



February

Blake H, Rosie W

Lily A, Charlie S

Jack C, Seth N

Lola T, Lucy B

Emily C, Honey E

Charlie L, Brooke H

Henry S, Hilary B

Jack R, Ernie G

Luca W, Vinnie-Cavani

Ava B, Jude C

Isaac H, Jack Mc

Alex L

March

Alana P, Annie W-G

Zara S, Joseph C

Gabriel G, Tabitha G

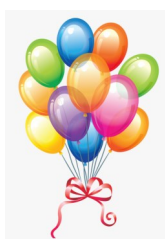
Joshua P, Nelly C-P

Bella R, Jax C

Oliver A, Ella B

Wren S, Annabelle C

Everly Mc-F, Paige H



Diary Dates

2nd March	Ash Wednesday/Lent begins
Wednesday 9th March	Year 1 & 3 to attend Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am. Parents welcome to join us.
11th March-19th March	British Science Week
Wednesday 16th March	Year 4 & 2 to attend Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am. Parents welcome to join us.
Wednesday 23rd March	Year 5 & Reception to attend Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am. Parents welcome to join
Wednesday 30th March	Year 6 & morning nursery to attend Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am. Parents welcome to join us.
Thursday 31st March	Year 4-Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Week Beginning 4th April	Easter bonnet parade-EYFS/KS1,
Monday 4th April	Parent's Evening 3.15-6pm
Tuesday 5th April	Parent's Evening 3.15-6pm Class photographs-all children to wear full winter uniform.
Wednesday 6th April	Mini Vinnies & Chaplaincy team to attend Mass at the Cathedral 9.30am. Parents wel-
11th April-22nd April Easter Holidays	Easter holidays

School lunches

If your child is currently having a school lunch and wants to move over to packed lunches then **two weeks notice needs to be given via the school office.**

(Not children telling their class teacher they have already changed!)

If you do not inform the office directly then you will still be charged on Parent Pay as we order the food two weeks in advance .

School Website

Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters and newsletters are easily accessible.

www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk

You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter: @StAugustinesSc1 and on our Facebook page:

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now in the season of Lent, a special time in the church's year where we prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was so overwhelming to be able to take the whole school to St Mary's Cathedral for Ash Wednesday Mass; the first time in over two years. The children behaved impeccably and we had beautiful messages from parishioners about how lovely it was to have the children present. Throughout Lent, we will be taking two classes per week to mass on a Wednesday morning; we would encourage you to meet us at the Cathedral when your child's class attends.



With the current situation in Ukraine I think we are ever more acutely aware of the need to join together and pray for peace in our world.



In school we have learned about the Ukrainian national flower which is the sunflower-a symbol of hope and positivity. Children are writing their own prayers for peace and we are displaying these on sunflower templates.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Mrs Rehbohm



The shape of things to come...

We have recently borrowed some Virtual Reality headsets to see how they could enhance our learning experiences-we loved them!

Year 4 were taken on a virtual aeroplane flight to Nepal where they followed their Sherpa (Miss Thompson) on an intrepid adventure along crevasses and precipices to eventually reach the virtual summit of Mount Everest. We used green screen technology to create photographs of ourselves with a mountain backdrop. This then inspired some truly creative writing.

We can't wait to own our own VR Headsets...arriving very soon!!

Attendance and Punctuality

You are reminded that school starts at 8:45am for children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Nursery starts at 8.30am.

Gates are open from 8:30am and are locked again at 8.50am.

Activities and learning begin across school at 8.30am; teachers set up early morning maths/English/handwriting. These early morning activities allow revision of facts and skills essential for 'sticky learning' (improving children's memories).

With all of the potential 'lost learning' children have experienced throughout the pandemic we are trying our very hardest to maximise every minute of time spent in school.

Reception	94.9%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	94.7%

Please continue to support us with our high expectations of attendance; our whole school attendance is currently at 95.1%, this remains below our target of 97%. Please try your hardest to ensure your child attends everyday of school on time.



Uniform

Thank you for continuing to support our school uniform expectations. Children continue to be in **full winter uniform**; this consists of a white shirt/blouse, school tie, green jumper, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or checked skirt/pinafore (Year 1-6).

Children should be in black school shoes each day, not trainers, with plain grey/white/green/black socks/tights.

Please note that **no jewellery** is permitted in school, all earrings must be removed.

We also ask that children do not wear make up or nail varnish for school.

There is an increasing number of children with lines/shapes shaved into their hair; this goes against our expected uniform standards and we ask that parents do not allow these hairstyles in school.

We have noticed how smart most children are on PE uniform days; I know that there were some concerns expressed by a few parents about the impact of wearing PE kits all day in school. We have found the benefits to be huge; children are not wasting time getting changed and we have much fewer lost items of clothing. Please note PE uniform consists of a white T shirt and plain black/grey/navy/green jogging bottoms/shorts. There is also a PE hoody available to buy from Lollipops. If you need any help with affording uniform please speak to Mrs Rehbohm or another member of the senior leadership team-we often have spare nearly new items available in school.



Mini Vinnies & Chaplaincy



Our KS2 Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy children have organised our Lent Called to Serve Project. During Lent, we are supporting Cafod's Ukraine Humanitarian Campaign. To support the campaign, we have a **Penny Pot appeal** where you can donate loose change during Lent. Please send **small change 1p, 2p, 5p** etc to school and we will forward your donations to Cafod. We are also supporting the work at St Mary's Cathedral. We are asking for **donations of non-perishable foods**. Could you spare a packet of rice, sugar, biscuits, tin of vegetables or fish or even a bottle of cooking oil? You can also **donate toiletries** for the homeless and refugees. If you are able to support those in greater need, please send your items to school during Lent.

The children have organised and delivered our travelling cross bags to each class. These will be sent home each evening to a child in every class: we hope you enjoy sharing the Easter message with your family. They have also set up beautiful prayer spaces in our chapel to support and inspire prayer and quiet reflection in school during this special time. Look out for updates and photographs on social media of the work Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy do to promote the Catholic Life of our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Mrs Nicholson



As always we have had a jam packed few weeks-Year 3 went to the Riverside to watch women's football-Spain V Germany-they got to open the match by holding the flags. Year 5/6 boys won a football tournament organised by our Trust coach against a group of other NPCAT schools-well done boys! Nursery have been roleplaying mass and practising responses-well done!

Year 3 and Year 1 are being super scientists-making exploding volcanoes and exploring taste when making fruit smoothies.

Even the staff have enjoyed getting involved this half term -they were very inventive on World Book Day...although I won't be letting Miss Trunchbull run the school again...she caused far too much chaos!

Please follow our Facebook & Twitter pages to see lots of photographs.