



ST AUGUSTINE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY
2nd
OCTOBER 2026

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK FIVE • AUTUMN ONE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A wonderful week of learning

It has been another busy and positive week at St Augustine's! This week, all of our children (and staff) took part in a special allergy and asthma awareness assembly. Pupils listened brilliantly and learned important ways that we can all help to keep one another safe, healthy and included in school.

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th October. Please return your reply slips to school with your child before the end of next week. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

Dates, support and a big thank you

Thank you for continuing to support our children, our attendance drive and our school community.

Please remember that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 13 October.

Our Minibus Appeal is also in the easyfundraising £250 giveaway. Every new supporter who joins before midnight on 4 October gives us another entry - it only takes two minutes! The link is shared further down the page.

Mrs R Warren • Interim Deputy Headteacher

THE WEDNESDAY WORD THIS WEEK IS MESSANGER



MATTHEW
21:33–43

Jesus tells the story of a landowner who carefully plants a vineyard and trusts tenants to care for it. When he sends servants to collect its fruit, the tenants refuse to listen and treat them badly.

Jesus reminds us that God gives us gifts, people and a world to care for. We are called to use what we have been given well and to produce good fruit through our choices.

Responsibility means caring for God's gifts, making good choices and showing through our actions that we are ready to follow Jesus.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A • ADAPTED FROM MATTHEW 21:33–43

PRAY

Lord Jesus, help us care well for all that you have given us.

REFLECT

What responsibility can I take more seriously this week?

ACT

Do one helpful job without being asked.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Choose one way your family can care for God's world together this week.

PRAY TOGETHER

Loving God, help us use your gifts wisely, care for one another and bear good fruit in all we do. Amen.

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY HUB

Everything families need for a brilliant week

★ ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Every class is working towards becoming St Augustine's Attendance Champion.

Exciting new attendance incentives for pupils and families are coming soon. More will be revealed over the next two weeks—watch this space!

REWARD MENU:

Extra play • Movie afternoon • Hot chocolate & biscuits • Games afternoon • Mystery reward

SCHOOL	THIS WEEK'S	TARGET
96%	WINNERS Year 6	97%

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our whole-school attendance this week is 96%, which means we are currently below our weekly target of 97%. We need everyone's help to improve this.

Please ensure that time away from school is absolutely necessary. Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell and not fit to attend school, they should remain at home. However, minor ailments such as a slight snuffle, feeling a little tired or other mild symptoms do not always mean that a child needs to miss a full day of learning. If you are unsure, please ask for advice.

★ MATHS MATTERS

Fluency grows through short, joyful practice.

[White Rose 1-Minute Maths](#) • [Topmarks](#)

[Hit the Button](#) • [Numbots](#)

[Times Tables Rock Stars](#) • [NRICH Primary ICT Games](#)

FAMILY CHALLENGE

10 minutes reading + 10 minutes maths.
Every day.

Little and often beats a last-minute rush.
Celebrate accuracy, effort and perseverance.

ALLERGY & ASTHMA AWARE

Does someone in your household receive Universal Credit? Your child may qualify for Free School Meals—even if another parent works. Please ask the office to check.

Need practical or emotional support? Contact the office or speak to Mrs R Warren, DSL. We are here to help.

★ READ EVERY DAY

10 MINUTES A DAY CAN CHANGE A CHILD'S FUTURE!

Every child should read for a minimum of 10 minutes every evening.

- Read aloud or independently every day.
- Record reading in the reading diary.
- Ask: What happened? Why? What might happen next?
- Notice and discuss exciting new vocabulary.
- Praise effort—confidence grows one page at a time.

READ • TALK •
WONDER •
GROW



★ SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK: ALLERGIES & ASTHMA - KNOW. NOTICE. ACT.

- All children took part in a special allergy and asthma awareness assembly this week.
- Pupils learnt why allergies and asthma must always be taken seriously and why we should tell an adult straight away if someone is unwell.
- Please keep school updated about diagnoses, inhalers, medication or changes to your child's health needs.
- Children must never share food, drinks or medication.
- Together we can keep every child safe, included and ready to learn.

KNOW THE SIGNS.
GET HELP.
SAFE • READY • CARED
FOR



Thank you to First News for helping children learn more about allergies and asthma. Please remember: no nut products, no food sharing, and all prescribed inhalers/medication must be kept up to date with school.

ATTEND
EVERY DAY

READ
EVERY DAY

PRAY
EVERY DAY

BE KIND
EVERY DAY

Ten to nine—looking fine and right on time!

EVERY CHILD. EVERY GIFT. EVERY DAY.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

The people, progress and moments that made us smile



NURSERY

Exploring autumn through stories, songs and sensory play, while growing in confidence every day.

RECEPTION

Working hard on Read Write Inc sounds and blending. Please use this week's links for a few minutes each evening.

YEAR 1

What super mathematicians we are! Y1 have been finding one more and one less using numbers 1–10.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have worked brilliantly in reading, writing and maths, using new vocabulary and explaining their

YEAR 3

Year 3 continue to impress us in swimming, showing courage, careful listening and brilliant organisation.

YEAR 4

Classifying 2-D shapes in Mathematics and exploring information texts for writing this week.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have shown excellent perseverance, thoughtful ideas and growing responsibility for learning.

YEAR 6

Year 6 explored Creation and Covenant, learning how faith calls us to be good stewards of God's world.

