

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

## Week ending Friday 06 September 2024



**TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)



Education Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> September  
2024

Catholic Education Service  
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Live, Love and Learn with Jesus

### THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Special word of the week is:

**"HEALING"**

While Jesus was travelling towards the Sea of Galilee, they brought him a deaf man who could hardly talk; and they asked Jesus to lay his hand on him. Jesus took the man away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then, looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, "Be opened." At once the man could hear and he could speak clearly too. And Jesus ordered the people to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they told everyone about it. "He has done all things well," they said. "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

**Mark 7:31-37**



## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the new school year.

Parent meetings next week after school:

Tuesday Y4

Wednesday Y6

Thursday Y3

Please return all medical forms and data checking forms in the envelope provided so that we have the most up to date information. We ask that you supply e-mail addresses and phone numbers for all contacts so that we can contact you quickly when needed.



This Sunday is Education Sunday. Fr Subba is looking forward to welcoming as many families as possible at Mass.

Please see p3 regarding a letter concerning Attendance.

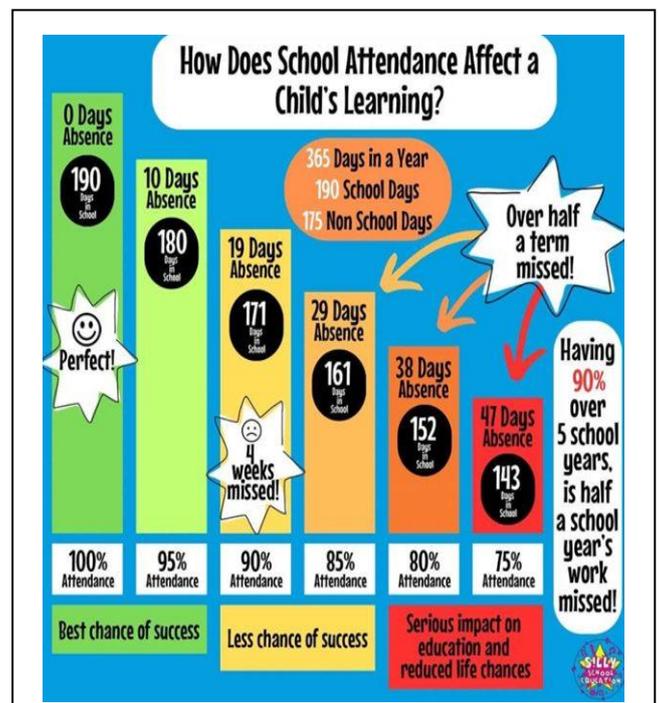
### ATTENDANCE

With effect from 19 August 2024, the Government has made changes to penalty notice fines for unauthorised school non-attendance. Unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine, per parent, per child of £160 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for a first time absence.

**OVERALL THIS WEEK - 85%**

### SAFEGUARDING AND ONLINE SAFETY

Safety in all parts of our lives is vital. Let us know if you have any concerns or need advice to keep your family safe at home, in the community and online.



## MESSAGES FROM CLASS TEACHERS

<b>Nursery</b>	We are looking forward to meeting many new pupils next week! There are lots of exciting activities ready for you to try.
<b>Reception</b>	Well done to all those who have started school this week. We shall be welcoming the rest of the class next Wednesday.
<b>Year One</b>	What a wonderful week, Y1! You have all settled in really well and we have enjoyed working with you. Well done!
<b>Year Two</b>	Wow, Y2! You have all been excellent this week. Keep up the good work and we shall have a wonderful year together.
<b>Year Three</b>	Children in Y3 have shown us that they are ready for their new challenges in KS2. Well done, everyone! Keep trying your best and be a great example to everyone else.
<b>Year Four</b>	We have had a busy week and settled in very quickly. Make sure you continue to aim for the best every day! There are many exciting things planned for you.
<b>Year Five</b>	Y5 children have worked so hard this week. We are so pleased to welcome you all! We know that you will all try to be the best that you can be.
<b>Year Six</b>	There are 30 excellent prefects in Y6 already. Keep up the good work and stay focused! You will be a wonderful group of leaders.



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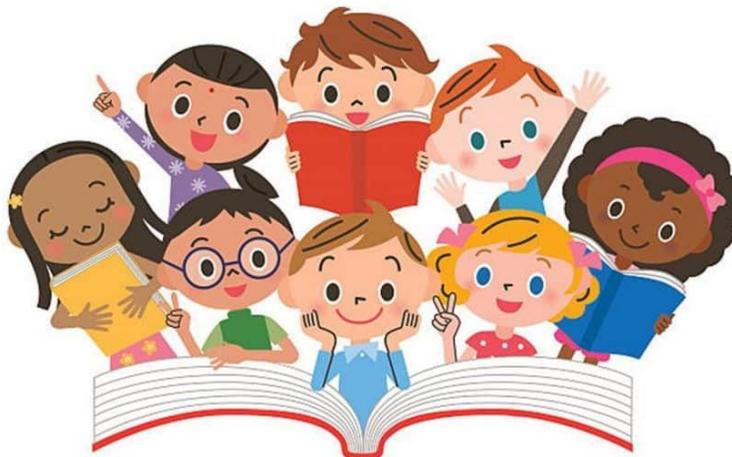


**PLEASE PRACTISE YOUR PHONICS EVERY DAY.**

**READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY AS READING**

**IS SO IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO LEARN.**

**READING IS THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS.**



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence**

I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of some important changes the Department for Education is introducing regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices is being introduced. The new regulations will come into effect from the 19th of August 2024. The aim is to improve consistency in the use of penalty notices across England.

The national framework includes:

- A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of ten sessions (usually equivalent to five school days) for any unauthorised absence within a rolling ten school week period. The 10-week period may span different terms or school years. For example, two sessions of unauthorised absence in the summer term and a further eight during the autumn term.
- An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at £80.
- A national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool must be considered (such as prosecution or another attendance legal interventions).

This means that if you have applied for a leave of absence to take place from September 2024 and the school has not agreed to authorise it, you may receive a penalty notice at the level prescribed by the new framework.

Please be aware that new legislation does not allow schools to authorise any holidays in term time or authorise leave retrospectively.

The local authority is in the process of consulting with schools and partner agencies to develop a revised local code of conduct. The document will be published on Birmingham City Council's website.

The Council believes good attendance is essential to support your child in getting the most out of their education and we thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school who may be able to offer support for your child and family.

Yours sincerely

**Sue Harrison**

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