ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



THURSDAY
22
OCT 2026

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK EIGHT • AUTUMN ONE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A wonderful first half term

As we reach the end of our first half term, we would like to thank every family for your support, encouragement and partnership. The children have worked hard, settled into routines and shown kindness, curiosity and enthusiasm across school.

International Week has been a joyful celebration of the cultures, languages and traditions within our school. Today's Cultural Day was especially wonderful: the children looked fantastic, and it was lovely to see everyone proudly sharing their heritage.

A special thank you to Years 5 and 6 for leading our online Rosary assembly for fellow STOCMAC schools with such reverence and confidence. We wish all families a safe and restful half term.

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

A time to rest, reflect and celebrate

What a wonderful way to end Autumn One! Our International Week has reminded us how much we can learn from one another and how special it is to belong to one school family.

As families enjoy the holiday, please keep children safe around fireworks, bonfires and darker evenings. Spend time reading, talking, exploring and making special memories together.

School is closed on Friday 23 October for INSET and on Monday 2 November for Miss Kim Woodley's funeral. All children **return on Tuesday 3 November, at 8.50am.**

THE WEDNESDAY WORD • GOSPEL FOCUS

LOVE



LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

MATTHEW 22:34-40 • 30TH SUNDAY, YEAR A



In the Gospel, someone asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus teaches us to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves. This half term, we can show love by being kind, welcoming others and making sure nobody feels left out. Even small acts of care make a big difference.
MATTHEW 22:34–40 • 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A

PRAY
Lord Jesus, help us love you and show kindness to everyone. Amen.

REFLECT
How have we shown love and friendship this half term?

ACT
Do one thoughtful act for someone during the holidays.

FAMILY CHALLENGE
Choose one family act of kindness each day this week.

PRAY TOGETHER
Loving God, thank you for our school family. Help us look after one another and share your love. Amen.

PRACTICAL. CLEAR. CONNECTED.

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY HUB

Helping families make the most of every school day

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

Thank you for supporting regular attendance. We look forward to welcoming every child back promptly after the holiday.

HALF-TERM ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School reopens TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER. Please arrive before 8.50am.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE & PENALTY FINES

- Term-time holidays will not normally be authorised.
- Unauthorised absence may result in a referral to Birmingham City Council and a penalty notice.
- Every school day counts. Thank you for helping children attend on time.

A huge thank you to families who have supported excellent attendance and punctuality throughout this half term.

★ READING – HALF-TERM BOOK ADVENTURES!

A WEEK OFF SCHOOL DOESN'T MEAN A WEEK OFF READING!

Keep those wonderful reading habits going during the holiday. Just 10 minutes a day makes a difference!

HALF-TERM CHALLENGE: Read in three different places, discover five new words and tell someone about your favourite character.

Little readers today, big thinkers tomorrow!



★ MATHS – KEEP THOSE BRAINS BUZZING!

Maths is everywhere, even during the holidays! Whether you're baking, shopping, travelling or playing games, there are lots of opportunities to practise your maths skills.

HALF-TERM CHALLENGE: Practise your times tables, count your change, measure ingredients or tell the time.
Just 10 minutes of maths practice each day can make a big difference!

Click, play and practise your maths skills during half-term!

- Primary Maths Games – Fun maths challenges for all ages.
- Mathsframe – Exciting maths adventures and times tables games.
- Daily 10 – Quick mental maths challenges.
- Hit the Button – Beat the clock with number bonds and times tables.

★ SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

FIREWORKS & BONFIRE SAFETY

- **Enjoy organised public displays wherever possible.**
- **Stand well back from fireworks and bonfires.**
- **Children should never handle fireworks.**
- **Sparklers are not suitable for children under five; older children need close adult supervision and gloves.**
- **Keep pets safe indoors during displays.**



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

What a fantastic first half term! Our youngest children have been developing friendships, independence and confidence through play.

RECEPTION

Our Reception children have made a wonderful start to school life! From exploring phonics and numbers to developing friendships and classroom routines, they have achieved so much.

YEAR 1

International Week has encouraged the children to celebrate differences and recognise what makes everyone special.

YEAR 2

Our Year 2 children have shown fantastic determination and maturity throughout the half term. They are becoming increasingly confident in their learning and developing important problem-solving skills.

YEAR 3

Year 3 made delicious seasonal tarts this week, learning practical skills. They looked wonderful and tasted yummy! We also enjoyed International Week.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been making maths exciting with **Tunes Times Tables alongside Mr NK**, as well as building multiplication fluency through Times Tables Rock Stars!
Their flute lessons have provided another wonderful opportunity to develop musical skills, concentration and confidence.

