ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY
16
OCT 2026

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK SEVEN • AUTUMN ONE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A Wonderful Week of Partnership and Celebration

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into school and to have the opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements, discuss their progress and reflect on the next steps in their learning. The continued partnership between home and school is invaluable.

We would also like to thank families for ensuring that the children looked exceptionally smart and well-presented for our school photographs on Tuesday.
We anticipate delivery of the photographs at the beginning of next week and will send them home with the children once we receive them.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community.

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

International Week – Celebrating Our Wonderful World!

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating **International Week**, a wonderful opportunity to recognise and embrace the rich diversity of cultures, languages, nationalities and traditions that make St Augustine's such a special school community. Throughout the week, children will have opportunities to explore different countries, celebrate cultural traditions and develop a greater appreciation of the world around them.

On Thursday 22 October, children are warmly invited to come to school wearing traditional or cultural clothing that reflects their heritage and identity. There is no expectation for families to purchase anything special, and children are equally welcome to wear their own clothes or usual school uniform. As a Catholic school, we are reminded that we are all created in God's image, each wonderfully unique and equally valued. **Different cultures, one school family, united in faith, love and respect.**

Mrs R Warren • Interim Deputy Headteacher





Matthew 22:15–21

In this Sunday's Gospel, some Pharisees try to trick Jesus by asking whether people should pay taxes to the Emperor. Jesus asks to see a coin and reminds them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Jesus teaches us that everything we have is a gift from God. Our families, friendships, talents and beautiful world are blessings to treasure. We show **gratitude** by thanking God and appreciating what we have.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A • ADAPTED FROM MATTHEW 22:15-21

PRAY	REFLECT	ACT
Lord Jesus, help us to always show gratitude.	How can we show our gratitude each day?	Pray together to thank God for our blessings in life.

FAMILY CHALLENGE
Make a small family prayer space and pray one decade of the Rosary together.

PRAY TOGETHER
Loving God, hear our prayers. With Mary beside us, help us trust in you and bring hope to others. Amen.

PRACTICAL. CLEAR. CONNECTED.

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY HUB

Everything families need for a brilliant week

Our Family Help Offer provides practical support, guidance and advice to help families thrive. Whether you need assistance with attendance, wellbeing, parenting or accessing services, we are here to work alongside you every step of the way.
Email enquiry@staugust.bham.sch.uk requesting a confidential meeting with Mrs. Warren - DSL

★ ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Our attendance matters every day. Arriving before 8.50am helps children feel settled and ready to learn.

CLASS ATTENDANCE REWARDS:

Extra play • Games • Movie time • Hot chocolate • A surprise reward

SCHOOL	THIS WEEK'S WINNERS	TARGET
96%	Year 3 with 100%	97%

IMPORTANT NOTICE – UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE & PENALTY FINES

⚠️ ATTENDANCE WARNING – PENALTY FINES

Term-time holidays will NOT be authorised unless exceptional circumstances apply.
All absences, including illness, are monitored very carefully.
Unexplained or unauthorised absences may result in action by Birmingham City Council. This could be a penalty fine.
Fines start at £80 per parent, per child and can rise to £160 and lead to prosecution.

Every school day counts. Attendance is not optional!

★ READING CORNER – LITTLE READERS, BIG IMAGINATIONS! 📚

READING IS MORE THAN WORDS ON A PAGE – IT OPENS UP A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES!

This week, we are encouraging families to make reading a special time to **talk, imagine and discover together!**

Try our 5-minute reading challenges:

- **Be a detective!** Find three clues in the story that tell you how a character is feeling.
- **Become the author!** Invent a different ending to your book.
- **Word explorers!** Discover a new word and try using it in conversation.
- **Make a prediction!** What might happen next? Explain why you think so.
- **Make connections!** Does the story remind you of something you have experienced?

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read together for 10 minutes, then spend 5 minutes talking about the story.

Remember, the most powerful question you can ask your child is **"What makes you think that?"**

Read • Imagine • Question • Discover • Grow!

🌟 FAMILY CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

THE 5-MINUTE MATHS BATTLE!

Challenge someone at home to answer 10 mental maths questions. Who can answer the most correctly?

BONUS CHALLENGE: Explain *how* you worked out your answers!

THINK IT • SOLVE IT • EXPLAIN IT •

CELEBRATE IT!

