ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



FRIDAY
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NOV 2026

LIVE • LOVE • LEARN WITH JESUS

WEEK THREE • AUTUMN TWO

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A week of courage, kindness and friendship

It has been a particularly meaningful week at St Augustine's. Through Anti-Bullying Week, every class has explored friendship, respect and why speaking up matters. We have been so proud of the thoughtful conversations and kindness shown by our children.

Our Year 6 pupils also represented school beautifully at Whitemoor Lakes. Although the centre closed early, their manners, teamwork and resilience were outstanding. Thank you to the staff who cared for them throughout.

As we approach the Feast of Christ the King, may we show Jesus' love through the way we treat everyone in our school family.

God Bless

Mrs M Stanley • Headteacher

FAMILY FOCUS

Celebrating effort and belonging!

What a joy to see our first 28 pupils enjoy their special attendance lunch last Friday! Beautifully decorated tables, a delicious meal and extra games on the red pitch with Diamond Academy made it a wonderful celebration.

Thank you to the families supporting our improving attendance. Every school day makes a difference, and our pupils are working hard towards our 97% target.

We look forward to welcoming Schools of Sanctuary on Monday and Bishop David Evans on Friday 27 November to plant a tree with our Year 6 children during National Tree Week.

Thank you for helping every child feel included, safe and valued!

Mrs. R. Warren – Interim Deputy Headteacher



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

KINDNESS

MATTHEW 25:31-46

CHRIST THE KING • YEAR A



Jesus teaches us that when we feed the hungry, welcome a stranger or care for someone who needs help, we are showing love to him. Even the smallest act of kindness matters. This week, can we notice someone who needs our friendship and be brave enough to help?

MATTHEW 25:31–46 • CHRIST THE KING • YEAR A

PRAY
Lord Jesus, help us notice others and show kindness each day. Amen.

REFLECT
Who could you show extra kindness to this weekend?

ACT
Invite someone to join in and speak up when things are unfair.

FAMILY CHALLENGE
Do one kind thing for someone who least expects it.

PRAY TOGETHER
Loving God, open our eyes to people who need care. Give us kind hearts and brave voices. Amen.

PRACTICAL. CLEAR. CONNECTED.

THE ST AUGUSTINE'S FAMILY HUB

Helping families make the most of every school day

EARLY HELP: We are proud to help families access timely support for housing, attendance, parenting and wellbeing. Getting help early makes a difference.
COMPASS: We welcome back Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Team (MHST), providing early emotional wellbeing support for pupils.
For confidential support email enquiry@staugust.bham.sch.uk and ask for Mrs Warren, Senior DSL.

★ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Our first 28 children with outstanding attendance loved their special lunch last Friday and extra games on the red pitch with Diamond Academy. Thank you, families! Target: 97%.

THE ATTENDANCE CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE!

SCHOOL 95%	THIS WEEK'S WINNERS Year 1	TARGET 97%

ATTENDANCE REWARDS — KEEP IT UP!

KS2 cinema reward: Tuesday 15 December. Keep attending regularly and arriving before 8.50am!

End-of-term 100% attendance draw: £50, £25 and £10 pupil prizes, plus a parent/carer draw.

Weekly class champions enjoy our special lunch-table treat. Our next group cannot wait!

Genuine medical absence may be considered for the draw when supported by appropriate medical evidence. Children who are unwell should stay home.

Thank you for your partnership — every day counts.

★OUR SPECIAL ATTENDANCE LUNCH

FIRST 28 STARS — WHAT A TREAT!

Our school hall was transformed for a very special lunch last Friday and again today! Our first two groups of 28 attendance champions enjoyed their own beautifully decorated tables and a celebratory meal together.

After lunch, they had extra time playing games on the red pitch with Diamond Academy. We are so proud of them!

Thank you to the adults who made this such a wonderful reward.



★MATHS — LITTLE AND OFTEN!

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: Show someone how you know your 4× table. Can you prove an answer using groups?
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

RAILWAY & TRAIN TRACK SAFETY

Railway lines are never places to play. Trains are fast, can be surprisingly quiet, and need a long distance to stop. Always stay off tracks and behind station safety lines.
Only cross at official crossings and always follow signs, lights and instructions. Never take shortcuts across railway lines.
If something falls onto the track, never try to retrieve it. Tell station staff or a responsible adult.
At stations, stand back from the platform edge, hold younger children's hands and stay alert.
Talk together about staying safe near trains and level crossings. Immediate danger: 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 children have been practising kind hands, taking turns and welcoming friends into their play. Super little role models!

RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed friendship stories and thinking about the words and actions that help everyone feel they belong.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have talked about what makes a good friend and how to speak up when someone needs help. Such thoughtful ideas!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have used more colourful semantics and classroom discussions to explore positive choices and explain how others might feel.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been practising French greetings and describing themselves and their friends. Très bien, Year 3!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have loved Tunes Times Tables with Mr NK — singing, movement and brilliant multiplication practice each week!

YEAR 5

Year 5 made powerful Anti-Bullying Week posters, sharing clear messages of kindness, respect and speaking out.

YEAR 6

We are so proud of Year 6 at Whitemoor Lakes! Excellent manners, teamwork, resilience and care for one another, even when the visit ended early.

WHITEMOOR LAKES — SO PROUD!

Resilience, friendship and courage!

Our Year 6 pupils were fantastic ambassadors for St Augustine's throughout their residential adventure. They supported one another, tried new activities and showed wonderful independence.

The visit was unfortunately cut short by the centre's closure. We know the children were disappointed, but they responded with real maturity.

Every one of you deserves a huge well done!

See our special photo collage later in this issue.

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families.