YEAR 5

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 mathematicians, who **won the STOCMAC Maths Challenge with an outstanding 100 out of 105 points!**
We are tremendously proud!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to their final year at St Augustine's, demonstrating growing maturity, independence and responsibility. They have embraced their roles as the oldest children in school, setting a positive example for younger pupils. International Week has provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the different cultures and traditions.

POSITIVE STORY OF THE WEEK

10-Year-Old Raises Over £2,500 for Charity!

What an inspiration! Ten-year-old Judah Peake from Macclesfield completed an incredible **1,000 press-ups** to raise more than **£2,500 for Tearfund**, a Christian charity supporting people experiencing poverty and hardship around the world.

Judah even completed press-ups whilst climbing Snowdon!

His amazing determination reminds us that **you are never too young to make a difference!**

Small actions, big hearts, extraordinary results!

Read Judah's inspiring story



YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT HALF-TERM DATES

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER: LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER: STAFF INSET — SCHOOL CLOSED
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER: SCHOOL CLOSED

Our school community will be attending the funeral of our much-loved Miss Kim Woodley on Monday 2nd November 2026. Please keep Kim and her family in your prayers.

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER: SCHOOL REOPENS
All children are expected back at 8.50am, ready to learn.

Please do not extend the holiday – 100% attendance starts at 8.50am on 03/11/2026

PE: READY TO MOVE

Please continue to follow your usual PE days after half term.

PE DAYS	PLAIN KIT
Rec = Wednesday	White T-shirt
Y1 = Tuesday & Friday	Black/navy shorts
Y2 = Tuesday & Thursday	Black/navy joggers, tracksuit or hoodie
Y3 = Monday & Tuesday	Trainers or pumps
Y4 = Monday & Thursday	
Y5 = Thursday & Friday	**No branded sportswear required**
Y6 = Wednesday	**No football kits**

★ STAR VOCABULARY

5 wonderful words inspired by International Week!

CULTURE – The way people live and celebrate.
"I enjoyed learning about another culture."

TRADITION – Something families do over many years.
"Sharing special food is a family tradition."

UNITY – Coming together as one.
"Our school celebrates unity through friendship."

IDENTITY – What makes you who you are.
"My language and family are part of my identity."

BELONGING – Feeling accepted and included.
"Everyone deserves to feel a sense of belonging."

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Can you use three new words during half-term?

READ WRITE INC AT HOME

Five short videos per 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
For a wonderful first half term!
NEED HELP?
Please speak to your child's teacher.

OUR FAITH
IN ACTION

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





SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT STEPHEN

The first Christian martyr, remembered for his courage and faith.

Saint Stephen was one of the first people chosen to care for those in need in the early Church. He stood up for his beliefs and forgave those who hurt him. He reminds us to serve others with kindness and courage.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

During half term, do one quiet act of kindness without expecting a reward.

A SPECIAL ROSARY ASSEMBLY

A huge well done and thank you to our wonderful **Year 5 and Year 6 children**, who led a beautiful online Rosary assembly for schools across the **St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Multi Academy Company (STOCMAC)**.

During this special month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, our children demonstrated faith, confidence and reverence as they brought our Catholic school communities together in prayer.

We are incredibly proud of them for representing St Augustine's so beautifully and sharing their faith with others.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

Jesus teaches us to love one another. We put Catholic Social Teaching into action by welcoming everyone, standing alongside those who are lonely, and caring for people in need.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we pray for our school families, for peace, for people who are ill, and especially for the family, friends and colleagues of our much-loved Miss Kim Woodley.



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.

Wishing all our St Augustine's families a wonderful, safe and restful half-term break – God bless you all!

Half Term Discounts for Families

KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids Eat Free October 9th - 31st via Perks App

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS
Kids Eat Free Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

BREWDOG
Kids eat free this Oct with **KIDS EAT FREE** bookings

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO
Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
2 Kids eat free during the October Half Term

FLAMING GRILL
1 Kid eats free weekdays this October half term

FRANKIE & BENNYS
Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

HUNGRY HORSE
2 Kids eat for £1 this October Half Term

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS
kids eat for £1 during the october half term

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO
Kids Eat free weekdays with an adult purchase

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with a £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS
Kids eat free via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
Kids eat free weekdays in school holidays

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