Remember: A confident mathematician isn't someone who never makes mistakes, but someone who keeps trying!

★ SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

FIRE SAFETY – DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A PLAN?

A fire can spread in seconds. Make sure everyone at home knows how to stay safe!
CHECK IT! Test your smoke alarms.
PLAN IT! Know two ways out, if possible.
PREVENT IT! Keep matches and lighters away from children.
PRACTISE IT! Rehearse your family escape plan.

GET OUT • STAY OUT • CALL 999



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

Our youngest learners have been developing their confidence, friendships and independence.

RECEPTION

Exploring the wonderful world of letters, sounds and numbers, whilst developing their confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

YEAR 1

Becoming increasingly confident readers and writers, demonstrating determination and taking pride in their achievements.

YEAR 2

Developing independence, embracing new challenges and showing wonderful perseverance in their learning.

YEAR 3

Demonstrating curiosity, creativity and excellent teamwork whilst developing their confidence across the curriculum.

YEAR 4

Making maths fun with **Tunes Times Tables alongside Mr NK**, as well as strengthening their multiplication knowledge through **Times Tables Rock Stars**!

YEAR 5

A huge congratulations to our fantastic mathematicians who represented us in this week's **STOCMAC Maths Challenge**! We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and mathematical skills.

YEAR 6

Producing some impressive extended writing inspired by **Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse***, demonstrating creativity, empathy and increasingly sophisticated vocabulary.

POSITIVE STORY OF THE WEEK

Good news for wildlife: small actions make a big difference!



The RSPB reports that singing Nightingales on its nature reserves have reached their second-highest level in over a decade.

Caring for wild habitats helps beautiful birds thrive. A joyful reminder to protect God's creation! RSPB, 5 October 2026.

Read the RSPB good-news story

YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

INTERNATIONAL WEEK • 19–22 OCT

- **Learn about the countries in our school**
- **Share languages, songs and traditions**
- **Celebrate our wonderful school family**

CULTURAL DRESS DAY: THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

IMPORTANT – HALF-TERM & SCHOOL CLOSURE

School closes on **Thursday 22 October** for the half-term holiday.

Please be reminded that school will also be **CLOSED on Monday 2 November** to allow our school community to attend the funeral of our much-loved **Miss Kim Woodley**.

School reopens on Tuesday 3 November. We expect all children to return promptly, refreshed and ready to learn, with everyone arriving **before 8.50am**.**No late returns from holidays – every child, every day, on time!**

PE: READY TO MOVE

Please continue to follow your usual PE days.

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, hoodie
Trainers or pumps
No branded sportswear required
No football kits

STAR VOCABULARY

5 wonderful new words to try this week!

🌈 **INCLUSIVE** – Making everyone feel welcome.
"Our games are inclusive so nobody feels left out."

🕊️ **HARMONY** – Living happily and peacefully together.
"We celebrate different cultures in harmony."

🔎 **INQUISITIVE** – Curious and eager to learn.
"I was inquisitive about how volcanoes erupt."

✨ **INSPIRE** – To encourage someone to do something amazing.
"My teacher inspires me to do my best."

🌱 **FLOURISH** – To grow, develop and do really well.
"With kindness and support, we can all flourish."

READ WRITE INC AT HOME

Five short videos for each year group — click and practise at home.

RECEPTION 1 2 3 4 5
YEAR 1 1 2 3 4 5
YEAR 2 1 2 3 4 5

THANK YOU

Thank you for attending Parents' Evenings.

NEED HELP?

Please ask your class teacher.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

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





SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

A humble girl with extraordinary faith and courage.

In 1858, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in Lourdes, France. Although others doubted her, Bernadette remained prayerful and truthful. She reminds us to trust God, to be humble and to care for others.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Say a Hail Mary and do one quiet act of kindness this week.

OCTOBER • MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary helps us remember the life of Jesus with Mary. Start with the Sign of the Cross, pray an Our Father, then ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be. You can pray one decade as a family.

Mary, our Mother, guide us closer to Jesus. Amen.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

SOLIDARITY AND THE COMMON GOOD

As we celebrate International Week, remember that every person belongs. We honour different cultures and languages, welcome one another and share God's love with everyone.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we pray for peace, for our school families, for people who feel alone, and for the many cultures and communities who enrich our world.



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

Everyone is warmly invited to worship. Please check the latest parish notice for Holy Days and special events.

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