



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We heard the lovely news at the start of half-term that Mr. Welland has become a father. He is currently on paternity leave. Huge congratulations to Mr. Welland and his wife on the birth of their son!

The Catholic Church designates November as a special month, to pray for and remember those who have died. The month begins with the feast of All Saints (November 1), and the feast of the Holy Souls (November 2). During this month of remembrance, we want to remind the children of our Catholic tradition of remembering and praying for those who have died. We traditionally pray that those who have died are now with God. We also give the children the opportunity to remember a member of their family or a friend who has died. Traditionally, November is a month when we light candles in memory of deceased loved ones. In class the children are given paper candles and invited to write the name/s of loved ones they'd like to remember and pray for in November. Parents are very welcome to come and write names on candles in the school entrance should they wish to do so. The candles are placed in a basket and each Friday during our whole school worship each class brings their basket to the front and we pray collectively for our loved ones. We then collectively say the Eternal Rest Prayer which is a traditional prayer in the Catholic Church:

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

Next week it is national Anti-Bullying Week so we will be having assemblies on this theme and reminding the children what bullying is and what to do should it ever happen. The theme of the week is Choose Respect. **On Tuesday 12th November we are inviting all pupils and staff to wear odd socks for the day to celebrate what makes us all unique.**

Upcoming Events

The school office will release tickets for each of the Christmas play in advance. There will be 2 tickets per family per performance. There are no tickets/limit to those attending the Y5 Christingle Service

Tuesday 12 th November	Y3 Visit to Haslemere Museum Odd socks day for Anti-bullying week
Thursday 14 th November	PTA meeting at 8p.m. at Pine Ridge Golf Club
Friday 15 th November	Y4 Stone Age Gallery
Friday 22 nd November	History VR Workshops for Y3, Y4 and Y6
Friday 29 th November	Blessing of the Advent Wreaths
Monday 2nd December	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 4 th December	YR Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y2 Christmas Play at 2p.m.
Thursday 5 th December	Y2 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. YR Christmas Play at 2.15p.m. PTA Happy Bag Collection
Saturday 7 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 th December	PTA meeting at 8p.m. on zoom
Wednesday 11 th December	Y1 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y3 Christmas Play at 2p.m.
Thursday 12 th December	Y3 Christmas Play at 9.30a.m. Y1 Christmas Play at 2.15p.m.
Monday 16 th December	Year 2 trip to Wintershall to watch the Nativity Play
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 Christingle Service (evening) at OLQH
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 6 th January	Start of term

Learning Village

Please could those parents who have children given access to the Learning Village website remind their children to use it regularly. Many thanks!

Breakfast Club and STARs Club

Both clubs are going very well and are being very well-used by families which is great. We have always had the view that we would try to be as flexible and helpful to parents as possible. We don't have waiting lists and we don't charge parents if children are sick. Any profit that is made by the clubs is added to the school budget. I met with the Club leaders today and they have said that they would greatly appreciate your help with the following:

- Please could those attending breakfast club arrive by 8a.m. and please could parents bring the children to the door.
- Unless there is an unexpected emergency, please could parents book spaces at the club 48 hours before. Staff want to ensure that they have sufficient food for those attending and we also want to make sure that we have appropriate staffing levels.

Many thanks for your help with these requests.

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 have are very likely to have spaces for pupils beyond our catchment area (both Catholic and non-Catholic).

LifeSaver

A member of staff sent me the following link to some really good training for CPR, defibrillation, choking etc, and is FREE, everyone can do it, and it gives everyone the opportunity to have a go. The interactive videos get the trainee involved – you need to access it from a laptop or desktop to be able to use a keyboard. There are some different scenarios to interact with. A few years ago two staff members had to give CPR and managed to keep the adult alive until 2 ambulances arrived on site and thankfully they made a full recovery. For those of you not in the medical profession or first aid trained it may be the most important thing that you do for 30 minutes of your time! We do have 2 defibrillators on site now – one in the entrance foyer and one by the MUGA. See below the link to the website: <https://life-saver.org.uk/>

Community News

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

Meets Friday 8th November 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall in Camberley.

The Youth Club meets every second Friday of the Month. £1 entrance.

New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details (cbparish.com).

Kind regards

Alison Walsh (Headteacher)