



# St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Newsletter No.32

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break with your families. This is one of the busiest and hottest half-terms of the year. Hopefully you all received the message that on hot days pupils may wear their PE kits to school. We will leave that to your parental judgement the next few weeks as we know it is particularly hard for those in KS2 with shirts and ties to cope in the heat. Don't forget to apply sunscreen before school on a hot day and to send them in with water and a sun hat (no sunglasses though).

On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** we would like to have a Careers Day for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 so that pupils can learn about a number of different professions which may spark an interest and give pupils some possible ideas about what they might like to study at secondary etc. We would love to organise a series of workshops throughout the day so if there are any of you who would be prepared to come in and speak to groups of children (we promise they are not at all scary!) about what you do, why you enjoy it and what you needed to study etc... we would love to hear from you whatever you may do! It would be great to challenge a few gender stereotypes too! Please send me an email ([head@staugustine.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@staugustine.surrey.sch.uk)) and let me know what time you may be able to pop along on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Many, many thanks!

This weekend please say a prayer for the children in the Camberley and Bagshot parish who will be making their First Holy Communion. We send them all of our very best wishes on this very special occasion.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 to Legoland / PTA meeting online at 8p.m.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	New YR parents evening at 6.30p.m.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for Y5 parents re: Y6 residential trip at 3.30p.m. (children will be supervised by staff)
Week of 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for pupils in Y4
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day afternoon in YR
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Good Shepherd celebration at Worth Abbey (with some pupils) Year 1 trip to the Lookout
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> -Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 – pedestrian training ( Feet First)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Going Forth Mass at 7p.m. (school hall) – <b><u>all pupils in Year 3 are expected to attend this</u></b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY / PTA Happy Bags
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	'Moving up' day – pupils meet new teacher for September
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<i>Reserve sports day</i>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Camping event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA meeting at Pine Ridge at 8p.m.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Play at 7p.m. for families

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Careers Day for pupils in years Y4,5 and 6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports to go home
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	JOLF workshops for pupils in YR, 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Mass for Y6 pupils and families at 1.20pm in the school hall Y6 Leaver's Disco 6-8p.m.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – finish at 1.30p.m.

### **Mary's Meals**

Just before half term, the Faith in Action team held a cake sale to raise money for our chosen charity, Mary's Meals. The children did a fantastic job of running the stall and selling the delicious cakes.

The money raised has been added to the funds collected through our Christmas Sale as well as foreign currency collection. We are delighted to share that we have now raised just over £1,000 in total for this wonderful cause.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and continued support. Your contributions will help make a real difference to the lives of children in need.



### **Attendance**

We have a four-year improving trend with our attendance data. We have exceeded the DFE target for the school and are in the top 10% of schools in the country for attendance. It's currently at 96.6% which is great. I know, however, that prior to the lockdowns we had attendance of 97% so I think we can still get back to that! Thank you for working with us on attendance as it is so important. Lateness has also been improving. I know almost all of you will travel here by car and have to battle traffic on your journey, so this is also great news.

Well done to Class 6B who had the most gold certificates last half-term! There were 257 who were given a gold attendance certificate this week and there were 226 pupils who had attendance of 100% which is fantastic!

22 gold certificates	Class 6B
21 gold certificates	Class 3RW, Class 1A
20 gold certificates	Class 4C, Class 1W and Green Class
19 gold certificates	Class 2Y
18 gold certificates	Class 5W
17 gold certificates	Class 2H
16 gold certificates	Class 6E, Class 5G, Class 3W and Blue Class
15 gold certificates	Class 4M

### **Year 5 house football tournament:**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, children from year 5 played in a football tournament, playing against their school houses. All the children played brilliantly and fairly in healthy competition, all winning house points for their school house.

1<sup>st</sup> place- **St. Bernadette** - 200 house points.

2<sup>nd</sup> place- **St. Francis**- 100 house points.

3<sup>rd</sup> place- **St. Paul** - 50 house points (+50 bonus)

4<sup>th</sup> place- **St. Theresa** - 25 house points.



## **Y6 SHPSSA Cricket tournament WINNERS!**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School participated, and won the Surrey Heath cricket tournament.

Our **yellow** team won the league part of the tournament after some close results and then won in the final against Frimley C of E. a fantastic achievement.

Our **red** team finished in third place in their group after some very close results.

I am so very proud of them all.

Thank you to the parents for your continuous support of the players.

***St. Augustine's cricket teams:***

**Yellow-** Arlo S, Ben H, Leo S, Mack N, Kayden P, Kian S, Ciaran C, Freddie W, Liam Mc.

**Red-** Julian L, Ano M, Leonardo B, Austin D, Marcel J, Jubal N, Jake G, Harrison H



## **New Inner Boundary Fence**



I appreciate that Mr. Plummer and myself are the only two people who are going to find this exciting but we have just replaced a big section of our inner wooden fencing ( at the back of the school) with this nice stronger one!

