

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance has again been a particular focus this year. Despite the usual illness challenges, we have achieved a remarkable 3% point increase in overall 26 June: 94%. This has been noted by both Birmingham City Council and the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy Company. Congratulations on this achievement have been shared by both. However, requests for leave in term time in recent weeks have prevented us from reaching our target of 96% for the year. Our final figure is **94%**. This lower figure is entirely due to the many families who have decided to take leave in term time over the last few weeks. 26 children are missing all or part of this final week. This has never occurred in the past. Going forward, we would appreciate the ongoing support of the parent community in advising other parents not to take such leave in future.

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, your 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.

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 Miss McGrath who is retiring to enjoy a well-earned rest and develop other avenues in her life. We thank her for her commitment and dedication over many years in ensuring that children are given every opportunity to grow and achieve throughout their preparation for adult life.

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. However, from 01 September another member of staff will be the available contact!

I wish you all a happy, peaceful holiday with your families and look forward to welcoming you all again on **Wednesday 02 September 2026**.

God bless

Mrs. M. M. Stanley

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Headteacher



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