ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY
9th
OCTOBER 2026

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK SIX • AUTUMN ONE

It has been another busy and positive week at St, Augustine's. Our children continue to work hard, show kindness to one another and take pride in all that they do.

A big thank you for your generous donations for CAFOD Harvest Day. Your support will make a real difference to local food banks.

Please remember that our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 13 October, and we look forward to welcoming families to Parents' Evenings on Monday 12 and Wednesday 14 October.
Mrs. M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

Dates, support and a big thank you

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school community.

Our photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 13 October to take individual and sibling group photographs.

Advance Notice - Please remember that school closes to pupils on Thursday 22 October. Friday 23 October is a teacher training day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Mrs R Warren • Interim Deputy Headteacher

THE WEDNESDAY WORD THIS WEEK IS INVITED

MATTHEW 22:1–14



Jesus tells a parable about a king who prepares a wonderful wedding feast and sends invitations to his guests. Some choose not to come, so the invitation is opened more widely. Jesus reminds us that God invites every one of us to share in his love and his Kingdom. His invitation is a gift - but we must choose how we respond. Being invited by God means listening, responding with faith and making choices that show we are ready to follow Jesus.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A • ADAPTED FROM MATTHEW 22:1–14

PRAY	REFLECT	ACT
Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting me to follow you each day.	**How can I say "yes" to God through my choices this week?**	**Invite someone to join in who might otherwise be left out.**

FAMILY CHALLENGE	PRAY TOGETHER
Think of someone who may feel left out. How could your family help them feel welcomed this week?	Loving God, help us open our hearts, say "yes" to your invitation and welcome everyone. Amen.

PRACTICAL. CLEAR. CONNECTED.

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY HUB

Everything families need for a brilliant week

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.

★ ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

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

Exciting new attendance incentives for pupils and families are coming soon.

REWARD MENU:

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

SCHOOL	THIS WEEK'S WINNERS	TARGET
96%	Year 4	97%

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance has slipped a little over the last week and we need everyone's help to improve it. Our target remains 97% and every day in school matters.

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 sniffle, 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.

★ 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

★ 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.

★ SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK: MOBILE PHONES & CYBERBULLYING - WORDS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

- **Kindness does not stop when we go online. Messages sent from home can have a very real impact on children in school.**
- **Cruel messages, group-chat targeting, threats, embarrassing screenshots, fake accounts and repeated unwanted contact are not "just online drama".**
- **Some online behaviour can become a criminal matter, including threats and repeated harassment or intimidation.**
- **Parents: please know what your child is doing online, check devices and talk openly about group chats and messaging.**
- **If something happens: STOP • SCREENSHOT • BLOCK • TELL. Keep the evidence and report it!.**

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

ONLINE SAFETY: THINK BEFORE YOU SEND

Please remind children: if you would not say it kindly face-to-face, do not type, post, share or forward it. Online choices have real-world consequences.

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 play while building confidence, independence and friendships.

RECEPTION

Reception have been practising careful letter formation alongside their sounds, building strong early writing habits.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been working hard in Read Write Inc - recognising sounds, blending confidently and becoming increasingly independent readers.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have shown fantastic focus across the curriculum, explaining their thinking clearly.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have shown super behaviour and excellent learning attitudes while working hard.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been celebrating Black History Month by researching inspirational Black figures and learning about their achievements and impact.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been thinking about what it means to be a Discerning Disciple – listening and reflecting on God's word.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have tackled long division with determination, using clear methods and checking their reasoning.

POSITIVE STORY OF THE WEEK



CAFOD HARVEST: LOVE IN ACTION

CAFOD's Harvest appeal shares the story of Tayla, aged 12, in Zimbabwe. A solar-powered water system now brings safe water to her school and helps pupils grow vegetables for nutritious meals. Thank you to our families for turning faith into action through your generous Harvest contributions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your support for CAFOD Harvest Day and local food banks shows our children what service, generosity and love of neighbour look like in action.

FAITH • GENEROSITY • SERVICE

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

WELCOME – receiving others with kindness
INVITATION – being asked to take part or belong
DISCERNMENT – thinking and praying before making a choice
JUSTICE – treating people fairly and standing up for what is right
SERVICE – using our gifts to help others

READ WRITE INC AT HOME

Virtual Classroom links for 09.10.26 - 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

DISCERNING • COURAGEOUS

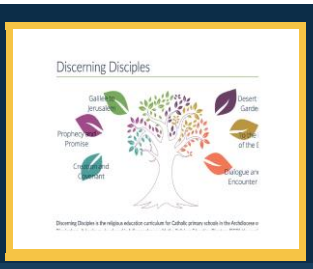
Notice who needs comfort and show them they are not alone.

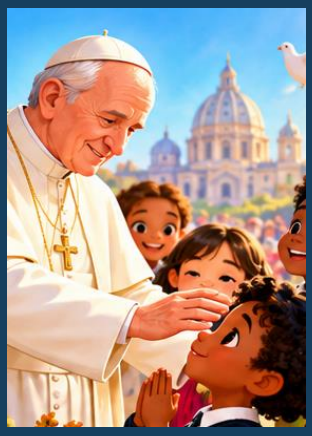
NEED HELP?

Please speak to us.

OUR FAITH
IN ACTION

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





ST JOHN PAUL II

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST JOHN PAUL II

FAITH • COURAGE • HOPE

Born Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920, St John Paul II became Pope in 1978. He travelled the world sharing the Gospel and encouraged young people to live with faith, courage and hope.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Be courageous in your faith this week - choose what is right, even when it is not the easiest choice.

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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SEEDS OF HOPE

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

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

HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES



WHY IT MATTERS



This week we are celebrating inspirational Black figures whose courage, talent and determination helped change the world. Year 4 have been exploring role models and asking what we can learn from their lives.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN ACTION

From Mary Seacole's service and courage to Walter Tull's determination and leadership, Black history is filled with people who used their gifts to serve others, challenge barriers and create change.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Choose an inspirational Black figure to discover together. What challenges did they face? What qualities helped them make a difference? How can we show the same courage, dignity or service today?