



St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 27th March 2026
Newsletter No.25**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term seems to have been very quick! We have lots of exciting things to look forward to next term as well as some warmer weather (hopefully!). I wish you all a very Happy Easter holidays with your children and look forward to seeing you all again after the break.

Upcoming Events

Monday 13 th April	Start of the summer term
Thursday 16 th April	PTA meeting at 8p.m. (online)
Friday 24 th April	PTA Family Barn Dance Event – save the date / Happy Bag Collection
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May	PTA KS1 Disco
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 th May	Y3 local visit
Friday 22 nd May	PTA KS2 Disco



Cross Country Finals- 2026- Tomlinscote Field

On Wednesday 25th March, children from St. Augustine's participated in the SHPSSA cross country finals. They all ran incredibly and pushed themselves to their limit.

We managed to achieve two gold medals. Well done to Charlotte and Arlo for winning their races.

Cross Country team:

Ella A, Adam C, Oscar K, Antony R, Matteo M, Antony G, Michael S, Alexander M, Ava K, Felicity B, Zara T, Ben H, Arlo S, Leo S, Ethan A, Charlotte S.

Year 6 Lenten Fundraising Appeal for The Hope Hub

As part of our Lenten fundraising and our commitment to living out Catholic Social Teaching—placing those in need first and sharing fairly—Year 6 organised an appeal in support of The Hope Hub, a local charity supporting people experiencing homelessness.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and supported this initiative. Mrs Susio kindly collected the contributions on behalf of the charity and shared an important reminder: when the weather is sunny, donations often decrease, even though the need remains the same.

Home-Page - The Hope Hub

If you are in a position to help, please consider continuing to support The Hope Hub in their ongoing fundraising efforts. Your generosity truly makes a difference. Thank you.



Xavier Grand Final Science Fair

On Tuesday 24th March I took our 14 key stage 2 science fair winners to the Xavier Grand Final at ACS International School. Our winners were Sofia, Noah and Edward (Year 3), Elise, Dia, Adrian and Robert (Year 4), Seve, William and Isa (Year 5) and Charlotte, Lucy, Peter and Leonardo (Year 6).

We had a fantastic day, looking at science projects from other schools, watching science demonstrations, listening to and taking part in activities provided by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) companies and charities. The children's behaviour was excellent and even commented on by one of the judges. This makes us so proud as teachers when other people comment positively on the children's behaviour.

Thank you to all the children for their amazing projects, thank you to all the parents who have supported their children and finally, thank you to Mrs Chase for driving us to and from the Fair using the school minibus.

Mrs Sarah Moore - Science Lead



Stations of the Cross



This week, our children had the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with their classes in a gentle and age appropriate way. Our Faith in Action pupils made a special contribution by creating artwork and reflections that were included in the devotion.

After spending time in prayer and reflection, each child chose a meaningful word to carry with them: love, faith, patience or hope.

We also congratulate our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation today—a joyful and important step in their faith journey. Some of the children’s comments were: “I felt like the Holy Spirit was present in the room.” “Father Paul was very understanding and could relate to what I felt.” Tomorrow, we will bring our term to a close with a special Lenten liturgy, marking this sacred season as a school community.



PTA News

Family Barn Dance Fun Night: Friday, 24 April, 6-8pm, in the school hall



We are excited to introduce the wonderful tradition of a Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) to our school community on 24 April from 6-8pm. A Ceilidh is a lively, family-friendly evening of traditional music and simple group dances. No experience is needed as all dances are taught on the night by a caller, so everyone can join in. This is a family event and is for both adults and children.

Tickets include pizza. Book your Early Bird tickets for £8 per person at www.staugustinespta.uk.

Early bird ticket sales close on 7th April.

To see what a ceilidh or barn dance looks like, watch this short video:

<https://youtu.be/7iAT80KNRwU?si=h1rJgRJEe8WsXFuf>.

Happy Bags Collection: Friday 24th April



Please drop off your preloved clean clothing items (good condition and tied bags) by the Art Block doors.

Accepted in good condition

- Adults and children's clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Fashion accessories
- Handbags, Belts, Hats
- Jewellery,

Not accepted

- Uniform, Underclothing
- Toys, Books, DVDs
- Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- Bric-a-Brac
- Dirty, Damaged, wet Clothing

SAVE THE DATE: KS1 Disco on 8 May from 6-7.30pm


The super-exciting, dance mayhem is back on Friday, 8 May. All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students are invited to join in the school hall, show off their dance moves, and enjoy games, face painting, tattoos and snacks and drinks. Tickets cost £5, and will be available to buy in a few weeks' time.


SAVE THE DATE: KS2 Disco on 22 May from 6-8pm

All children from Years 3-6 are invited to the KS2 Disco on Friday, 22 May. Tickets cost £3, and include the disco, games and unlimited squash/water. Tickets will be available to buy in a few weeks' time.

There will also be a variety of activities for the kids to spend their pocket money on:

 Tuck Shop

 Pocket money toys

 Popcorn and more.

Music Tuition in School with Miss Hobday

I have spaces for Piano Individual and Group lessons, Keyboard, Recorder and Ukulele during the school day next term. I'm running my Kindermusik classes focused on piano for Reception children as well as Theory Tuition out of school hours. Please message me on 07770 375719 for details.

We have two visiting teachers - Guitar - Stuart Wheaton (Stu.wheaton@me.com) and Flute - Barbara Sykes (Barbara.flute@hotmail.co.uk). They have offered to run a group free trial lesson next term for any KS2 child who might like to learn either Guitar or Flute. Please contact them directly for details.

The Passion of Jesus – Wintershall Performance in London

The acclaimed Wintershall production of The Passion of Jesus will once again be performed in London this year on Good Friday. This powerful and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus' life is brought to the city by an experienced cast, offering a memorable and reflective experience for all who attend. There are performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. No tickets or booking are required, the 90-minute performances are completely free of charge – a gift to Londoners and visitors. This event is very popular – please arrive 40 minutes before your chosen performance.

<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

We are delighted to share that the Catholic Union Charitable Trust has launched the **Catholic Young Artist Award 2026, open to all primary school pupils.**

This year's theme is "Forgiveness", and children are invited to create an artwork that expresses what forgiveness means to them. The competition will be judged by Margaret Mizen MBE, Founder of the Mizen Foundation and a well known ambassador for peace, hope and forgiveness.

The award includes a cash prize for the winner, and runners up will also be recognised. This art award runs alongside the Catholic Young Writer Award for secondary pupils.

Young Catholic Artist Award 2026 - The Catholic Union of Great Britain

How to Enter:

Parents or guardians can submit entries by completing the application form and emailing a scanned copy of the artwork to info@catholicunion.org.uk with the subject line: "Catholic Young Artist Award".

Deadline: 22 May 2026

We encourage all our young artists to take part and share their creativity and imagination on this important theme.

Have a lovely Easter break

Alison Walsh