ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK NINE • AUTUMN TWO

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A thoughtful start to Autumn Two

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the first week of Autumn Two. The children have settled quickly and returned with enthusiasm, ready for a busy and exciting half term.

On Monday, we came together to say goodbye to our much-loved Miss Kim Woodley. Her funeral was a beautiful and deeply moving occasion, reflecting the warmth and affection in which she was held.

Our sincere thanks to all our families, pupils, staff and friends for the kindness, prayers and compassion shown to Kim's family and to one another. Her memory will always have a special place in our St Augustine's community.

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

Every day counts, every child belongs

This half term we are making school attendance a whole-school priority. Good attendance helps children build friendships, confidence and strong learning habits. Our target remains 97%.

We are introducing additional weekly celebrations, new lunchtime opportunities and a family prize draw to recognise commitment, positive habits and improvement.

Our approach is supportive and inclusive. Children with medical conditions or genuine, authorised illness will be considered fairly, with improvement celebrated alongside excellent attendance.

Please support us by making every school day count and arriving before 8.50am.

Mrs R Warren • Interim Deputy Headteacher

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL • FAMILY FOCUS

BE READY



KEEP YOUR LIGHT SHINING

MATTHEW 25:1-13 • 32ND SUNDAY, YEAR A



The Wednesday word this week is **WISDOM.**

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about ten bridesmaids waiting with their lamps. Five are prepared with enough oil; five are not. Jesus reminds us to keep our hearts ready for God through prayer, kindness and good choices.

We can be ready for Jesus by doing our best, looking out for others and letting the light of our faith shine every day.

MATTHEW 25:1–13 • 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A

PRAY

Jesus, help us to make good choices and keep our hearts ready for you. Amen.

REFLECT

How can we be ready to help someone who needs us this week?

ACT

Let your light shine by helping a friend or family member.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Choose one thoughtful action to do each day this weekend.

PRAY TOGETHER

Loving Father, make us ready to share your peace and kindness. May our love shine brightly. 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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE & PENALTY FINES

★ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS — AUTUMN TWO!

Our school target is 97%. Every minute of learning matters. Thank you for bringing children to school before 8.50am.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE CELEBRATIONS & REWARDS

FRIDAY CELEBRATION!

Each week, the class with the highest attendance will enjoy our decorated special lunch table on Friday, with a little treat such as an ice lolly or tip-top. All allergies and dietary requirements will be carefully checked.

FAMILY VOUCHER DRAW — END OF TERM

Pupils with 100% attendance enter our end-of-term parent/carer voucher draw: FIRST £50 • SECOND £25 • THIRD £10.

EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE

Pupils with long-term medical conditions, disabilities or authorised illness who show meaningful improvement since last term may also enter the draw. We will review individual circumstances fairly, considering medical evidence when appropriate.

Children who are genuinely unwell should stay at home. Please keep us informed so we can support your family.

★ READING — OPEN A BOOK, OPEN A WORLD!

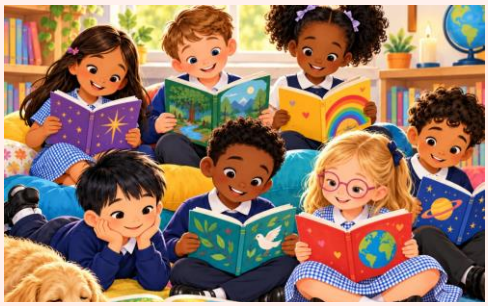
Just 10 minutes of reading each day builds confidence, vocabulary and imagination!
Find a cosy spot and enjoy a book together this weekend.

TRY THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGES:

- Read a story aloud to someone at home.
- Find three words you have not seen before.
- Describe a character and explain your clues.
- Predict what happens next in your book.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read together and ask: "What makes you think that?"
Celebrate reading for pleasure every day.
Read • Imagine • Wonder • Grow!



★MATHS MATTERS — LITTLE AND OFTEN!

Five or ten minutes of enjoyable number practice can make a big difference.

AT HOME THIS WEEK:

- **Practise number bonds and times tables.**
- **Work out change when shopping.**
- **Read times on the clock and plan your day.**

FAMILY CHALLENGE: 10 QUESTIONS IN 5 MINUTES!

How many can your family solve? Explain how you found each answer.

FUN MATHS LINKS — CLICK AND PLAY!

Primary Maths Games • Hit the Button
Mathsframe • Times Tables Rock Stars
BBC Bitesize • Numbots

★SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

DARK EVENINGS & WINTER SAFETY

- **Wear bright or reflective clothing on darker journeys.**
- **Use safe crossings, look both ways and stay alert near roads.**
- **Walk with a trusted adult; agree safe routes and collection plans.**
- **Keep warm and dry and let an adult know if you feel unsafe.**

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Plan and practise your safe winter route!



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

A happy first week back! Nursery have enjoyed stories, sharing, play and familiar routines while building their friendships.

RECEPTION

Reception has returned with smiles and confidence. We have been strengthening early phonics, number recognition and our classroom routines.

YEAR 1

Year 1 has made a positive return, practising reading, sentence writing and early number skills with growing independence.

YEAR 2

Year 2 has settled into Autumn Two with enthusiasm, practising careful reading, confident explanations and thoughtful teamwork.

