



# St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 19th September 2025  
Newsletter No.2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the P.T.A. held their Annual General Meeting. A huge thank you to all those who have been members of the P.T.A. and all those who have helped them throughout the year. We now have a lovely new minibus as a result of their fundraising! Many thanks also to Fr. John and Fr. Paul for the Blessing of our Classrooms at the start of our school year.

On Saturday night seven of the staff team are undertaking the Shine Walk for Cancer Research. They will be walking 26.5 miles throughout the night. Cancer has touched, or may touch, all of us in some way. Even the smallest donation will be gratefully received. We wish them ( Mrs. Hing, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Cuttle, Mrs. Rashleigh, Mrs. Hamilton-Eadie, Mrs. Engelbrecht and Mrs. Grzymkowska) all the very best. If you would like to sponsor these amazing ladies- please find the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-augustines-frimley>

Many, many thanks.

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	'Disconnect to Connect' sessions for Years 4 and 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Little Way Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	'Disconnect to Connect' sessions for Years 4 and 5 PTA meeting – online at 8p.m.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Virtual reality workshops – Y3 ( Ancient Egypt), Y4 ( Stone Age) and Y6 ( Ancient Maya)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b><u>INSET DAY – School closed</u></b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	'Disconnect to Connect' for Years 4 and 5
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Liturgies 9.30 – KS2 and 2.30 – KS1
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	'Disconnect to Connect' for Years 4 and 5
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 4 Theatre visit Parents evenings ( online)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Health checks for YR and Y6 ( and immunisations)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents evenings ( online)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half-term

