic system and thought about how it could be applied to assist with the work on a cacao bean plantation. There were so many interesting applications, from using pneumatics to move a saw, to lifting baskets of cacao pods. We were so impressed with the budding engineers that we have in Year 3!

# **Stations of the Cross**

Pupils across the school have had the opportunity to pray the stations of the cross this week. Many thanks to Mrs. Engelbrecht for organising this.



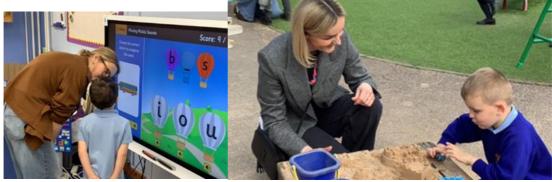
# Mother's Day Afternoon in Reception

On Friday 28th March the children in Blue and Green Class had the opportunity to spend some time with their Mums or another significant female in their life to celebrate Mother's Day. The children had a great time playing and interacting with their relatives. Thank you to everyone who attended. It meant a lot to the children! We look forward to Friday 13th June when we will be holding a similar event for the Reception Children for Father's Day.

















#### People Who Help Us - Year R

This half term as part of their topic People Who Help Us, the children in Reception enjoyed a visit from the Police and the Fire Service.

During the Police Visit they looked at and listened to the police car and counted the siren sounds. There were 4 different types of sounds. They got to try on their uniform. They looked at the walkie talkie, camera and torch.

The children learnt that their top job is to keep people safe. They were advised that if they got split up from their parents and got lost, the first thing they should do is stand still and not move, then they will get found more quickly. They were told about Stranger Danger and to make sure they didn't go off with someone they didn't know. They could also dial 999 to ask for help.





For the Firefighter visit the children were in awe and excitement with the fire engine. The sirens were much louder than the Police Car! As well as learning how to keep safe around fires they also got to sit in the Fire Engine. They particularly enjoyed spraying the hose.

A huge thank you to all our visitors who gave up their time to help make these visits possible.







#### **Congratulations to the Choir Club!**



On Monday 24th March the Choir went to G Live to perform a variety of folk songs with 7 other schools. They also performed a solo rendition of the Latin song Dona Nobis Pacem meaning Grant Us Peace. They sang brilliantly and represented the school so well.

Congratulation to the following pupils:

2 years commitment to St Augustine's Choir – Emily Virlici, Willow Smalley, Alastair Pigot, Evelyn Mason, Ryaan Aziz, David Ugowe, Anora Johnson

3 years commitment to St Augustine's Choir – Charlotte Sheppard, Isabella Gosling, Leonardo Blake, Stella Stefanini, Emily Ryan and Miguel Alex

A big thank you to all the parents who juggled things to get the children to the venue on time. Choir Club will resume in the Autumn Term of 2025. Please keep an eye out for details nearer the time.

Mrs Caramba-Coker

# O.P.A.L.

We have been continuing to work on our outdoor play initiative. The Surrey Tree Wardens have kindly been in clearing some wooded areas at the edge of the field so that the children can play. We thought you might like to see some photographs of the children busy building dens and camps (some of them have added carpet tiles to make their dens more cosy!!) We've had some assemblies to remind the children of the risks and a few basic rules but the overall message is to be creative and have fun! We're developing a new environmental learning area at the back of our M.U.G.A. (Multi-Use Games Area) – the Tree Wardens have built us a bug hotel and a stumpery to encourage stag beetles.







If any of you are having a spring clean over the holidays – please don't throw away any of the items below – we will use them!! We are also looking for any unwanted cars, fairies, dinosaurs, small world figures etc. We will store them in old toolboxes and the children can play with during the lunch break.











# Year 2 Lenten Appeal

During Lent, as part of their Catholic Social Teaching, Year 2 decided they wanted to support the Hope Hub, to help others in their local community. Over the past week, they have been collecting donations and today they were very excited to be able to hand them over to Gemma (a parent in Year 5) who works for the charity.





# **PTA Quiz Night**

Many thanks to all those who came along and especially to our quiz master Si Allan! Many congratulations to the winning team!



A very Happy Easter to you all, Alison Walsh