ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK TEN • AUTUMN TWO

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A Week of Reflection, Achievement and Excitement

This week has provided an important opportunity to reflect on the significance of Remembrance. Through prayer, reflection and beautiful artwork, we have encouraged the children to appreciate the sacrifices made by others and the importance of peace, kindness and compassion in our world.

I have been particularly delighted to hear about the wonderful learning taking place across our classes, from impressive French conversations in Year 3 to Year 1's beautiful poppy artwork. A special congratulations must also go to Year 4 for securing the top spot for attendance once again!

As always, thank you to our families for your continued encouragement and support. It is through our shared commitment that we create a school community where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve.

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

A brilliant team effort!

A huge well done to our children, families and staff for the brilliant team effort with attendance! The children are excited about the cinema reward trip draw for 15 December.

Congratulations on a successful first week of lunchtime clubs! Thank you to the children for joining in and to everyone helping make lunchtimes happy, active and full of friendship.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. It has been lovely to see everyone in their spots, helping children and families who need our care.

Keep up the great teamwork!

Mrs. R. Warren – Interim Deputy Headteacher

THE WEDNESDAY WORD • GOSPEL FOCUS





The Wednesday word this week is **Talent**

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The servants are trusted with gifts and asked to use them well. Jesus encourages us to make good use of the gifts God has given us.

Our gifts might be listening, helping, creating or encouraging others.

How can we use them to make someone's day better?

MATTHEW 25:14–30 • 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR A

PRAY
Jesus, help us to use our gifts with courage and kindness. Amen.

REFLECT
What is one gift you could use to help someone?

ACT
Encourage someone and share a skill with them.

FAMILY CHALLENGE
Name one gift in each person in your family.

PRAY TOGETHER
Loving Father, thank you for our different gifts. Help us to use them generously to care for others. 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

A huge congratulations to children, families and staff! It is brilliant to see the whole-team effort. Our target is 97%.

CINEMA REWARD TRIP — 15 DECEMBER

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

ATTENDANCE REWARDS — KEEP IT UP!

Cinema draw: 100% attendance, with an allowance for genuine medical illness supported by a doctor's note or other medical proof.

Parent/carer prize draw: FIRST £50 • SECOND £25 • THIRD £10.

Weekly class winners enjoy our special lunch table and a small treat. Allergies are checked.

Children who are genuinely unwell should stay at home. Please keep us informed and provide medical proof for the draw where needed.

Thank you for helping children arrive before 8.50am, ready to learn.

★READING — TEN MINUTES A DAY

A LITTLE READING EVERY DAY GOES A LONG WAY!

Share a book, poem or favourite story together. Ask your child to explain what they enjoyed and why.

WEEKEND CHALLENGE: Read a poem aloud, find three new words and retell your favourite part of a story.

Read together and ask: "What makes you think that?"



★MATHS — KEEP PRACTISING!

Little and often helps confidence grow.
Try number bonds, times tables or working out the change when you shop. Encourage your child to explain their method.
FAMILY CHALLENGE: Use 2, 3, 4 and 6 once each. Can you make 24 using +, −, × or ÷?
Just 10 minutes of enjoyable practice can make a difference.
Click, play and practise together:

- 🎮 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

CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION (CCE)

CCE is abuse: a child is tricked, pressured or threatened into crime, such as stealing or carrying drugs. It can begin online or in person.

Look out for unexplained money or gifts, missing episodes, older controlling friends or sudden changes in behaviour.

Listen calmly. Children who are exploited need protection and support; it is never their fault.

Speak to Mrs Warren or a school DSL if you are worried.
NSPCC: 0808 800 5000. Immediate danger: 999.

More advice: nspcc.org.uk — search "criminal exploitation".

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

This week's class update:
Our youngest learners have been exploring, playing and growing in confidence! It is wonderful to see their developing friendships and increasing independence.

RECEPTION

This week's class update:
The children are developing their early reading, writing and number skills whilst becoming increasingly confident and independent. What fantastic little learners!

