



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Newsletter No.9**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The P.T.A. are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to organise the Christmas Fair for Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Three other schools are co-planning this event with them and we are hosting the event for everyone. There will be an ice-skating rink this year but please be aware that more than half of the tickets have already been sold so please do order yours as soon as possible if you plan to come. We would also recommend buying Santa's grotto tickets as soon as possible too. The PTA are organising a raffle so if anyone works for a company who may be able to kindly donate a raffle prize – please do let them know.

The Christmas Fair is one of our most important fundraisers in the year so please do come and join us! We are always keen to have any volunteers before or during the Christmas Fair so do let them know if you can help in anyway. Al Pinkerton, the local M.P., has already said that he will be popping along to the Fair.

### **Upcoming Events**

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 trip to the River and Rowing Museum, Henley
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA meeting at Pine Ridge at 8p.m.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30a.m – Year 2 Nativity Play / 2.15p.m. – Year R Nativity Play
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30a.m. – Year R Nativity Play/ 2.15p.m. – Year 2 Nativity Play
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30a.m. – Year 3 Nativity Play
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30a.m. – Year 1 Nativity Play /2p.m. - Year 3 Nativity Play
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30a.m. -- Year 1 Nativity Play
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P.T.A. Christmas Event ** save the date***
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	7p.m. – Year 5 Christingle Service at OLQH (change of date)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 trip to Wintershall to watch 'The Nativity'
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – finish at 1.30p.m.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term

## OPAL

For those of you who are new to the school at lunchtimes we promote something called OPAL (outdoor play and learning). This is a school improvement program that helps primary schools transform their playtimes by expanding the opportunities and resources available for children's outdoor play. The program provides schools with a structured, mentor-supported process to improve children's physical activity, creativity, social skills, and overall well-being through play.

Since we started last year we have really tried to widen the types of resources and equipment that the children have to play with. The den building areas have been incredibly popular. Most of the resources that we have are recycled. The children can have great fun with things such as pallets, tarpaulins, tyres and guttering ( for water play). Mr. Welland is leading an assembly every three weeks and pupils are fully involved in discussions including risk assessments for each area. Please find attached a copy of the OPAL outdoor play policy.



Now it is coming into winter and the ground is wet, wellies **MUST** be worn on all field and den areas during playtime and lunchtimes. No wellies, means your child will not be able to access certain areas of the play area. Every year group has welly racks, so they can be kept in school. Please ensure that the wellies are labelled with the child's name.

Can we also ask that children bring their coats to school. It is November and it is getting colder. We will be going out at break and lunchtime even if it is raining. We don't want the children to be uncomfortable when they come back into school.

Thanks in advance,

The OPAL play team.

### **Year 3 – Ancient Egypt Museum Trip**

On Wednesday, 12th November, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to Haslemere Museum to explore their fascinating Egyptian exhibit. The children were thrilled to see a real sarcophagus and mummy, along with a range of authentic Egyptian artefacts. They took part in hands-on activities, including writing in hieroglyphics, examining x-rays of the mummy's skeleton, and distinguishing genuine artefacts from replicas. To end the day, they learned about the ancient ritual of mummification before having fun mummifying their own teddies! It was a fantastic experience that deepened their understanding of Ancient Egypt. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who supported us throughout the day.



### **Y3 & 4 Cross-Country**

On the 12th October, children from Y3&4 participated in a cross-country event at Ravenscote. For some of the children, it was their first ever time representing the school at an event. Everyone ran excellently and managed to complete their race. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents who came and supported us. We really appreciated it!



St. Augustine Cross-Country club members: Adam C, Oscar K, Anthony G, Michael S, AJ M, Matteo M, Ava K, Felicity B, Dia M, Nathaniel N, Joshua D, Austin M, Ayanda M, Molly M, Isla Rose P, Ella A, Vinnie

### **Plea for Resources for our newly developing Early Years Outdoor area**

Dear Parents

You may have noticed that things have started to change in our EYFS outdoor area. We have installed some pallets to create a music wall and sand wall. We have also adapted the outdoor water play area.

If any of you have any old metal pots or saucepans, baking trays, cake tins, colanders, metal utensils, metal whisks, metal jugs, metal pestle and mortars or anything else you feel may be suitable for this project, then please can you donate them to us so we can use them to hang onto the hooks that are awaiting to be filled.

Many thanks in advance for your time and help with this

The Early Years Team

## **St Augustine's Christmas Camp**

Complete Coaching have a Christmas Camp available for parents on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Please book a space if you need one for your child.

Join us for two festive days of games, challenges, and prizes at St Augustine's! Children can earn rewards, make new friends, and even enjoy a special visit from Santa. Don't miss the fun — book now at <https://bit.ly/laura-xmas!>

## **Support for Parents**

The school nursing service are delivering virtual sessions on “Supporting your child’s Behaviour and Emotions”. These will be run monthly from November to March.

Dates:

26.11.2025

16.12.2025

28.01.2026

24.02.2026

25.03.2026

These can be booked on via their website <https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/>

Sessions can be located on the school nursing section under virtual sessions.

<https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-nursing-5-19-years/>

Or by using the direct booking link below.

[https://outlook.office.com/book/SurreyChildFamilyHealth-](https://outlook.office.com/book/SurreyChildFamilyHealth-BookingGroup@HCRGCareGroup.com/s/Mil5qXdM5EeB78zKBiBx9A2?ismsaljsauthenabed=true)

[BookingGroup@HCRGCareGroup.com/s/Mil5qXdM5EeB78zKBiBx9A2?ismsaljsauthenabed=true](https://outlook.office.com/book/SurreyChildFamilyHealth-BookingGroup@HCRGCareGroup.com/s/Mil5qXdM5EeB78zKBiBx9A2?ismsaljsauthenabed=true)

## **Attendance**

Each half-term we are giving out a gold certificate for all those pupils with attendance of 98% or higher. Last half-term there were 246 pupils with attendance of 98%+ and 218 pupils who had attendance of 100%. That's half the school which is great! Well done especially to those in Blue Class and Green Class.

Number of certificates	Classes
20	Blue and Green Class
19	3RW, 3W, 6B, 6E, 1A, 4C
18	5G, 2Y
17	2H
13	1W
10	5W

## Community



Is there a boy in your parish  
who really loves to sing?

Families can explore chorister opportunities  
at Westminster Cathedral Choir School  
over [zoom](#)

Every year up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School as choristers in Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a flourishing choir, and to join a top school for boys age 4 – 13, at greatly reduced fees.

Wednesday 19th November, 6.30 pm

We will take you on a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a chorister and explain why being in a world-class choir is such a joyous experience.

contact Rachel Bonnet    Email [rbonnet@choirschool.com](mailto:rbonnet@choirschool.com)    Tel 0207 798 9081

Have a lovely weekend,  
Alison Walsh

**St Augustine's Catholic Primary School - Calendar**

**PTA events St Augustine's**