POSITIVE STORY OF THE WEEK

SEASON OF CREATION: LIVING WATER

As the Season of Creation reaches its final days before the Feast of St Francis on 4 October, Catholics are being encouraged to pray, care for our common home and turn faith into action. A recent CAFOD reflection shares the simple wisdom of a child who said she wanted to "look after God's creation" — a beautiful reminder that small acts of stewardship matter.

ST AUGUSTINE'S MINIBUS APPEAL

Every new easyfundraising supporter gives us another entry to win a £250 donation. Sign up before midnight on 4 October — it only takes two minutes!

[CLICK THIS LINK TO ENTER](#)



YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

DATES & REMINDERS

- School photographer: Tuesday 13th October
- Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th October.
- Year 3 swimming continues every Wednesday.

HOMEWORK & FORMS

Homework: tasks, spellings, tables & nightly reading.

PE: READY TO MOVE

Thank you for remembering the correct PE kit!

PE DAYS

Rec = Wednesday
Y1 = Tuesday & Friday
Y2 = Tuesday & Thursday
Y3 = Monday & Tuesday
Y4 = Monday & Thursday
Y5 = Thursday & Friday
Y6 = Wednesday

PLAIN KIT

White T-shirt
Black/navy shorts
Black/navy joggers, tracksuit or hoodie
Trainers or pumps

No branded sportswear required

No football kits

STAR VOCABULARY

Five words to use around the family table

STEWARDSHIP – caring responsibly for God's world

DISCIPLE – someone who follows Jesus and his teachings

DIGNITY – recognising that every person is precious to God

VOCATION – the special calling God gives each of us

COVENANT – a special promise and relationship with God



READ WRITE INC AT HOME

Virtual Classroom links for 02.10.26 - click and practise together.

RECEPTION 1 2 3 4 5

YEAR 1 1 2 3 4 5

YEAR 2 1 2 3 4 5

VALUES & VIRTUES

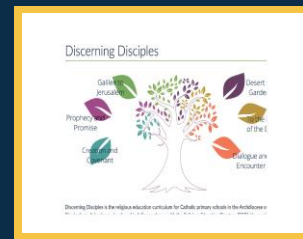
COMPASSIONATE • LOVING
Notice who needs comfort and show them they are not alone.

NEED HELP?

Please speak to us.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Christ at the centre • Hope in our hearts • Service in our hands



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST MARTIN DE PORRES

HUMILITY • CHARITY • SERVICE

Born in Lima, Peru, in 1579, St Martin de Porres was a Dominican brother known for his deep faith, humility and extraordinary care for people who were poor or sick. He served quietly and lovingly, seeing Christ in everyone he met.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Serve someone quietly this week - help without needing praise or reward.

DISCERNING DISCIPLES

OUR NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Discerning Disciples is the RE curriculum for Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It follows the Religious Education Directory and helps pupils know, understand and live their Catholic faith.

Its shared mission is to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

UNDERSTAND • DISCERN • RESPOND

The curriculum has six branches across the liturgical year:

Creation and Covenant • Prophecy and Promise • Galilee to Jerusalem • Desert to Garden • To the Ends of the Earth • Dialogue and Encounter

Children encounter Scripture, deepen their understanding, ask thoughtful questions, consider different perspectives and reflect on how faith shapes the way they live.

DISCERNING DISCIPLES IN YEAR 6

CREATION AND COVENANT

Year 6 are thinking deeply about what it means to be stewards in God's world. They are exploring how faith calls us to care for creation, respect the dignity of every person, make responsible choices and use our gifts in service of others.

Our challenge: What can I do this week to leave God's world a little better than I found it?

PARISH NEWS • FR GEORGE

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Avenue Road

Sunday Mass • 9.30am & 11.00am

Confession • Saturday 10.30am

Benediction • Saturday 10.30–11.00am

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Families are encouraged to find a quiet moment this month to pray together and ask Our Lady to lead us closer to Jesus.

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ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

Learning from the past • Celebrating the present • Inspiring the future

Resource



Read the information found on the resource, all about Black History Month 2026, the Black British Book Festival, and other community events that are taking place. Thinking about stories, what's your response to our big question, 'How do stories help communities grow?'

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is marked across the UK every October, to recognise and celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of Black people and communities.

This year's theme is **Honouring Our Communities**, encouraging us to recognise the people whose everyday actions help their communities grow and thrive.

What other events are taking place?

- Storytelling, drumming, music and craft activities at libraries.
- The Portrait of Black Britain photography exhibition in Manchester.
- Poetry, dance and film festivals.
- Family celebrations, featuring music, food and performances.



What is the Black British Book Festival 2026?

The Black British Book Festival will take place in London on Sunday 4th October 2026, with lots of authors, stories, poems and fun activities. It brings people together to enjoy books and celebrate stories by Black British writers.

Pictured left: A poster for an event celebrating Black History Month in Milton Keynes.

Source: Linked Events

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WHY IT MATTERS

Throughout October, children will recognise the history, achievements and contributions of Black people and communities. We will listen to stories, celebrate role models and learn how everyday actions help communities grow and thrive.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN ACTION

Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We celebrate the dignity of every person, value each story and recognise the gifts people bring to our shared community.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Talk together about someone who has made a positive difference to your community. What qualities make them inspiring? What could your family do this week to strengthen your own community?

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