



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025
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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been much happening this week with regard to the Catholic life of the school. Year 3 had their Going Forth Mass to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Year 6 pupils attended the enactment of The Life of Christ at Wintershall (if you haven't seen it, it's one of the most incredible experiences). Some Year 6 pupils then represented the school at the Good Shepherd Celebration at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard.

Tomorrow it is the PTA Summer Fair. Please do come along and support them. It's a highlight of the year for the children usually. They have kindly just given Mr. Girault some funds to buy some books (which he spent very quickly!) and are leasing a minibus for the school from September which will make Mr. Welland's life much easier for sporting events). We will then furnish a food technology area for the children next year also. The funds they raise are more critical than ever. I have been a head now for 25 years and this year is the closest to the wire I have ever had. We have less staff than when we started and almost quadruple the number of pupils with more complex additional needs. The PTA funds therefore are vital. This group of amazing parents and staff really work so hard throughout the year to help us and we are very grateful to them.

We heard the very sad news recently that two former members of staff have died. Margaret McIntosh was a class teacher at the school for many years and retired just as I joined the school. Some of you may remember Shirley Smith who worked as a Learning Support Assistant and then in the school office for some time before she retired a couple of year ago. They were both a total pleasure to work with. They were both very positive and pleasant to all they met. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Upcoming Events – Summer Term	
Saturday 28 th June	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 1 st July	Moving Up Day – visits to new classes
Friday 4 th July	PTA Second-hand uniform sale
Monday 7 th July	Y2 trip to Wisley/ JOLF workshops
Tuesday 8 th July	JOLF workshops
Friday 11 th July	End of year reports home / Rocksteady concert
Saturday 12 th July	PTA Camping event

Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Mass (pm) Year 6 Disco (eve)
Friday 18 th July	End of term – Early closure

Good Shepherd Celebration – Arundel Cathedral

On Wednesday, 25th June, representatives from the Faith in Action Club had the honour of attending the Good Shepherd celebration at Arundel Cathedral. This special event marked the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton and embraced the theme of the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

The celebration brought together schools from across the diocese, each presenting their unique pledges in creative and heartfelt ways. Our students proudly shared St Augustine's school's commitment, contributing to a joyful and inspiring atmosphere. It was a truly memorable occasion, filled with reflection, unity and hope for the future.

Our Pledge:

At St Augustine's, we promise to be Pilgrims of Hope.

We will care for others, just like Jesus taught us.

We will help children around the world by supporting Mary's Meals.

We will be peacemakers, spreading kindness and forgiveness wherever we go.

We will look after God's beautiful world – the animals, the plants and the earth by not buying single-use plastic with school funds.

Together, we will walk in hope, share joy and make the world a better place.





Year 6 visit to 'The Life of Christ' at Wintershall

Year 6 enjoyed a memorable visit to Wintershall to watch The Life of Christ performance. The sun was shining as the coach carefully navigated the winding country lanes, adding a touch of adventure to the journey! It was a warm and eventful day filled with powerful storytelling, thoughtful reflection and laughter shared over picnic lunches. It turned out to be a really special day—fun, thought-provoking and full of great moments to remember.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers who joined us!



Year 6 Rotary Clubs Junior Community Award

This year, a group of 10, year 6 students have been taking part in the Rotary Clubs Junior Community Award. (It's a similar concept to the Duke of Edinburgh Award)

Over the year they have completed activities of their choice in four areas:

Community Service

Physical Recreation

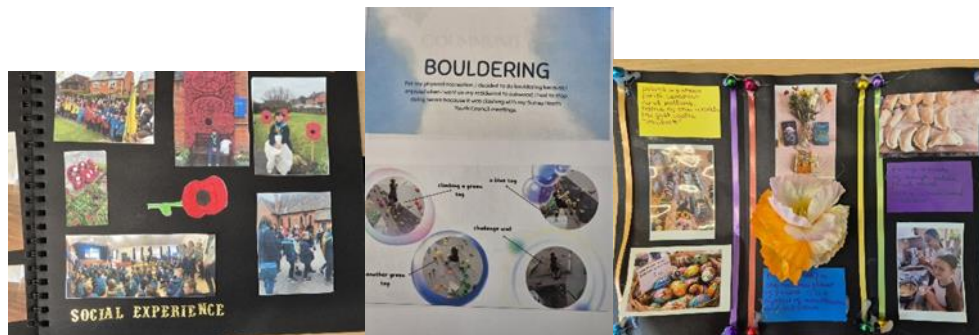
Social Experience

Skills

They have litter-picked, taken care of little jobs for elderly neighbours, learnt to cook, raised kittens, attended committee meetings at the Surrey Heath council offices and sports clubs. They have also learnt about other cultures, been to the theatre and much, much more.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with them.

Last Wednesday we went to the Council offices, where they were presented with their awards by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. It was a very special occasion where they were recognised for their hard work. These photographs are of some of their work and the award ceremony.



Parents of pupils in Year 5

I will be launching the award again next year. If there are any current year 5 pupils who would like to find out more, please do let me know.

Mary Hamilton-Eadie

Year 3 – Going Forth Mass

On Wednesday 25th June, Year 3 celebrated their Going Forth Mass. This was an opportunity for all of the children in the year group and their families to celebrate together after taking their First Holy Communion over the past few weeks at their own churches. This is an important sacrament in their Catholic journey. The children looked lovely in their smart suits and beautiful dresses. We wish them all the best in their Catholic journey.



Autumn Term 2026

- Please note that the Autumn half-term in 2026 will be 2 days longer than usual (Friday 23rd and Monday 2nd) – these days will be added on later in the year

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Inset Day Tuesday 1st September 2026

Term starts Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Half Term Friday 23rd October to Monday 2nd November 2026

Term ends Friday 18th December 2026

St Francis Xavier Day - Schools closed Monday 30th November 2026

PTA News

Summer Fair: Saturday, 28 June, 12-3pm

Our exciting and amazing Summer Fair will be back this year on Saturday, 28 June. There will be loads of giant inflatables + mini golf, market stalls, a fantastic orchestra, dance acts, ice creams, freshly cooked bbq food and a well-stocked bar. Wristbands for unlimited use of the inflatables + mini golf for 3 hours is only £10. Book your wristbands and bbq food at www.staugustinespta.uk.

This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and it can only be a success with your help. When booking on the website, please add yourself as a volunteer on any one of the many activities we need helpers on. Together, we can make this event a fun and memorable one!

Have a lovely weekend, Alison Walsh (Head teacher)