



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School



## Autumn Term 2024-25

### Curriculum Newsletter

**Year Group: Nursery**


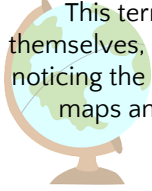
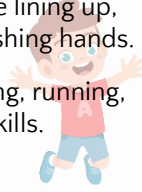


**Staff: Mrs McKeown, Mrs Severn,  
Mrs Goddard and Mrs Raynor**

**Welcome back!**



Welcome to our new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We would like to send a warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us in Nursery this term. It is wonderful to have you join the St Augustine's family and we are excited to watch your children grow as they begin their learning journey. All of the children in Nursery have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled into their new class and routine very well. There are a few key dates to be aware of this term so please take the time to look at the diary at the end of this newsletter.

# Curriculum

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Nursery children will soon be bringing books home. Each Thursday they will bring home a book to share with you and an exercise book. We would like the child to record in the exercise book something from the book they enjoyed. They may wish to draw a character or their favourite part of the story. Please return these on a Tuesday so that your child can share their work with their friends.</p> <p>In EYFS, we really try to encourage reading for pleasure. Children get so much out of listening to a story and looking at the pictures.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Education</b></p> <p>Our first topic this term is 'Myself'. We focus on what makes us precious and that God loves each of us. We then move onto our next topic 'Welcome'. During this topic we focus on being welcomed into the church.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Understanding the World</b></p> <p>This term the children will be learning about themselves, exploring the natural world around them, noticing the changes to the seasons, exploring simple maps and learning about floating and sinking.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Writing</b></p> <p>In Nursery, we will be spending lots of time mark making and talking about the marks we make.</p> <p>We will be using a variety of writing materials including chalk, pens, pencils and paint.</p> <p>Through daily fine motor activities, children will strengthen the muscles within their arms, wrists and hands, which will strengthen their muscles and provide the foundations to help with their pencil grip.</p> <p>Activities include, threading, pinching with tweezers, winding bobbins, play-doh, big arm movements through twirling ribbons and painting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p>This term, Nursery will be learning the skills to manage the school day. These include lining up, managing the toilet independently, washing hands.</p> <p>We will also be developing our jumping, running, rolling, crawling and hopping skills.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> <p>We will be learning about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and exploring colour mixing and mark making. We will also be spending time singing songs and rhymes working on pitch and melody.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>During the Autumn Term we focus on colours, matching, sorting, subitising (recognising an amount without counting) and exploring the numbers 1-3 in great depth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little Wandle Phonics</b></p> <p>In Nursery, we will be providing the foundations to support children on their reading journey. We will be working through 'Foundations for Phonics' which will focus on developing the children's speaking and listening skills. These skills are fundamental in creating the foundations for your child to become a life-long reader.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal, Social and Emotional</b></p> <p>In Nursery, we will be focussing on settling in, taking turns, sharing fairly with others, forming good relationships with peers and adults.</p>

# Parents' Information Page

## Eddy the Teddy

Starting soon, each week, one child will be chosen to take Eddy the Teddy home for the weekend. Eddy will come with a diary for your child to record their adventures in. Adventures can include, visiting a local park, reading a story together, baking etc. Your child will then share their adventures with their friends in school on the following Monday.



## Snack & Water Bottles

School will provide a fruit or veg snack daily.

Water bottles should only contain water. Please no fruit juice, fizzy drinks



## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Breakfast and a Book** – We would like to invite you to our first breakfast and a book event where you can share a book and a light snack with your child. You can come in with your child from **8:30am** and are welcome to stay until **9:30am**.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Family Mass 10am**

**26<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November inclusive– Half term**  
**(school closed)**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Stay and Play** – We will be hosting our first stay and play of the year where you will be invited to get involved with some activities in our classroom with your child. You can come in with your child from **10:30am** and are welcome to stay until **11:30am**.

# Uniform

Everyone is looking extremely smart in their green St Augustine's uniform! Please make sure your child's name is in **every** item of clothing, coat, shoes etc.

Children in Nursery can also wear joggers or leggings, as these are easier for the children to manage independently when using the toilet. They are also much more comfortable when exploring the outside area.