## Year 6 Residential

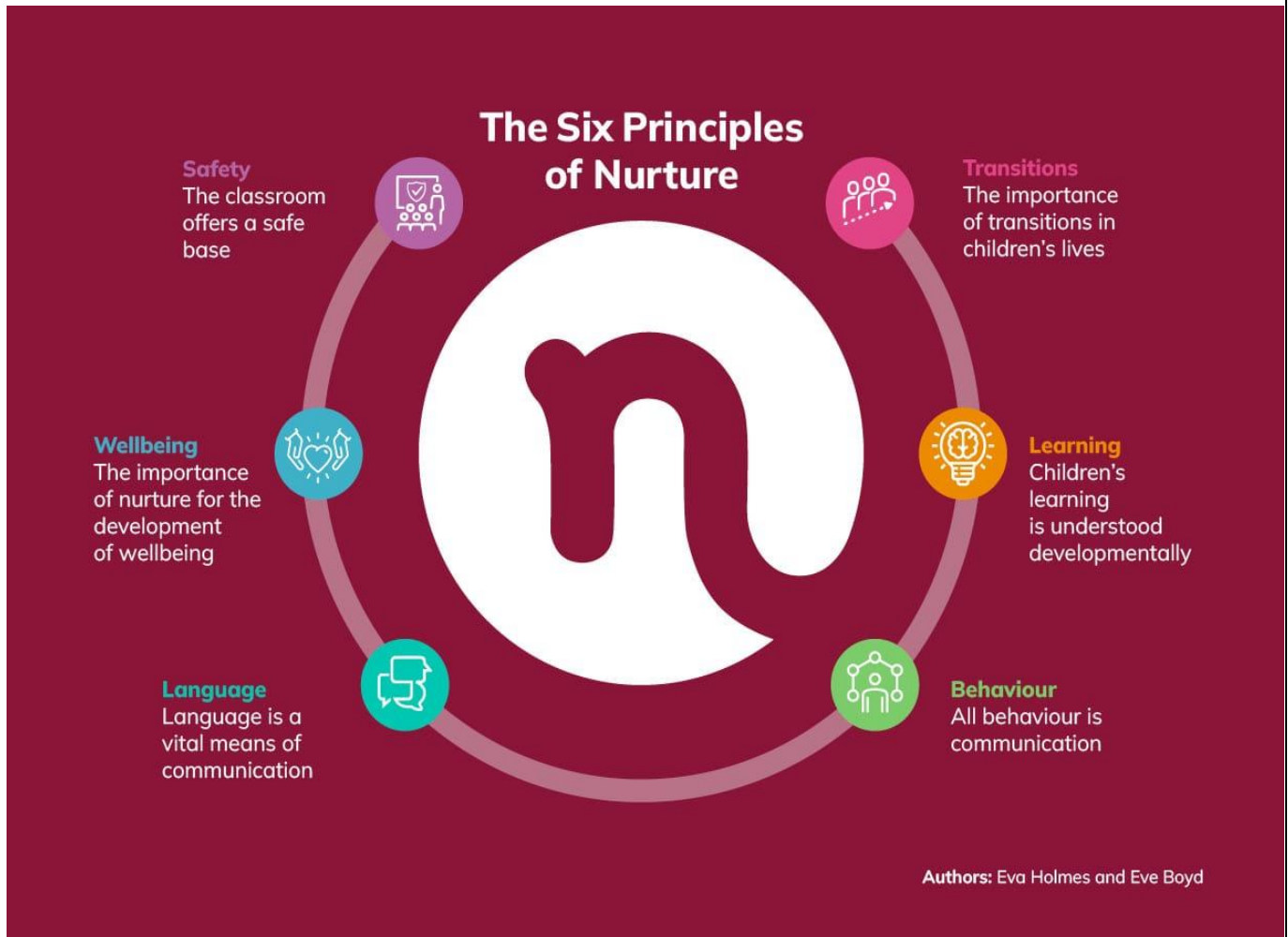


Year 6 pupils have had a wonderful week at Oakwood where they have had the opportunity to try many new sports and activities. A huge thank you to the staff team who have looked after them all week – Ms. Benn, Mrs. Engelbrecht, Mrs. Hamilton-Eadie, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Estrella-Schultz, Mr. Castell and Mr. Welland.

## **Nurture Project**

Last year we began work on a Nurture Project. "Nurture" in schools refers to a developmental, whole-child approach to education, where emotional, social, and behavioural support is integrated alongside academic learning, often through dedicated "nurture groups" led by trained staff. Rooted in understanding how children develop, this approach provides a safe, stable environment with positive adult relationships to help children overcome social, emotional, and behavioural barriers to learning, ultimately fostering their ability to thrive in mainstream school and beyond.

The Nurture Approach is underpinned by 6 principles:



Some of you will remember that last year we created The Rainbow Room. Much work which focuses on pupil wellbeing takes place in this room. We have undertaken training in the Boxhall Profile. This is a tool which helps staff to assess the social, emotional and mental health needs of pupils. It helps us to assess clearly pupil needs and key staff have been undertaking training in interventions to support pupils.

## **Music**

Year 4 have started their music lessons this week. Class 4M are learning how to play the ukelele with Mrs Hobday. The first lesson focussed on how to hold the instrument and strum the strings. Class 4C are learning to play the clarinet with Surrey Music Partnership. Their first lesson focussed on putting the clarinet together, using the reed and blowing the instrument. They also learned about the clarinets place, as a woodwind instrument in the orchestra.



## **Additional Music Provision in School**

Piano, keyboard and theory tuition is offered during the school day. I also teach children and adults out of school hours. Very shortly, I will be starting my group classes for children in Reception (5 classes this term) and Year 1 (8 classes this term). These centre around the principles of Kindermusik using lots of instruments with a focus on piano - enquiries please contact Miss Hobday on 07770 375719.

We also have two new visiting teachers;-

Guitar - Stuart Wheaton - 07837 202445.

Flute and Toots - Barbara Sykes - 07963 733222.

## Admissions

Our next Open Afternoon will take place on Friday 3 October 2025 and we ask that families book in advance via our website.

Please note the following dates for Year 7 entry in 2026:

- Registration deadline: Monday 3 November 2025
- Entrance assessments: Monday 15 December 2025
- Bursary deadline: Friday 10 October 2025

Applications are welcomed for all Year 7 scholarships (Art, Drama, Music and Sport), with the exception of the Academic Scholarship, for which potential candidates are shortlisted on the basis of their entrance examination results. Scholarship assessments will take place in January 2026.

Looking further ahead, F'Hill Experience Taster Days for Year 5 girls will take place on Thursday 18 June and Monday 22 June 2026, with booking opening in the Spring Term.

Prospective parents will find full details of our admissions process and activities on our website, and I would be very grateful if you could share this with families considering their options.

Should any of your families wish to arrange a personal tour, or if they have questions about admissions, we would be very happy to hear from them. Equally, I would be delighted to welcome you to Farnborough Hill or to visit you at your school.

Have a lovely weekend

Alison Walsh