YEAR GROUP NOTICEBOARD

KEY DATES • LOOKING AHEAD

MON 23 NOV: Schools of Sanctuary assembly — a warm welcome to our visitors.

FRI 27 NOV: Bishop David Evans visits to spend some special time with our pupils and plants a special tree of hope.

FRI 4 DEC: School INSET — closed to pupils.

TUE 15 DEC: KS2 cinema attendance reward.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

EYFS and KS1 are getting ready! Come and see them perform live on stage on the 8th and 10th of December – details to follow.

Please name coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Bring indoor shoes or pumps when wearing wellingtons.

PE: READY TO MOVE

YEAR 4: No swimming Wednesday 9 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

UPSTANDER — Someone who safely speaks up when they see bullying.
INCLUSION — Helping everybody feel welcome.
EMPATHY — Understanding how another person feels.
BELONGING — Knowing you are accepted and valued.
COURAGE — Doing what is right even when it is difficult.

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Use three of these words at home this weekend!

COATS AND WINTER CLOTHING

As the weather gets colder and wetter, all children need a warm, weatherproof coat every day.

READ WRITE INC AT HOME

Five fresh Virtual Classroom videos per year group — click 1–5.

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
KINDNESS • HOPE & BELONGING



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Feast day: 17 November • Patron of charities and those in need

St Elizabeth used her position to serve people facing hardship. She gave food, cared for the sick and showed that real faith is expressed in loving action. Her generosity reminds us that every family deserves compassion and respect.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week, share food, kindness or a helping hand with someone who needs it.

A SPECIAL VISIT • BISHOP DAVID EVANS

On Friday 27 November we look forward to welcoming Bishop David Evans, who will spend time with our school community and plant a speciale tree with us.

The visit falls during National Tree Week (21–29 November).

Our new tree will represent hope, growth, deep roots and care for God's creation — a gift for future St Augustine's children.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

WELCOME • BELONGING

We welcome Schools of Sanctuary on Monday 23 November for a special assembly. Together we will learn more about hospitality, dignity and making sure every family feels they belong.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Loving God, bless every child and family in our school. Help us stand up for kindness, welcome newcomers and care for our world. Bless Bishop David as he visits us. 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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SEEDS OF HOPE

Wishing every St Augustine's family a happy, safe and peaceful weekend — God bless you all!

EVERY CHILD. EVERY GIFT. EVERY DAY.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

16–20 November • Break the Silence • Kindness in action

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BREAK THE SILENCE • SPEAK UP • LISTEN • TAKE ACTION

Our whole-school promise

Every class joined in with Anti-Bullying Week. We have discussed kindness, differences, friendship and the courage to tell a trusted adult when something is wrong. Year 5 have produced especially thoughtful anti-bullying posters.

No child should feel alone. At St Augustine's, every child deserves to feel safe, included and valued.



SIX WAYS BULLYING CAN HAPPEN

VERBAL

Repeated name-calling, insults, threats, teasing or unkind comments.

PHYSICAL

Repeated pushing, hitting, kicking, tripping or damaging belongings.

SOCIAL / RELATIONAL

Deliberately excluding someone, spreading rumours or turning friends against them.

CYBERBULLYING

Hurtful messages, group chats, posts, images or repeated online harassment.

PREJUDICE-BASED

Bullying linked to disability, race, religion, identity or any perceived difference.

INDIRECT / EMOTIONAL

Repeated intimidation, manipulation or behaviour that causes fear and isolation.

WHAT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CAN DO

IF YOU EXPERIENCE BULLYING

- Tell a trusted adult. Keep telling until someone helps.
- Save online messages and report or block accounts.
- Stay with friends and move to a safe place.

IF YOU SEE BULLYING

- Speak up safely and report what happened.
- Show kindness to the child who is upset.
- Never share hurtful posts or join in.

NEED HELP? Speak to your class teacher, a teaching assistant or Mrs Warren, our Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will listen and help.

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YEAR 6 • WHITEMOOR LAKES

Our photo diary • Real moments, brilliant teamwork and memories

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We are so proud of Year 6!

Archery, problem-solving, outdoor challenges and time spent supporting one another — our pupils approached everything with maturity, courage and good manners. We know it was disappointing when the centre had to close early, but they handled the change brilliantly. Thank you to our children, staff and families.



ARCHERY • GIVING IT A GO



LISTEN • LEARN • AIM



BRAVERY & DETERMINATION



TIME TO RELAX TOGETHER



OUTDOOR SKILLS



WORKING AS A TEAM

THE LITTLE MOMENTS THAT MATTER



PRACTICAL CHALLENGES



CURIOUS MINDS



SUPPORTING FRIENDS



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Year 6 — your behaviour, teamwork and resilience made us incredibly proud. You were wonderful ambassadors for St Augustine's!

EVERY CHILD. EVERY GIFT. EVERY DAY.

LEARNING THAT LASTS

Music, languages and little bursts of practice at home

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FROM THE CLASSROOM TO YOUR LIVING ROOM

YEAR 4 • TUNES TIMES TABLES

Every week, Mr NK brings multiplication to life with catchy music, rhythm and active challenges. Ask your child to teach you their favourite times-table routine!



FRENCH WITH K PSALMS • K PARLE!

Learn it. Speak it. Love it. A lively approach to French, using speaking, music and confidence-building. Try these greetings together at home!



FRENCH FAMILY CHALLENGE • PARLEZ FRANÇAIS!

Bonjour!	Hello!	bon-ZHOOR
Je m'appelle...	My name is...	zhuh mah-PELL
Ça va?	How are you?	sah VAH
Voici mon ami(e).	This is my friend.	vwa-SEE mon ah-MEE

10 minutes reading + 10 minutes maths + one new French sentence each evening = small habits, big confidence!