## **Information for parents of pupils with additional needs**

Below is an article by Faith Wilkins, Senior Staff Writer at the Child Mind Institute. It contains some helpful links to articles for supporting a child's behaviour and emotional wellbeing:

### ***How to De-Escalate an Autistic Meltdown***

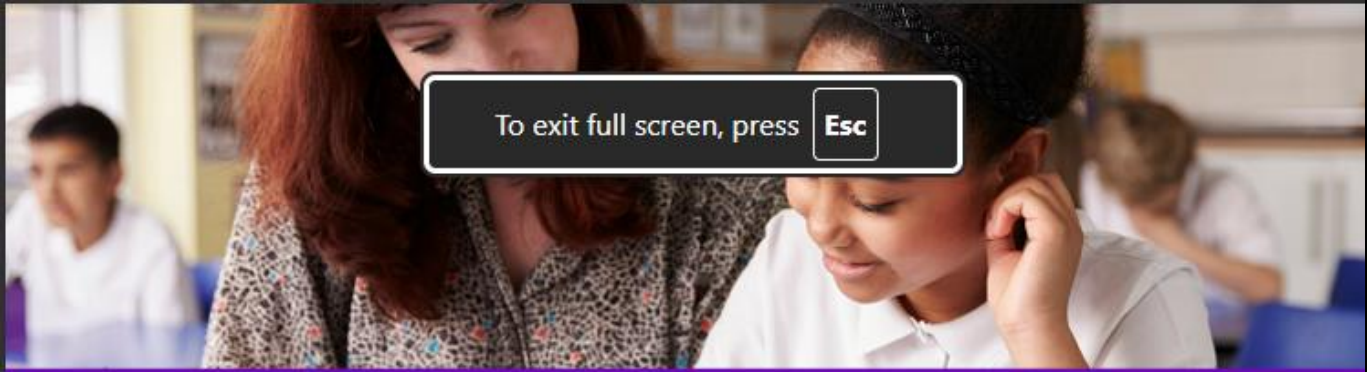
‘As a parent, you may have had the experience of watching your child in the throes of a temper tantrum after telling them “no” at the grocery store — arms flailing and tears streaming down their face as shoppers awkwardly step around them to reach for the Frosted Flakes. While it can leave you frustrated and exhausted, a tantrum tends to subside if you let it run its course. For meltdowns, which are more likely to occur in children with autism, a different approach is needed. Meltdowns and tantrums share some similarities in their initial expression — crying, screaming, door slamming, harsh words — but meltdowns are an intense involuntary response to outside stimuli, such as stress, powerful emotions, or sudden changes. They can go on for hours and have the potential to become dangerous to the child and others if not effectively defused.

That's why this week at [childmind.org](https://childmind.org), we offer a new article that covers the different stages of an autistic meltdown as well as dos and don'ts on how to de-escalate them. We also discuss the sensory processing issues that can trigger extreme behavioural responses from children with autism or other developmental disorders. Additionally, we offer tips on how to help autistic kids build communication skills and manage responsibility. Finally, we talk about other common causes of behaviour problems in children, such as anxiety and ADHD, and how to help them regulate strong emotions or impulsive urges.’

<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-de-escalate-an-autistic-meltdown/>

There are many other articles / resources that parents may be interested in reading

<https://childmind.org/resources/> and <https://childmind.org/topics/autism/>



# Suicide Prevention: Supporting Children and Young People

**PAPYRUS**

**Free 45 minute information session for parents and carers delivered in partnership with Xavier Catholic Education Trust and Papyrus.**

**Papyrus is the UK charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people.**

This friendly, informal SPARK session is designed for parents and carers, and no previous knowledge or experiences is needed. This session will:

- Help you become more aware of suicide prevention, even if it feels like something that could never affect your family.
- Reassure you that you're not alone and introduce the support Papyrus offers to parents and carers concerned about a young person.
- Tackle the fear, stigma, and silence that often surround suicide, helping us all keep young people safer.

**Let's work together to build suicide-safer communities, because no parent or carer should have to face this alone.**

**Dates: 3 June, 17 June & 1 July**

**Time: 18:00 - 18:45**  
(including time for Q&A)

**Location: Online**

**Register now:**



For any questions, please contact:  
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## Music Events



Over the past couple of weeks, we have been delighted to take part in two enriching musical events alongside other schools in the Trust.

The first was a special choral day, where a group of our Year 6 pupils travelled to St Dunstan's Church to perform in a concert setting. They sang a selection of songs they had been learning in school under the expert guidance of Fraser Elson, Choral Director with Arundel and Brighton. It was a truly wonderful experience, both for the children involved and for the audience, who were treated to a joyful and confident performance in such a beautiful venue.

Yesterday evening, Xavier held their Young Musician of the Year competition at Cardinal Newman School, bringing together so many talented pupils from across the Trust. Elise (Year 4) proudly represented St Augustine's, performing her piano piece with great confidence. It takes a lot of courage to play in front of a large audience, and she did brilliantly. We are very proud of her.

Have a lovely weekend ,  
Alison Walsh