



St Augustine's Newsletter



Friday 28th November 2025
Newsletter No.11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent is nearly upon us – a very exciting time for everyone! Next week we look forward to the Nativity plays from YR and Y2. Please bring along any spare change you have as we are supporting The Charlotte School in Sierra Leone to build a new classroom which will ensure more children can have an education.

On Friday 12th December pupils may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a bottle tombola donation for the Christmas Fair the following day. It is also Christmas dinner day so pupils may like to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one!

Upcoming Events

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 – mufti day for bottle tombola donations
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

News from our partner school in Sierra Leone – Let's help them build a classroom!

Update from Charlotte School in Sierra Leone



We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Play performances over the next couple of weeks. At the end of each performance there will be a collection for Charlotte School (our link school) in Sierra Leone.

Mrs Caramba-Coker has visited this school and set up a link with it. Last year we raised £800 for the children and school over there. Here is an update of how those funds were used.

'Greetings, Head Teacher, Teachers, pupils, parents and friends of St Augustine's Primary School. We continue to thank the school for their support.

In the last year Charlotte school has performed outstandingly with the financial support you sent us. This year we have continued to fund the examination fees, uniform, bags, exercise books and mathematical equipment. We have also used the funds to finish setting up the nursery for the younger children.

Moving forwards the school is now in need of funds to build another classroom. It is our plan to name this building St Augustine's, to recognise all the support you have given us. If we hadn't received the financial support from you over the past 10 years then our school would not have continued to stay open and provide education for the children in the village. The children and parents are happy with the gifts and support they have received from you all.'

As you can see £800 goes a long way to make a difference to the lives of the children and families who are part of this school community. We thank you in advance for any donations given this year.

November Reflections and Advent Preparations

Throughout November, we prayed for loved ones who have died. Children brought Holy Souls candles (they have each written the names of those they wish to pray for on their own candle pictures) to Friday liturgies each week and we prayed the Eternal Rest prayer as a whole school community.

This Friday, Father Paul blessed our Advent wreaths, reminding us that Advent is a season of hopeful waiting. The first purple candle we are going to light represents hope—as we light it, may we place all our hope in Jesus. Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas but a time to ask, "Am I ready to meet Jesus?"



Children will bring home a travelling crib, an Advent calendar, and suggested activities for prayer and reflection. Please enjoy this time together and return the crib the next day for another family to share.

Thank you for making this a meaningful season!

Fantastic Learning in R.E.



Year 3 have been using Godly Play to learn about Isaiah in their Prophecy and Promise topic.



Year 4 have been making beautiful Jesse Tree decorations, inspired by their learning in RE.



In year 5, children have been creating paintings based on their RE learning

Support for Parents

For those of you who have pupils with additional needs please click the link below to find details of Surrey's Local Offer.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/parents-and-carers>

Information about specific special education needs can be found on the Types of SEND page. Details of practical, financial and other support available to families can be found on our Help and Support section.

<https://autismfrienlysurrey.org.uk/>

This website has useful information for parents as well as details of events over Christmas which are autism friendly e.g. Santa visits to Bocketts Farm and Chobham Adventure Farm and relaxed pantomime performances.

Term Dates for 2026-27

Please see below a copy of the term dates for next academic year. Please note that there are two additional days at October half-term (Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November)

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET day – school closed
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET day – school closed
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of school
Friday 2 nd October	MAT INSET day – school closed
Friday 23 rd October - Monday 2 nd November (Inc)	LONGER HALF –TERM BREAK
Tuesday 3 rd November	Start of second half of term
Monday 30 th November	MAT school closure
Friday 18 th December	End of Term
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	HALF-TERM BREAK
Monday 22 nd February	Start of second half of term
Thursday 25 th March	End of Term
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 th April	First day of term
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	HALF-TERM BREAK
Monday 7 th June	Start of second half of term
Friday 18 th June	INSET day – school closed
Friday 23 rd July	End of the school year

PTA News

The PTA Café is back on 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 December!

Owing to popular demand, the PTA Café is returning -- this time on the mornings of the Christmas Play dates. We will be outside the Arts Block entrance (car park side) from 7.30am onwards. There will be hot coffees, teas, hot chocolate and delicious pastries. Cash and card accepted.


If you fancy being part of the fun Barrista team and can help out, please let your class rep know.


Christmas Ice Magic: 5 Dates to Remember




Dear parents, we have been working hard to organise our day-long, Christmas ice-skating* event, which will be held on **13 December from 11am to 7pm**. Please tell friends, family members and your neighbours about this event. It is open to the community, and entry is free. Owing to increased demand, we have released more tickets for Santa's Grotto too, so please visit www.staugustinespta.uk to book your ice skating and Grotto tickets.

Our popular Teddy stall and Chocolate and Bottle Tombola stalls cannot run without donations. We request you to please donate if you can. Below are the dates on which to bring in your donations to school. *Please drop them off at the school office, and do not leave them outside.*

 **Teddy Donations** from 25-28 November

 **Chocolate Donations** from 2-5 December

 **Raffle tickets:** Return of raffle ticket stubs and money by 8 December

 **Bottle Donations** on 12 December in exchange for a Mufti Day.

 ***We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors towards the Christmas Ice Magic Event:***

Threaded Seams, [Farnborough Hill School](#), [Kumon](#), [The Warren Neurodiversity Service](#), [Salesian College](#) and Atif Superstores (109 Frimley Rd).

Have a lovely weekend,
Alison Walsh