



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at half-term already and spring is rapidly approaching! I hope that you all have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you again after the half-term.

Upcoming Events	
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th Feb	HALF-TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Parent workshops in the Arts Block 1.30-3.15p.m. (5 weeks)
Tuesday mornings Spring 2	Year 3 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 4th March	Science Fair (please note revised date)
Friday 6 th March	Fire Service visit to YR * PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!!**
Monday 9 th March	KS2 Music Festival at GLive
Thursday 12 th March	Internet safety workshops for KS2 and parent information session
Friday 13 th March	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 19 th March	Y4 Overnight residential trip
Friday 20 th March	Y5 Mass at OLQH at 1.50p.m.
Friday 27 th March	End of term – early finish at 1.30p.m.

St Augustine's Science Fair - Wednesday 4th March 2026

There has been a buzz around the school recently about the upcoming Science Fair on Wednesday 4th March. The children are encouraged to carry out a scientific investigation and then produce a project / presentation based on what they have learnt. They must include their scientific question (e.g. Which material conducts electricity the best? Do cats have unique paw prints? How can I tell which season it is?), a write up of what they did, a conclusion and graphs, tables or photographs to support their findings. If your child would like to take part but is not sure about what to do, please have a look at the following websites for some fun science activities which can be completed quite easily at home and will lead onto to some great scientific discussions and understanding.

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32176446/science-experiments-for-kids/>

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/top-science-experiments-for-kids/>

Entries need to be ready and brought to school for display at the Science Fair on Wednesday 4th March 2026. Parents will be able to view the projects in the main hall from 3:15pm until 4pm. We do ask that projects are collected from the main hall and taken home at the end of the day, unfortunately we are unable to store any entries. Winners from Key Stage 2, will be invited to attend the Xavier Science Grand Final on Tuesday 24th March, with all other Xavier Primary Schools for a great day of science

activities. If you are looking for some visits or days out during half term to inspire a scientific mind, then try these sites.

<https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/>

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visit>

The Lookout Discovery Centre, Bracknell

Mrs Sarah Moore - Science Lead

A message from one of our parents



At the weekend me and the kids (Harrison Year 6 and Joshua H. Year 2) decided to do a little volunteering around the school grounds and woods after they kept noticing how much rubbish was flying about. I honestly couldn't believe it when both boys said the same thing without me prompting them. They were shocked at how many plastic bottles and cans were lying around, some still half full of orange drink or water, literally a couple of metres from public bins.

The majority of what we picked up was cans, plastic bottles, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. We even found one lonely Croc shoe, so if anyone is missing one... we might have located its twin.

In the end we walked quite a lot and collected around 15 kilos of rubbish. The boys were really proud of themselves. Joshua said that this is perfectly apt for his Nature council project and for Harrison also great to include to his Rotary Junior award scrap book, so it felt extra worthwhile.

It would have been lovely to see more people out helping, but we still had a really good day, and at least the weather stayed dry. We finished with tea and cookies in the woods, listening to the birds and the wind in the trees while the kids built a little den. Honestly, it turned into one of those simple days that you remember.

If anyone is wondering what to do during February half term without spending loads, this is actually such a nice way to bond with the kids and get them outdoors instead of in front of tablets or PlayStations. Fresh air, a bit of community spirit, and surprisingly good fun.

We'll be doing more in the coming week/s, if anyone wants to join us, please do not hesitate to message me. Mrs. Gintare Hall

Have a lovely week , Alison Walsh

