



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025
Newsletter No.6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many congratulations to Miss Money who completed a half marathon at the weekend on behalf of Speech and Language UK. Unfortunately Ms. Durrani is leaving us next Friday as she is moving up North. Ms. Durrani has been a delight to work with the last couple of years. She has been teaching part-time in the infant classes. Mrs. Warner (from Blue Class) will be teaching in 2Y on Fridays and Tuesday afternoon in 1W.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21 st October	Year 4 Theatre visit Parents evenings (online)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Health checks for YR and Y6 (and immunisations) Disconnect to Connect' pupil presentations to parents -Y5 at 2.30p.m. and Y4 at 3p.m.
Thursday 23 rd October	'Parents evenings (online)
Friday 24 th October	Theatre visit for Year 2 and Year 5/ PTA Happy Bag Collection
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st Oct	Half-term
Wednesday 5 th November	Individual school photos
Friday 7 th November	P.T.A. Uniform Sale
Wednesday 12 th November	Y3 trip to Hazlemere Museum
Thursday 27 th November	Y5 trip to the River and Rowing Museum, Henley
Monday 1 st December	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 3 rd December	9.30a.m – Year 2 Nativity Play / 2.15p.m. – Year R Nativity Play
Thursday 4 th December	9.30a.m. – Year R Nativity Play/ 2.15p.m. – Year 2 Nativity Play
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30a.m. – Year 3 Nativity Play
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30a.m. – Year 1 Nativity Play /2p.m. - Year 3 Nativity Play
Thursday 11 th December	9.30a.m. Year 1 Nativity Play
Saturday 13 th December	P.T.A. Christmas Event ** save the date***
Wednesday 17th December	7p.m. – Year 5 Christingle Service at OLQH (change of date)
Friday 19 th December	End of term – finish at 1.30p.m.

Harvest Liturgies – A Time of Gratitude and Generosity

Last week, our school community came together to celebrate two joyful Harvest liturgies—one with Key Stage 1 and one with Key Stage 2. These special gatherings gave us the opportunity to thank God for all that we have and to reflect on the message of Jesus: that when we share what we have with others, our hearts become rich and generous in the eyes of the Lord.

We explored how helping those in need not only brings joy to them, but also helps us feel happier and draws us closer to Jesus. It was a beautiful reminder that generosity is a powerful way to live out our faith.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated so generously to Hope Hub. Your kindness is making a real difference to those in need. As part of our Jubilee year, we are also continuing to support Mary's Meals. If you have any unwanted foreign currency, please send it to the school office in a named envelope.

Mary's Meals is deeply appreciative of all that you do to help feed children around the world.

We would like to offer a special thank you to Father Paul and Father John, who led our liturgies with warmth and spiritual guidance. Their continued support is truly valued and helps make these moments so meaningful.

A very special thanks also goes to Mrs Hobday, who lovingly organises the musicians for our liturgical events. She helps the children live out their ministry in a truly special way, encouraging them to share their musical gifts and enhance our worship experience.



Learning in Year 3



This term, Year 3 have been exploring Laudato Si, Pope Francis' powerful message about caring for our common home. Inspired by its teachings, we reflected on the many ways we can help protect and nurture the environment that God has entrusted to us.

Together, we came up with practical ideas to care for our world, including:

Picking up litter, Recycling, Walking to school, Using scrap paper, Turning off lights and devices when not in use, Praying for guidance and strength to be good stewards of creation

To put our learning into action, we organised a litter pick around the school grounds. With great enthusiasm, Year 3 worked together to clean up and beautify our playground, showing that even small actions can make a big difference.

We are proud of our efforts and hope to continue making positive changes for the environment—one step at a time!

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is a special month in the Catholic Church dedicated to the Holy Rosary—a beautiful prayer that helps us reflect on the life of Jesus and the love of Mary. Through the Rosary, we remember key moments called “Mysteries,” which include joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous events. Children can pray the Rosary using beads, fingers or even small objects like buttons or pebbles. It’s a wonderful way to grow closer to Jesus and Mary through prayer, reflection and action. Please encourage and support your child to pray the rosary with their rosary beads. We have plenty of rosary beads in school if you would like to borrow some. During our Friday liturgies in the month of October we pray the Rosary together.



1. Sign of the Cross
2. The Our Father Prayer
3. The Hail Mary Prayer (x3)
4. The Glory Be to the Father
5. The Our Father Prayer
6. The Hail Mary Prayer (x10)
7. The Glory Be to the Father

For more ideas and videos, please follow this link.

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Special Educational Needs

This week, both Key Stages 1 and 2 will be having assemblies to raise awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). DLD Day is on Friday 17th October 2025. DLD affects at least 1 in every 14 children and is a condition that often goes unnoticed.

If you would like to know more about DLD, or any concerned about any language difficulties your child may have, please take a look at the information on the Speech and Language Changing Young Lives website on the link below:

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/developmental-language-disorder/>

Learn more at RADLD.ORG



You can't see DLD

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 1 in 14 people.



