



St Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025 Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term with your children. The next few weeks are some of the busiest and most exciting in the school year so please do make a note of all key events coming up!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11 th November	PTA online meeting at 8p.m.
Wednesday 12 th November	Y3 trip to Haslemere Museum
Thursday 27 th November	Y5 trip to the River and Rowing Museum, Henley
Monday 1 st December	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Tuesday 2 nd December	PTA meeting at Pine Ridge at 8p.m.
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
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
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)
Thursday 18 th December	Y4 trip to Wintershall to watch ' The Nativity'
Friday 19 th December	End of term – finish at 1.30p.m.
Monday 5 th January	Start of term

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week it is national anti-bullying week and we will be discussing this in our assemblies on Monday. The theme is 'Power for Good'.

It's been chosen to empower children and young people to support others and "build a world where kindness wins". The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as repeatedly and intentionally hurting someone. Bullying can happen online or in person, and be physical, verbal or emotional.

As a school we will be doing various activities during the week to support this.

On Monday, to start the week, we are encouraging all children and adults to wear odd socks to show that we are taking a stand against bullying and to remind us all that we are all different and unique



Disconnect to Connect



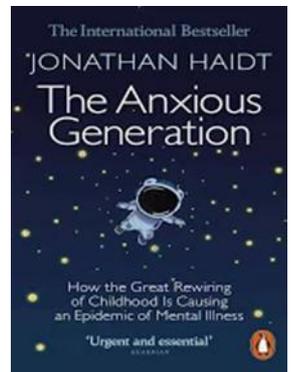
On Wednesday 22nd October the children in Year 4 and 5 put on a presentation for their parents about how more children are lonely due to smart phones. Poor mental health is becoming a big problem. The children shared some positives to the use of smart phones. They also covered these key points:

- Spending too much time on screens can be bad for your health, brain development and social skills.
- Screens at night can make it hard to get rest and a good nights sleep.
- Parents can help by making new rules.
- People should always come before screens.

The children made posters to remind them of the importance of not using smartphones. The children shared the negative impact smart phones have on children if they are given them too young. It is our goal as a school to get all parents to agree to this mission of holding off buying a smart phone whilst their child is at primary school. Current research now states they shouldn't be given to children until the age of 14.

Dan Newman who is the Trusts lifestyle coach, spoke to the parents afterwards. He highly recommended this book, *The Anxious Generation*, for us as parents to read. This book has been read by many of our staff members and is the reason we launched the OPAL play project.

Thank you to Dan, The Year 4 and 5 team and all the children and parents for their support with this project. We hope this is the start of a journey where we can help protect our children and their mental health and wellbeing.



Ten Ten Resources – Prayers for Home

This link will take you to the TenTen November newsletter which shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout November, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

OPAL

Mr. Welland led an OPAL assembly with KS1 and KS2 today. We are looking for donations so if you have any of the following that you have no use for, please send them our way:

- Wooden pallets
- Guttering
- Tarpaulin
- Tyres
- Milk crates
- Pots, pans, kitchen utensils that they are throwing away
- Old bikes/scooters you have grown too old/big for
- Dressing up clothes, you no longer want

PTA news

No Christmas Cards this year

Please note that the PTA WILL NOT be doing the Christmas cards/keyrings/magnets, etc. this year. Sadly, because parent order numbers were very low last year, a decision has been taken not to do the designs with the children this year. There is tremendous effort and time spent by the staff when working with the children to do the designs. However, if the demand is low, we cannot justify organising this.

Christmas Ice Magic - Book tickets for ice skating and Santa's grotto, and tokens



Four schools, one community Christmas Fair! Book your Ice Skating* tickets, Santa's grotto tickets and tokens today at www.staugustinespta.uk. Tickets are limited, so don't miss out. Please remember to volunteer for a task, when you book.

Date of event: Saturday, 13 December 2025

Time: 11am to 7pm

Venue: St Augustine's School

There will also be lots of marketstalls, games, live entertainment and more!

Thank you to our sponsors: Kumon, The Warren Neurodiversity Service, Farnborough Hill and Threadedseams!

30-minute ice-skating sessions are available to book. Children aged 3-8 years old need to be accompanied by an adult, and children aged under 3 years old are not allowed on the rink. All skates and skating aids will be provided.

**Synthetic ice rink*

Have a lovely weekend, Alison Walsh

