



### February

Pippa G, Blake H,

Rosie W, Sylvie D

Lily A, Charlie S

Jack C, Georgia M

Lola T, Lucy B

Charlie L,

Henry S, Hilary B

Jack R, Ernie G

Luca W, Vinnie-Cavani

Jude C, Isaac H,

Jack Mc, Vyataras M,

Alex L

### March

Alana P, Annie W-G

Zara S, Joseph C

Gabriel G, Tabitha G

Nelly C-P

Bella R, Jax C

Oliver A, Wren S,

Everly Mc-F, Paige H

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st March	Movie Night-Years 1-6
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day-children may come dressed as a book character or in pjs for a bedtime story!
Wednesday 8th March	Year 5 & Reception-Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am. Families welcome to join us at church.
10th March-19th March	British Science Week
<b>Monday 13th &amp; Tuesday 14th March</b>	<b>Parents Evenings-booking via Arbor app 3.15-6pm</b>
Wednesday 15th March	Year 6 & Nursery-Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am. Families welcome to join us at church.
Friday 17th March	Own Clothes Day-children to bring an easter egg to school for our easter raffle.
Wednesday 22nd March	Year 4 & Year 1-Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am. Families welcome to join us at church.
Monday 27th March	Easter Coffee Morning-Easter bonnet parade (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	<b>Whole Class Photographs plus updated website photography-all children to be in full winter uniform</b>
Wednesday 29th March	Year 3 & Year 2-Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am. Families welcome to join us at church.
Thursday 30th March	Rocksteady music concert-parents of those children involved welcome.
<b>3rd April-16th April Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Easter holidays</b>

### 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 .

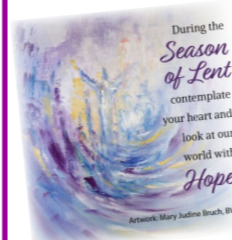
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Dear Parents & Carers,

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.

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.

Each year we are given lent to help us slow down and think a little about what's really important in our lives and reflect on our relationship with God.

It is a chance to assess what are the things that bring us closer to the person God wants us to be but also what is stopping us from being that person. This lent let's take God's invitation to look at our world and decide how we can make a positive difference to the world. What changes might we need to bring about to our lives, to our actions, the way we treat others, the things we do in order to help let our greatness blossom?

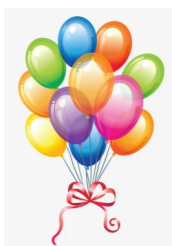
**"Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom"**  
**Nelson Mandela**

Mrs Rehbohm



### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Mr Macaulay in his new role as Deputy Director of Education for Middlesbrough Diocese. Mr Macaulay has worked at St Augustine's for 18 years and has always been truly passionate about our school family. His is an absolute advocate for Catholic education and his new role will allow him to work with schools right across our Diocese, supporting teachers in providing the very best for all children. Our school community will really miss Mr Macaulay but we know he will always be a part of our extended family and will remain in our prayers.



## 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%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
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.



**School Website** Please log on to our school website, all information, copies of letters and newsletters are easily accessible. [www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk](http://www.staugustines.npcat.org.uk)

You can also follow all our latest news on Twitter: [@StAugustinesSc1](https://twitter.com/StAugustinesSc1) and on our Facebook page:

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## Mini Vinnies & Chaplaincy



Our KS2 Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy children are organising our Lent Called to Serve Project. During Lent, we are supporting Cafod's Earthquake 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**



We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character or can come in their comfortable pyjamas ready for a day of storytelling!



As always we have had a jam packed few weeks.

Year 3 have been tinkering with Scratch in their Computing lessons whilst Year 6 used Bandlab for Education during music. Year 2 explored Captain Cook's ship and Australia using our amazing VR Headsets.

Years 2 and 5 have enjoyed exploring nutrition in DT-making different flat breads, salads and pitta crisps.

Year 5 have also investigated how to keep safe on the roads by designing their own safety belts. Year 4 have loved learning about traditional Kente cloth and the work of Ghanaian artist, Gilbert Ahiagble. They learned to tie dye and explored geometric patterns.

Year 6 became super scientists-dissecting hearts and creating YouTube videos to explain the circulatory system whilst Year 1 have been busy investigating transparent and opaque materials.

Early Years have had lots of fun at their Stay & Play sessions joined by our wonderful parents and carers. They have also really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. Please follow our Facebook & Twitter pages to see lots of photographs.