YEAR 3

Well done to Year 3 for their wonderful singing lessons! Children are developing rhythm, listening skills and confidence as performers.

YEAR 4

A huge well done to Year 4 for their first week of swimming! They showed courage, excellent listening and a positive attitude in the pool.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have returned ready to learn, building on their fantastic maths success while continuing to show maturity, curiosity and teamwork.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have returned with focus and purpose as they prepare for their Whitemoor Lakes residential on 16–18 November. We are proud of their growing responsibility.

POSITIVE STORY OF THE WEEK

Young gardeners grow food and kindness!



Children from 12 London primary schools raised £754 for the charity Plan Zheroes by selling fruit and vegetables they had grown themselves at Borough Market.
Their teamwork and generosity remind us that young people can make a real difference. School Food Matters, 2 October 2026.
Read the inspiring Young Marketeers story: schoolfoodmatters.org

AUTUMN TWO • SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

CLUBS • ATTENDANCE • SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

LUNCHTIME CLUBS — FUN, FRIENDSHIP & NEW SKILLS

Lunchtime clubs include Monday computers, Tuesday art, Wednesday puzzles and Thursday games, alongside sports and library sessions. Year groups rotate so children can enjoy friendship and fun together.

FRIDAY CLASS CELEBRATION: Our attendance champions enjoy the special decorated lunch table and a small treat, with all allergies carefully considered.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return any outstanding photograph orders and payments promptly. Contact the office if you need help.

YEAR 6 • WHITEMOOR LAKES • 16–18 NOVEMBER

PE & SWIMMING — READY TO MOVE!

Year 4 swimming has started! Please ensure swim kits are labelled and brought on the notified day.

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
Joggers or tracksuit
Trainers or pumps
No branded kit
No football kits

★ STAR VOCABULARY — AUTUMN TWO

REFLECTIVE — Thinking carefully. "I reflected on my choices."

COURAGE — Being brave. "I was courageous in the pool."

COMPASSION — Caring for others. "We showed compassion."

BELONGING — Feeling part of a group. "Everyone belongs here."

PUNCTUAL — Arriving on time. "I was punctual for school."

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Use 3 new words this weekend!

READ WRITE INC AT HOME

This week's new Virtual Classroom videos: click 1–5 and practise together 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 positive start to Autumn Two!

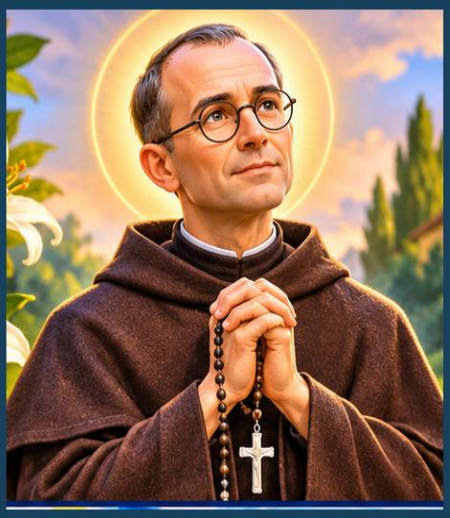
NEED HELP?

Please speak to your child's teacher.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

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

NOVEMBER
Remembering in Love



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Faith, courage and selfless love

Born in Poland, Father Maximilian was a Franciscan priest who showed extraordinary courage during the Second World War. At Auschwitz, he offered his life to save another prisoner. He reminds us that love, dignity and kindness are stronger than hatred.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Choose one brave act of kindness for someone in need.

NOVEMBER • WE REMEMBER

November is a special month to pray for those who have died and to remember them with love. We ask God to bring comfort and peace to grieving families.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON

Each person is precious to God. We show our faith through respect, compassion and support, especially when someone is grieving or facing difficulty.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the family and friends of Miss Kim Woodley, giving thanks for her life and the love she shared with our school. We also pray for all who are grieving, lonely or unwell.

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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.

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Wishing all our St Augustine's families a safe and happy weekend — God bless you all!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

NOVEMBER • MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

A time to remember • A time to pray • A time to give thanks



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE AND HOPE

November is a special month in our Church. We remember and pray for people who have died — especially our families, friends and those who have nobody to pray for them. We believe that God loves every person, always.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

1 NOVEMBER

We celebrate the saints in Heaven — famous and unknown. They show us how to love God and care for others!



ALL SOULS' DAY

2 NOVEMBER

We pray for people who have died, including our loved ones. We ask God to welcome them into His peace and joy.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 NOVEMBER

We remember people who died in wars and conflicts. We thank them for their courage and pray for peace.

HOW CAN WE REMEMBER?

- Say a prayer or share a happy memory.
- Look at a treasured photograph.
- Light a candle with an adult.
- Make a remembrance leaf or heart at home.

ONE FAMILY IN PRAYER

Catholics call this the Communion of Saints: God's family in Heaven and on earth is joined together in love and prayer.

We remember our much-loved Miss Kim Woodley and everyone who is grieving.

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for those we love who have died. Hold them in your peace and comfort everyone who misses them. Help us to live with faith, hope and love. Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Write a loved one's name on a paper heart or leaf. Say a prayer for them and for someone who has nobody to pray for them.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

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