



St Augustine's Newsletter

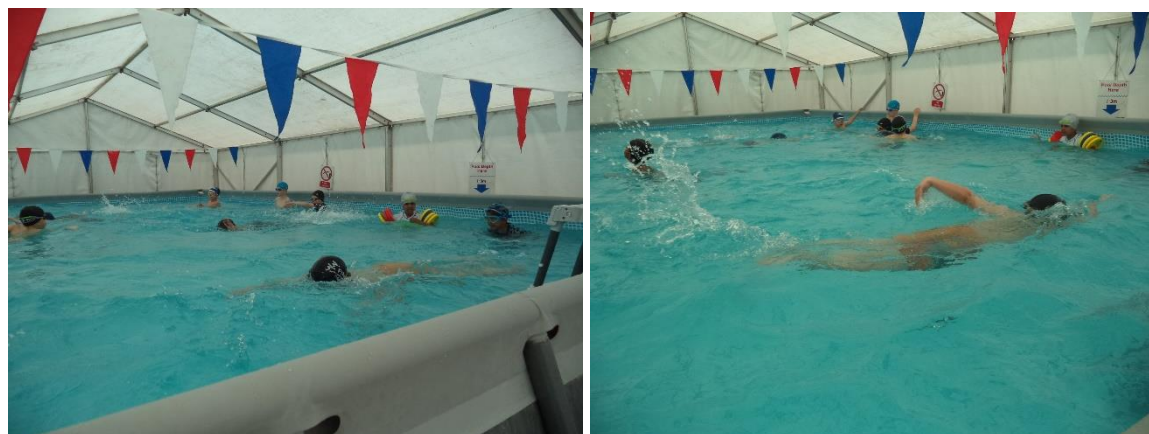
Friday 9th May 2025
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy week with SATs, swimming, chicks hatching...! Please see below the information regarding the Catholic charity Mary's Meals. We will be having a cake sale next Thursday for the charity. Any help with baking or buying / eating cakes will be much appreciated!!

| Upcoming Events – Summer Term | |
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| Monday 19 th May | Swimming lessons for the week |
| Thursday 22 nd May | Cake sale after school for Mary's Meals Young Musician of the Year (Xavier Trust event) |
| Friday 23 rd May | Year 4 Mass at OLQH at 2p.m. |
| Mon 26 th – Friday 30 th May | May Half-term (school closed) |
| Wednesday 4 th June | Year 1 Trip the The Lookout |
| Friday 6 th June | St. Augustine's Day Mass (outside and everyone welcome) at 2p.m. |
| Tuesday 10 th June | Year 3 Camberley Trip |
| Thursday 19 th June | Year 6 trip to Wintershall Year 2 trip to RHS Wisley |
| Wednesday 25 th June | Going Forth Mass for year 3 pupils at 7p.m. <i>*Please note date change*</i> |
| Thursday 4 th July | Year 5 Trip to Legoland |

Swimming



A new experience for us this week. Pupils have been having swimming lessons at school. We've particularly focussed on Year 3 and next week it will be predominantly Year 6. This is to ensure that all pupils will hopefully meet the government expectations with regard to the National Curriculum for swimming.

Year 6

A huge well done to all of our lovely Year 6 pupils this week who have coped fantastically with their SATs tests. They all enjoyed a lollypop afterwards to celebrate! We know they have all worked hard and we know that they have all tried their best. We are very proud of them. I received an unannounced visit to monitor the integrity of the assessment process at the school and fortunately we passed that with flying colours!



St Augustine's Jubilee Year of Hope – Supporting Mary's Meals

We were delighted to welcome a special visitor to St Augustine's – Mary, a volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals. Through a creative and engaging drama, Mary shared the inspiring story of the charity and the incredible work it does to provide meals for children in schools across the world. These meals help children access education and build a brighter future.

As part of our Jubilee Year of Hope pledge, we would love to support Mary's Meals in the following ways:

1. Foreign Currency Collection

Please donate any **foreign or old currency** you may have at home. Mary's Meals accepts:

- Old English coins and notes (no longer in circulation)
- Pre-Euro currency
- Current foreign coins and notes

Children can bring their donations in a **named plastic bag or envelope** and hand them to their class teacher.

