



# St Augustine's Newsletter



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Newsletter No.14**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term has finally arrived. On Saturday we had the wonderful Christmas Fair. This was the first time we had organised a joint event with three other local schools. Both the Deputy Mayor, Cliff Betton and the Surrey Heath M.P. Al Pinkerton popped along to join us. Al Pinkerton even donned some ice skates and had a go on the ice rink! Thank you very much to all of you who joined us on the day. Many thanks to all those staff and parents who volunteered to help – it is hugely appreciated and we simply can't organise these events without you. I would also like to say a massive thank you to the P.T.A. especially Jolene Carvalho who works tirelessly to raise funds for our school.

On Wednesday evening Year 5 had their beautiful Christingle service in OLQH. It was a wonderful way to end the term. The pupils were fantastic and a real credit to the school. Today Year 6 led a very special Advent Liturgy for the whole school. Father John blessed our school Christmas crib, we listened to God's Holy Word and sang hymns.



I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas next week with your families. We all know we are incredibly lucky to work in such a lovely community and thank you all for all your cards and gifts. Thank you also for your donations for the new classroom at the Charlotte School – we raised over £1200!!! Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!!!

### Upcoming Events

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – finish at 1.30p.m.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term

### Year 4

On Monday, children in Year 4 made rafts and boats for Design and Technology, linking to their English text - Journey to the Centre of the Earth. The children initially learnt about parts of a sailing boat, thought about their own design before making and testing their boat or raft in a large tray of water. To make the experience more challenging we even set up fans to act as the strong wind and create some mini waves. Many of the children were delighted that their vessel floated and made it from one side of the 'treacherous sea' to the other.



### Year 1 D.T. Project

Year 1 explored new skills in DT by designing and making their very own Christmas floats. The children carefully sawed dowels, cut card to shape, and decorated their creations with festive detail. With adult support, they even learned how to use a glue gun safely. We are so proud of their creativity, teamwork, and perseverance! Their finished floats truly capture the magic of Christmas! To finish, the children tested their floats out on the playground, watching them roll and glide with excitement.



Year 1 tested the cars they made by trying them out to see how well they worked. First, they checked that everything was put together properly. Then, they rolled the cars on the floor to see if they moved smoothly. They looked at how fast they went and if they stayed straight or wobbled. If something didn't work, they fixed it and tried again. They wrote down what happened so they could make our cars even better.



### Year 4 – Wintershall

On Thursday, Year 4 went to the Wintershall Estate to watch a live performance of The Nativity. We followed the story of the birth of Jesus, from Mary being told the good news by the angels to Mary, Joseph and the donkey being turned away from the inn, to the miraculous birth in the stable. Despite the wet weather, we enjoyed the experience in the barn watching the story unfold. The children were amazed, especially when the donkey, sheep and horses came into the barn. This was a lovely way for the children to experience and understand more about this amazing story. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children of Year 4 for their excellent behaviour and the parents who came with us, for volunteering their time and their hard work and support on the day. Thank you, the Year 4 Team.

WINTERSHALL  
Experience the story

**The Nativity Journey**  
Come and enjoy the real Christmas story at Wintershall  
Walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding, steep road to Bethlehem

"A powerful, unreconstructed telling of the Christmas story"  
The Times

The logo for Mary's Meals, featuring the text "mary's meals" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a blue background.A logo celebrating 20 years of feeding children, with "20" in a large font, a globe icon, and the text "YEARS OF FEEDING CHILDREN" in a smaller font.

### **Faith in Action Group**

The Faith in Action children have been working hard to raise much-needed funds for our chosen charity, Mary's Meals. They spent several afternoons working together to make hot chocolate reindeer sachets and decorate candy canes. These, along with reindeer food and other Christmas goodies, were sold at the Christmas Fair last Saturday. Thanks to their fantastic efforts, the children raised a whopping £313.91. We are all extremely proud of the dedication and commitment

they have shown this term. This means that the Faith in Action group have raised enough money to feed 14 pupils a school dinner for a whole year. Well done to them all!

### **Music Tuition in School**

I have spaces for Piano Individual and Group lessons, Keyboard, Recorder and Ukulele during the school day next term. I'm running my Kindermusik classes focused on piano for Reception children and I'm also running Theory and Singing for Lung Health classes out of school. Please message Miss Hobday on 07770 375719 for details.

We have two new visiting teachers - Guitar - Stuart Wheaton (Stu.wheaton@me.com) and Flute - Barbara Sykes (Barbara.flute@hotmail.co.uk). They have offered to run a group free trial lesson next term for any KS2 child who might like to learn either Guitar or Flute. Please contact them directly for details.

Lis Hobday 07770 375719

### **Attendance**

Our school attendance this term has been far stronger than the same time last year. Many thanks to all of you for working on this and trying to ensure that your child is in school as much as possible. I'll be giving out some more gold certificates after the holidays. There will be lots for me to sign!!

## Support for Parents

Whilst being a parent can be a wonderful experience it can also be very challenging at times. The Surrey Heath Family Centre are running a fantastic parenting course called The Parenting Puzzle. I was previously responsible for three children's centres and am very familiar with this programme. It is very helpful and full of practical advice and strategies. The programme starts on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10a.m. at the Surrey Heath Family Centre, Kingston Road, Camberley, GU15 4AF. Please contact Carly Murray to book a space – [carly.murray@barnados.org.uk](mailto:carly.murray@barnados.org.uk) / 01276 462897



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### **SHPSSA Y5 & 6 football tournaments- 2025**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, St. Augustine's participated in two football tournaments at Frimley Lodge Park.

In the morning tournament, **St. Augustine's reds** played in hard fought matches. And played with great effort and respect for their opponents.

In the afternoon tournament, **St. Augustine's Yellows** played against some very talented teams and held their own.

A special thank you to Mrs Chase who took the red team in the morning to their tournament.

### **Well done to all players who participated:**

**Reds**- Liam M, Jubal N, Cameron T, Seve B, Ano M, Oluhle M, Bradley P, William T, Leonardo B

**Yellows**- Leo S, Arlo S, Freddie W, Ben H, Jake G, Julian L, Reece P, Ciaran C, Ethan A.

A very Happy Christmas to you all, Alison Walsh