



# St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Newsletter No.21**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you managed to enjoy the half-term break with your children. Slowly but surely the evenings are getting lighter and signs of spring can be seen! Many thanks to all of those who attended the first parent workshop on Monday in the Arts Block. Hopefully you found it useful and look forward to attending the next one!

Please do check the dates below with regard to events this half-term. Next Friday it's the PTA quiz night – please do buy a ticket and join us as it is always a very enjoyable evening. Next week there will be coffee available in the mornings so do stop if you can and have a chat with others!

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent workshops in the Arts Block 1.30-3.15p.m. ( 4 weeks)
Tuesday mornings Spring 2	Year 3 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sacrament of reconciliation for those pupils in Y4 who wish to participate.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair (please note revised date)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – children are very welcome to come dressed as their favourite book characters
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Service visit to YR * PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!!**
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Music Festival at GLive
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Internet safety workshops for KS2 and parent information session
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Easter Liturgy at 9.30a.m. – Parents welcome Sacrament of reconciliation for those pupils in Year 5 who wish to participate
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Easter Liturgy at 2p.m. – Parents welcome
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Overnight residential trip Sacrament of reconciliation for those pupils in Year 6 who wish to participate
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Mass at OLQH at 1.50p.m.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Break the Rules event End of term – early finish at 1.30p.m.

### **Chess News from Mr. Welling**

I have great pleasure in announcing that Alvis is the new school chess club champion .

We have been playing the school chess club championships over the past few weeks and had many exciting chess battles, great fun and good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Alvis, as he has put a lot of effort into his chess in recent months and his dedication has paid off.



### **Year 3 – Chocolate!**

As part of our Year 3 Chocolate topic, the children had a fantastic time becoming chocolate designers! They carefully planned their own chocolate bars, choosing ingredients and thinking about flavours before bringing their ideas to life. They then designed eye-catching wrappers using Canva to package their creations. It was a fun, creative experience and enjoyed by everyone!



### **Surrey Arts -Music Tuition**

We are very excited to announce that we are now offering Guitar and Ukulele lessons at our Saturday Music Centre at Cordwalles School in Camberley. These lessons are ideal for children of any age who would like to learn to play the Ukulele or Guitar outside of school time. These happen on Saturday mornings and lessons are £10.

Group and Individual lessons are available, as well as instrument hire if needed. Financial support is available!

[surreycc.gov.uk/music](https://surreycc.gov.uk/music)

### **Fraser Ellson**

We have been incredibly fortunate the last few years to have been able to work with Mr. Ellson who is the Choral Director for the Diocese. This year he is working with pupils in Year 3, 5 and 6 to help develop their singing skills. Mr. Ellson is aware that school budgets are always very tight so this year he is walking the entire Camino Frances in April. This is in aid of helping schools with their music budgets.

**LINK:** <https://gofund.me/00549fe33>

This is the link to his fundraising page. He will be splitting the pot equally between the nine SSP Schools that he works in (including us) and ALL the money raised will be going to this cause (ie: he is funding the trip and travel personally).

## Science Fair Reminder - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Next week, is our third St Augustine Science Fair. To enter your child must carry out a scientific investigation and then produce a presentation based on what they have done. They must include their scientific question (e.g. Which material is best for insulating my lunchbox?), a write up of what they did, a conclusion and could include graphs, tables, pictures or photographs to support their findings.

An entry can be made by an individual or by a group of up to 3 children. Entries need to be ready and brought to school for display at the Science Fair in the main hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The winners from both KS1 and KS2 will be announced in a follow-up assembly.

The winners from Key Stage 2 will then be invited to the Xavier Science Fair Grand Final at ACS International School, Cobham on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026! We hope to send out invitations soon after the St Augustine's Science Fair.

We look forward to seeing all of your amazing projects on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



## World Down Syndrome Day



This year we will be having a guest speaker to lead an assembly on Down Syndrome so that we can all better our understanding as a school community.

★ World Down Syndrome Day (WSD) is celebrated on the 21st day of the 3rd month to represent the triplication of the 21st chromosome (Trisomy 21), which causes Down syndrome. Around the world, communities mark the day by wearing bright, mismatched socks to promote awareness and celebrate inclusion.

To join in the celebrations, children are invited to wear their colourful, mismatched socks on Friday 20th March, and we kindly ask for a £1 donation. All money raised will go to Stepping Stones DS, a wonderful local charity that supports children and young people with Down syndrome from birth to early adulthood. Their work has been a huge support to one of our students, helping them grow in confidence and flourish both in and out of school.

Thank you for helping us support this important cause.



### **Year 3/4 football & Netball fixtures vs Crawley Ridge and Mytchett**

On Wednesday, children from year 3 and 4 played in football and netball matches against Mytchett and Crawley Ridge. There wasn't a winner or a loser, but there were plenty of opportunities to learn and develop their game. Well done to all who played.

Football team- George S, Oscar K, Alexander M, Matteo M, Ernest Z, Sinaia L, Sofia M

Netball team- Gabriella B, Olivia O, Ava Ky, Roisin Te, Carys B, Olivia R.

Have a lovely weekend , Alison Walsh