



# St Augustine's Newsletter

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully everyone has remembered that school is closed tomorrow – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March as we have an INSET day. All of our Learning Support Assistants will be joining colleagues from across the Xavier Catholic Education Trust for their training day where the focus is on strong foundations.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming for pupils in Year 3 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 Down Syndrome Assembly for KS1 and KS2
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Mass at OLQH at 1.50p.m. Down Syndrome Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Xavier Science Fair
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Break the Rules event End of term – early finish at 1.30p.m.

## Congratulations to the Choir Club!

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March the Choir went to G Live to perform a variety of folk songs with several other schools. They also performed a solo rendition of a calypso song called Janie Mama. They sang brilliantly and represented the school so well. I am so proud of their efforts in the final performance.

A big thank you to all the parents who juggled things to get the children to the venue on time. Choir Club will resume in the Autumn Term of 2026. Please keep an eye out for details nearer the time.

Mrs Caramba-Coker



### Waste-Free Wednesday

This week, we were delighted to launch our very first *Waste-Free Wednesday*. Pupils were encouraged to bring lunches and snacks that were completely free from single-use plastics, and it was wonderful to see how wholeheartedly they embraced the challenge.

As I visited the lunch hall, it was a joy to see so many thoughtfully prepared, environmentally friendly lunches—beautifully packed in reusable containers and sustainable wrapping. Our staff also modelled this brilliantly, fully supporting the initiative and encouraging pupils to think carefully about the choices they make.

By continuing with Waste-Free Wednesdays each week, we hope to deepen our commitment to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of *stewardship*: caring for God's creation and understanding how our daily actions reflect our faith and values.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

A special well done to **Year 4**, who were the year group with the most impressive waste-free lunches this time—congratulations!



### World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Mindworks Parent Workshops so far. Just a reminder that the final two workshops are on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 1.30-3.15pm. If you booked a place on the course, please ensure that these dates are in the diary and that you attend.

Next week, we will be celebrating Downs Syndrome Awareness Day. We have a child at our school with Downs Syndrome who is very much part of our St Augustine's community.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we are lucky to be welcoming Sarah Sutton from Stepping Stones, a local charity that supports young children with Downs Syndrome and their families., who will be leading two assemblies- one for Key Stage 1 and another for Key Stage 2.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we would like pupils to wear brightly coloured, mis-matching socks to celebrate World Downs Syndrome Day and bring in a £1.00 in aid of the Stepping Stones Charity.

### **Mother's Day Afternoon in Reception**

On Wednesday 11th March the children in Blue and Green Class had the opportunity to spend some time with their Mums or another significant female in their life to celebrate Mother's Day. The children had a great time playing and interacting with their relatives. They loved showing them around our recently installed outdoor play equipment. Thank you to everyone who attended. It meant a lot to the children! We look forward to Wednesday 17th June when we will be holding a similar event for the Reception Children for Father's Day.



### **Year 3/4 football & Netball fixtures vs The Grove and Mytchett**



On Wednesday, children from year 3 and 4 played in football and netball matches against Mytchett and The Grove. 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, Alexander M, Matteo M, Ernest Z, Sinaia L, Sofia M, Luke C,  
Michael S, Zane MD

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

Have a lovely weekend  
Alison Walsh