YEAR 1

This week's class update:
Year 1 have created the most beautiful **poppy portraits** to mark Remembrance Day! Their wonderful artwork is proudly displayed on the classroom wall, transforming it into a stunning poppy gallery. We are so impressed

YEAR 2

This week's class update:
Year 2 have been exploring **Colourful Semantics** during their lessons this week! This exciting approach is helping the children build sentences, develop their vocabulary and become more confident communicators.

YEAR 3

This week's class update:
Bonjour! Year 3 have been amazing in their French lessons with **Mr. Londa**! The children have been learning how to introduce themselves and talk about their friends in French. *Très bien, Year 3!*

YEAR 4

This week's class update:
NUMBER ONE AGAIN! A huge congratulations to Year 4, who have claimed the **top spot for attendance once again!** Their fantastic commitment to coming to school every day is certainly paying off. We are incredibly proud of our attendance superstars. Keep up the brilliant work!

YEAR 5

This week's class update:
Year 5 continue to demonstrate growing maturity, independence and enthusiasm for their learning. Their positive attitudes, willingness to embrace challenges and determination to succeed are wonderful to see. Keep aiming high, Year 5!

YEAR 6

This week's class update:
The excitement is building in Year 6 as the children prepare for their **Whitemoor Lakes adventure next week!** With residential bags nearly packed and plenty of excitement in the air, we are looking forward to three fantastic days of teamwork, friendship, new experiences and unforgettable memories. Not long now, Year 6!

CHILDREN IN NEED — THANK YOU!

Spots, smiles and generosity!

Well done to all our children for wearing their spots today! Thank you to our families for your generous donations to Children in Need.

Your kindness helps support children and families who need it.

A wonderful example of our faith in action!

Together, we have raised £115.63!

Thank you for making a difference.



YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

YEAR 6 • WHITEMOOR LAKES • 16–18 NOVEMBER

Thank you to parents and carers for coming to today's meeting.
PACKED LUNCH: Nut-free, in a separate lunch bag for Monday.
MONEY: Recommended maximum £15, in a labelled wallet or purse. Hand to Mrs Warren on arrival at school.
MEDICINES: Hand to Mr Berry on arrival at school.
NO PHONES: Any phones found will be confiscated for safeguarding reasons.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Preparations are in progress for our joint EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance. Dates will be shared soon.

Lunchtime clubs: congratulations on a successful first week! Thank you to everyone helping to make lunchtimes happy and active.

PE: READY TO MOVE

YEAR 4: No swimming on 18 November, 9 December or 16 December.

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 share this week

REMEMBRANCE — Remembering with respect and love.
PERPETUAL — Lasting forever. "Perpetual light."
COMPASSION — Caring when someone needs help.
GENEROSITY — Sharing what we have with others.
STEWARDSHIP — Caring for God's creation.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Use three new words this weekend!

COATS AND WINTER CLOTHING

As the weather gets colder and wetter, **all children need a warm, weatherproof coat every day.**
Boots, including wellingtons, may be worn for the journey to school. Please bring shoes or pumps to change into for the school day, so feet stay comfortable and floors stay dry and safe.
Please clearly name-label all coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

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 your kindness and teamwork!

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 WITH LOVE



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Patron saint of animals • Feast day 4 October

St Francis loved God's creation and reminds us to care for every living thing. From our much-loved dogs and cats to the birds outside, animals deserve gentleness and kindness. We can follow his example by caring for our world and helping others.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

With an adult, help care for a pet or watch wildlife quietly. Ensure you ask the owner before approaching and touching a dog.

NOVEMBER • WE REMEMBER

This week, we remember those who have died in wars and conflicts and pray for peace. We hold our own loved ones in prayer, including our much-loved Miss Kim Woodley.

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

May God's everlasting light bring comfort and hope to everyone who is grieving.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

CARE FOR CREATION

Our world is God's gift. We care for creation by **treating animals gently, looking after plants and keeping shared spaces free of litter.** Our virtue this week is compassion.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Loving God, thank you for the animals who share our world, especially our dogs and other pets. Help us care for them gently. Comfort those who miss a much-loved pet. Amen.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

St Augustine's Catholic Church
Avenue Road

Please check the latest parish newsletter for Mass times, confession and special events.

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!