STRUGGLES TO EXPLAIN HER THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

APPEARS DISTRACTED OR NOT LISTENING

HAS DIFFICULTIES LEARNING AND REMEMBERING NEW INFORMATION

AVOIDS CONVERSATIONS & SOCIAL SITUATIONS

Support #DLDday on
Friday 17th October 2025

Learn more at RADLD.ORG



Supporting your child's language development is so important. Please take time to read the information on the Speech and Language Changing Young Lives website on Helping your child to learn new words:

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/help-your-child-learn-new-words/>

DLD 1

Developmental
Language
Disorder



difficulties with
talking and/or
understanding

DLD 2

Hidden
but common



DLD 3

Support can
make a real
difference



Please find details of a fantastic parenting course on autism:

Empowering Parents Course



4 week course for parents/carers of autistic children aged 4-11 years

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

EMOTIONS AND ANXIETY

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

SUPPORTING SENSORY DIFFERENCES

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

STARTS: 12TH NOVEMBER

TIMES: 10AM-11.30AM

COST: £50 PER FAMILY

VENUE: BAKER HALL, ODIHAM

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A SPACE: office@mustardseedautism.co.uk

<https://mustardseedautism.co.uk/2025/10/01/spaces-available/>

Young Carers

Many thanks to those parents who responded to the message about Young Carers. We will be starting after half-term so if anyone else wants their child to join please do email me – head@staugustine.surrey.sch.uk

Black History Month

Last week we had an assembly on What is Racism? using materials from the 'Show racism the red card'. This week we listened to the experiences of some people who have suffered from racism – KS1 listened to the story of Rosa Parks and KS2 listened to former West Ham and Newcastle goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. We are also doing work on in our PSHE classes. The most important message to share with your children is the importance of being kind to everyone.

Teddy Time in Reception

The children in Blue and Green Class are settling really well into school life. A couple of weeks ago they got to meet and choose their teddies. They have been doing lots of learning about staying safe and following the rules. They have also been using their bears to learn about different emotions and sharing with each other how their bear is feeling.



St Augustine's Wellbeing Ambassadors



In June some of the children received Wellbeing ambassador training. They were taught the five ways to wellbeing known as CLANG. This stands for Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice and Give. All the children received their wellbeing ambassador pin badge in assembly last Friday. They will be wearing these to show all the children in the school that they are our school wellbeing ambassadors.

Congratulations to Noah Cornell, Anne Dixon, Roisin Tunnicliffe, Bennett Mumford, Riven Khan, Nikolay Volfson, Anthony George, Nathaniel Naveenraj, Anya McGurran, Alvis Yeung, Jasper Carmichael, Aaliyah Tunacao, Zara Turney, Henry Matyjaszek, Rafaela Dunlop, Jake Gardner, Sophie Gbajobi, Austin Dibb and Elsa Lamparska.

I look forward to working with them to help promote wellbeing across the school for all pupils.

Mrs Caramba-Coker

Suicide Prevention Training

The Xavier Trust have organised for all staff to have access to suicide prevention training. There were some pretty horrifying statistics that were shared with us on the training. Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under the age of 35 with an average of 4 teenagers a week lost to suicide.

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/> Papyrus is a charity set up to help with suicide prevention and they run the Hopeline (open 24/ 7 and ready to help anyone in crisis) – 0800 068 4141

Music Tuition

Small music classes for Reception and Year 1

I'm going to start running these classes in small groups for the next four school weeks. They are based on the principles of Kindermusik. We use lots of instruments, sing and have fun and include an element of piano. Fees are £32 for 4 weeks. Please message me for details. As always, I have spaces for individual Piano, Keyboard, Ukelele and Recorder.

Miss Hobday 07770 375719

Sports



Football & Netball fixtures vs Cordwalles and The Grove.

On Wednesday 15th October, children from St. Augustine's participated in football & Netball fixtures against Cordwalles and The Grove. Ravenscote All fixtures were competitive, and everyone enjoyed playing in fun and exciting matches. Thank you to the parents who came to watch.

Football teams:

St Augustine's Yellows- Freddie W, Julian L, Reece P, Ciaran C, Arlo S, Leo S, Ben H, Jake G, Ethan A

Netball team:

Natalia S-R, Natasha S, Charlotte S, Lucy W, Maddie F, Ophelia K



Football & Netball fixtures- Away @ Ravenscote

On Wednesday 8th October, St. Augustine's participated in netball and football matches against teams from Ravenscote and Lightwater. Both teams played brilliantly, showing excellent improvement on their first match a few weeks ago. Thank you to all parents who came to watch.

Football players:

Noah A, Harrison H, Stella S, Peter Q, Alberto B, Sonny K, Marcel J, Luke W

Netball players:

Natalia S-R, Liliana R, Abi M, Charlotte S, Zara T, Lucy W

Have a lovely weekend, Alison Walsh