



# St Augustine's Newsletter

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Newsletter No.15**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas with your families. On behalf of all of us I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your cards and gifts at the end of term – it was hugely appreciated.

On Tuesday St. Augustine's joyfully celebrated the Feast of Epiphany on Tuesday, reflecting on the manifestation of Christ to the world. A heartfelt thank you to Father Paul for leading us in a beautiful Mass and sharing this special occasion with our community. Many thanks to Mrs. Engelbrecht, as always, for organising our Mass.



Huge congratulations to Mrs. Engelbrecht who was told this week that she has been recredited as a Lead Practitioner in Surrey for her excellent teaching! This is thoroughly well deserved.

## Upcoming Events

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Happy Bags Collection (unwanted clothes etc leave by the Arts Block on Monday morning)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y1 Freshwater Theatre Visit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Second hand uniform sale
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Movies and Munchies evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF-TERM
Tuesday mornings Spring 2	Year 3 Swimming lessons
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Service visit to YR * PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!!**
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Music Festival at GLive
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Internet safety workshops for KS2 pupils and parent information session
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>INSET DAY – School Closed</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Overnight residential trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Break the Rules event End of term – early finish at 1.30p.m.

### **Attendance**

Last half-term there were 225 pupils who achieved a gold certificate for attendance (98+%). There were 196 who had attendance of 100% - fantastic!! Well done also to Class 3RW for their amazing attendance last half-term.

Number of Gold Certificates	
26	Class 3RW
20	Class 6B
19	Class 5G and Class 2Y
18	Class 6E and 4C
16	Class 1W and 3W
15	Class 1A and Class 2H
14	Green Class and Class 4M
13	Class 5W
12	Blue Class

### **Reading Passports**

Mr. Girault revamped the reading passports a few months ago so that each year group now has their own reading passport. The PTA have very kindly purchased every book in the reading passport so that pupils can easily access the books recommended. We encourage pupils to read as many of these books as they can and they receive a raffle ticket for each book read. Winners are then able to pick a book of their choice from the passport to keep. All pupils should read every evening as it's so important to develop fluent reading skills.

### **Year 3 Art**

In Art, Year 3 have been exploring charcoal drawing and learning how artists use movement and tone to create exciting images. The children used charcoal pencils to make large, gestural drawings of one of the Magi (as this week we celebrate the Epiphany), focusing on drawing freely rather than worrying about small details. They practised using their whole arm to create big, loose marks, which helped them draw with confidence and energy.



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## **Spare Clothes**

If you have any unwanted tights, leggings or joggers please bring to the school office. During this very wet weather we are in need of spare clothes for all year groups. Thank you

## **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



## **Surrey Heath Family Centre**

**Register your  
interest for our  
next course**

# **Parenting Puzzle**

**Do you want to.....**

- Understand your child
- Learn how to recognise the feelings behind the behaviours
- Learn the importance of looking after yourselves

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01276 462897



**Surrey Heath Family Centre,  
Kingston Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4AF**

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## **Rainbows**

Starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm – 3.30pm we will be running our Rainbows group. This is for children who have suffered a bereavement or a family separation. If you would like your child to attend please contact either Mrs. Walsh or Mrs. Conway.

## **Community**

Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra (CYWO) have its next Open Rehearsal this Saturday 17th January 2026. Please see the flyer attached.

Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra is a local Surrey Arts ensemble which caters for young instrumentalists who play Brass, Woodwind and Percussion instruments from beginner level all the way to up to Grade 8 and above. The Wind Bands rehearse every Saturday in term time at Cordwalles School from 9.30am - 11.30am and have a busy Concert and social activity schedule throughout the year. We are running an Open Rehearsal on Saturday 17th January 2026 and would like to invite any children who already play an instrument to come along and join CYWO for a free trial. Parents can register their child by following the QR code on the flyer and signing up online.

### **Friday Youth Club**

for children in school years 4-7



#### **WHEN?**

- 9<sup>th</sup> January 7-8:30pm, then each second Friday of the month

#### **WHERE?**

- St Tarcisius Church Hall, Camberley

#### **WHAT? The Baptism of Jesus**

- Themed Art & Craft Activities
- Bible Chats & Prayer
- Music & Worship
- Refreshments
- Fun & Games
- Friends



Friends are part of the glue that  
holds life and faith together

**New members welcome! Only £1 entry.**

For more information contact Fr Paul Turner: [paul.turner@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:paul.turner@abdiocese.org.uk)  
or the Parish Office: [camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend  
Alison Walsh