



## St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024  
Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all of you who attended parents evening last night. Staff very much value the discussion with you and your support with your child's education. We look forward to seeing many more of you next Tuesday.

Please see many important dates for next half-term below, including the dates and times for Christmas Plays. Y4 will invite parents for a special Easter Liturgy and Y6 will be doing a play at the end of the school year. **Please note the school closure on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Monday is school photo day so please ensure that your child is looking particularly gorgeous! Please see below a date for parents of pupils with additional needs – we will be having a coffee afternoon in the Arts Block at 2.30p.m. onwards with the Surrey Heath Family Voice group. This group support parents of pupils with additional needs and all interested are very welcome to come along. <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/>

We are pleased to advise you that St Augustine's Catholic Primary School are participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs.

In order to support the PINS project, we are also creating a Parent Carer Participation Group with Family Voice Surrey (FVS), the Parent Carer Forum for Surrey. The Participation Group is for all parent carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); no diagnosis or EHCP is required.

We will hold regular meetings in order to:

- Work co-operatively with the school
- Ensure that parent carers have their voices heard by the school
- Bring parent carers together to share experiences

The meeting will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30p.m. in the Arts Block

You are welcome to drop in to the meeting, but you can also indicate your attendance by emailing Victoria Bailey at [surreyheath@familyvoicesurrey.org](mailto:surreyheath@familyvoicesurrey.org)

Please do try to join us and encourage other parent carers to come along too.

We look forward to seeing you. Victoria Bailey

## Upcoming Events

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
	Parents Evening (online meetings)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Visit Y5 Visit to the River and Rowing Museum
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	October Half-Term
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee afternoon at 2.30p.m. for parents of pupils with additional needs with Surrey Heath Family Voice
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Visit to Haselmere Museum
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA meeting at 8p.m. at Pine Ridge Golf Club
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Stone Age Gallery
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	History VR Workshops for Y3, Y4 and Y6
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y2 Christmas Play at 2p.m.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. YR Christmas Play at 2.15p.m. <b>PTA Happy Bag Collection</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA meeting at 8p.m. on zoom
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y3 Christmas Play at 2p.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y1 Christmas Play at 2.15p.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Christingle Service (evening) at OLQH
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term KS2 Mass at OLQH – feast of the Epiphany

## Rosary



Today 4C led us in our whole school liturgy. We prayed the decade of the Rosary while meditating on one of the sorrowful mysteries. We enjoy celebrating the month of the Holy Rosary by learning about this special prayer tradition together.

### **PTA News**

#### **Orders for Christmas cards, wrapping paper, magnets, etc.**

Over the past few weeks, your child has worked hard to paint a beautiful Christmas design. We have partnered with IQ Designs to turn these handmade artworks into Christmas cards, key rings, postcards, magnets, wrapping paper and more. These make lovely gifts for family and friends.

This week, your child has brought home an order sheet containing their handmade design and details of how to order items. Please visit [www.iqcardsonline.co.uk](http://www.iqcardsonline.co.uk), and enter the school reference number and pupil reference number mentioned in your child's form to place the order.

The last date for receipt of orders is **Wednesday, 30 October**. For every order received, IQ Cards donates money to the school, which helps towards our fundraising.

If you have any questions, please email [st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:st.augustines.school.pta@gmail.com).

### **Winter Coat Exchange**

Donation appeal – do you have any unwanted coats?

We will be taking donations for a winter coat exchange from the week beginning Monday 21st October. If you have a child's coat in good condition that still has some life left in it, please consider donating it to us for St Augustine's Winter Coat Exchange.

Please ensure that it has been washed and you can hang it on the rail in the foyer to the school. The exchange will open on Monday 11th November. Many many thanks.



### Staffing Update / Further vacancies

Unfortunately, Mrs. Cornell, who has been working for us as a lunchtime supervisor and after-school STARs worker has had to leave us due to ill-health. We are very sad to see her go and hope that her health continues to improve. We are therefore seeking some more staff to join us. Please see the link to share with anyone you know who may be interested in joining our lovely team.

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com>

### Admissions

Year R for September 2025 – We are holding parent tours almost weekly so if you know of local families with young children (Catholic or non-Catholic) please ask them to book a slot at a convenient time. We are very likely to have spaces for pupils beyond our catchment area (both Catholic and non-Catholic).

### Harvest Liturgies

Dear St Augustine's RC Primary School,



*a great big*  
**THANK YOU**  
*from us*

Thank you so much for choosing to support us with your recent Harvest Festival donations.

This will help towards providing meals, food parcels and care packages for our service users during the cold months - we could not deliver our services without your support, you are appreciated.

*From Team Hope Hub*

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**Last year (Apr 23 - Mar 24) we:**



Supported **246** people



Housed **87** people



Sourced, cooked and  
served **4,133** meals



Gave out and distributed  
**775** Food Parcels

*Thank you for your contribution this year!*

### **Group piano classes for Year 1 and Reception classes**

Starting next week, I'm running a 5 week block of small 20 mins group Piano and music appreciation lessons for Year 1 and Reception children. Apart from being a pianist, I am a Kindermusik specialist and Kodaly trained so this will also form part of the class.

If the classes are enjoyed by the children , I will run further sessions in the New Year.

I have some spaces for individual piano tuition in school and group online theory tuition on a Wednesday and Sunday evening.

Please message me for details.

Lis Hobday 07770 375719

### **Parking**

I know that parking causes some of you a real headache. The school was designed at a time that local authorities funded free transport to faith schools and there were 5 coaches that brought children here each day. We are the only Catholic school in Surrey Heath and some of you travel from even further afield. If you have any constructive suggestions which may improve the parking, then please email me! Please bear in mind that I can't change things beyond the school premises but can certainly try to liaise with any other relevant parties.

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Walsh  
Head Teacher