2. Cake Sale – Thursday, 22nd May

We are holding a **cake sale** after school on Thursday, 22nd May, run by our **Faith in Action Team**. Please consider donating a cake or cakes for the sale. Donations can be brought to school on the morning of the event. For allergy awareness, please include a list of ingredients with your cake donation

3. Learn More About Mary's Meals

We encourage everyone to learn more about this life-changing charity. Visit their website to discover how they are helping children around the world:

[Homepage | Mary's Meals UK](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/)

Thank you for your continued support in making a difference during our Jubilee Year of Hope!

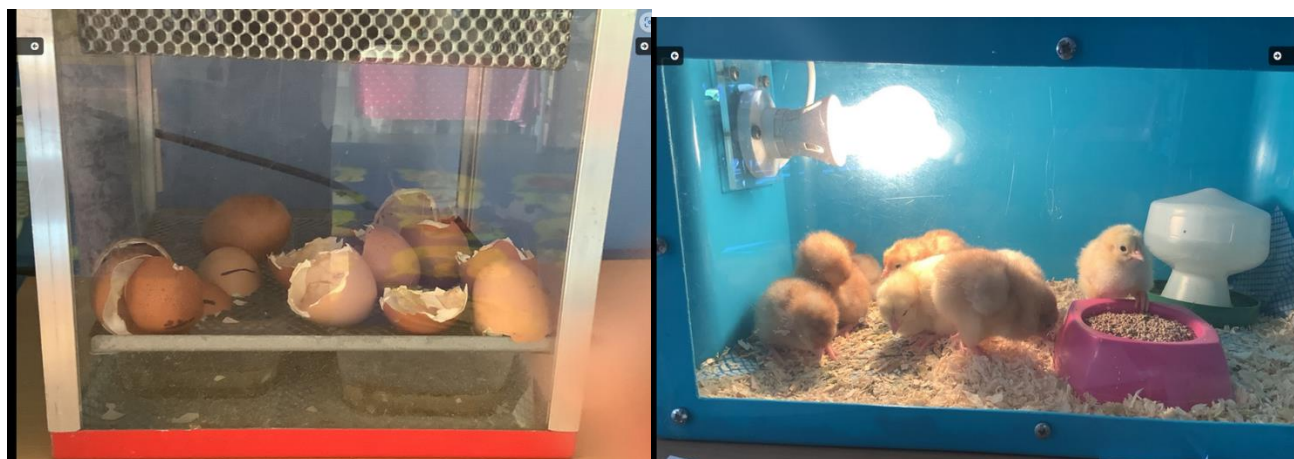


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Visitors in Year R

Year R have been learning about lifecycles this week.



Relationships and Sex Education

Parents will be receiving a copy of the PowerPoint that was shared on the recent Parent Information Session regarding the new programme that we will be using in September. Many primary schools in our Trust are already using this and the Bishop has approved it for use in Catholic schools. Parents will also be receiving an information leaflet about the curriculum, and this includes the details about how to access the parent portal. You will find much more information on the website. Parents will also be receiving a short survey to gauge views. We realise that this is an area of the curriculum with differing views and that it may be an area of concern for some. Almost all of what we plan on teaching is the same as we have always taught. For many year groups the focus is on relationships education and what healthy relationships look like. Towards the top of the school is where we usually teach about puberty (year 5) and sex education (year 6). We have always believed that it is important to ensure that the children have had information from a trusted adult within a Catholic context (rather than peers or online) just before they go to secondary school.

Notices:

OLQH Communion Programme 25/26

The enrolment forms for next years' Programme are on the OLQH website. The closure date for applications is 30 June - however, we would be very grateful if you would enrol as soon as possible, preferably by the end of May, as this assists the administration process.

We won't know the Communion date for next year until the date for Confirmation is confirmed later this year. You must be a Parishioner of OLQH.

Prayer Garden

We are looking for donations of your unwanted pots, planters, hardy shrubs and plants to enhance the prayer garden.

Any donations would be gratefully received.

Car Parking

A polite notice: PLEASE can you be thoughtful when you are parking on site. The safety of our children is paramount and there are reasons why there are designated parking areas.

Cones are positioned deliberately to make it clear where you cannot park – please DO NOT move them. Equally, please refrain from double parking, parking on double lines, parking across the zebra crossings, or on kerbs within our school site. If we have larger vehicles coming on site, such as ambulances, they need to be able to get through. If you could get a ticket outside the school grounds, you should not do it inside the school grounds!

Thank you

Have a lovely weekend, Alison Walsh (Head teacher)