

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



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18 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you once again for your outstanding commitment and support for everything we do to ensure the best for all the children in our care. Your partnership and involvement are vital elements of our school's continued success. The children's successes in all assessments and challenges pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all members of staff in our school. Without this remarkable teamwork, our children could not achieve as they do in order to fulfil their potential. Thank you sincerely for the many gifts and cards we have received this week - your enduring kindness and generosity to us all are overwhelming and we are genuinely grateful.

Attendance has again been a particular focus this year. Despite the challenges of chickenpox which beset us in the Spring Term, we have achieved a respectable overall percentage. However, requests for leave in term time and irregular attendance from particular families have presented concerns which have resulted in several pupils losing their places in our school. Regular attendance is crucial to ensure that children are settled and able to make steady progress in all aspects of school life. Sadly, some families have prevented us from reaching our goal of 96%+ over the year. Children do suffer as a result of unauthorised absences and find it very difficult to catch up on lost learning.

As we say "Goodbye" to our Y6 children and other children starting in a new school in September, we are confident that they will continue to try to do their very best in all things. We pray that the Lord will guide and protect them and their families and keep them in his loving care.

We also say "Goodbye" to Mr Costello-Hirst and Mrs Shelley who are leaving us to take up new appointments in September. Other members of staff who will not be returning in September are Mr Mahon, Ms Muzika and Mrs Cousins. We give thanks for all our leavers and the commitment and support they have shared with us during their time of service at St Augustine's.

As always, if you have any concerns at all and need to contact us, please do so at your earliest convenience. The best e-mail address to use during the holiday will be: a.mcgrath@staugust.bham.sch.uk

I wish you all a happy, peaceful holiday with your families and look forward to welcoming you all again on **Wednesday 03 September 2025**.

God bless

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The tragic loss of a teenager at Powell's Pool in Sutton Park on 10 July 2025 has highlighted the dangers of open water, especially for young people, during this period of hot weather.

In the West Midlands, our main sources of water danger are:

- canals
- rivers
- lakes
- ponds

Your children might also be visiting the beach over the summer period.

We have been asked to forward the links below where you will find useful information and guidance related to these issues:

<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

We hope you will be able to use these to help keep children safe over the summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOPS 2025

FOR VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO TRY!

DESIGN & PAINT YOUR OWN
FLOWER POT

PAINT YOUR OWN CANVAS

SEW A MASCOT

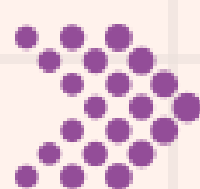
MOVING UP INTO YEAR 7- MAKE A
SELF-SOOTHE BOX
EMOTION KEYRINGS

SCAN BARCODE FOR MORE
INFO AND BOOK YOUR PLACE!



● WWW.FORWARDTHINKINGBIRMINGHAM.NHS.UK/PAUSE

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How to protect yourself and your family from measles

What is measles?

Measles cases have started to spread across the West Midlands. Measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious health complications, especially in children under 1, pregnant women, and people with a weakened immune system. Outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been immunised.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms. The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes



A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth, particularly inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips. To learn more about symptoms, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

What should you do if you or your child has suspected measles?

If your child develops symptoms, urgently contact your GP. Please contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that you think that your child may have measles. Do not attend the surgery unless you are asked to. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if they have measles, they won't pass it on to others.

How can you protect yourself and your family from measles?

The MMR immunisation is the best way to protect yourself and your family against measles because it is:

- effective
- safe
- free of charge

2 doses of the MMR immunisation are needed to give the best protection against measles.

The first dose of the MMR immunisation is normally given soon after the first birthday, and a second dose before starting school, but you can catch-up with missed MMR doses at any age.

Research has shown there is **no link** between the MMR immunisation and autism.

The MMR immunisation is safe for all **faiths and cultures**. A pork-free version is available for those who avoid pork products. This immunisation is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

For more information on the MMR immunisation, **scan this QR code** or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

