



Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and busy week it has been in school! The children are now settled into their routines and it is wonderful to hear the buzz of excitement for learning across the school.

Family Mass

Reminder: Our first Family Mass of the school year will take place on Sunday 5th October at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral. We would love to see as many families as possible joining us. As always, children are invited to volunteer as readers or to take part in the offertory procession. All children are welcome to sit with staff during the Mass if they wish but parents/carers must remain in the cathedral for the duration.

Year 5 & 6 Football Success!

This week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 boys took part in the first NPCAT sporting competition of the year. Our talented footballers represented the school brilliantly in a tournament at Phoenix Park, T6 Football Academy, finishing 2nd in the plate. A huge well done to all the boys – we are extremely proud not only of your performance on the pitch, but also of the fantastic sportsmanship you showed throughout the event.

EYFS Breakfast with a Book

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our EYFS 'Breakfast with a Book' session this week. It was wonderful to welcome you into school and see you sharing stories with the children in their classrooms. Reading together is such a valuable experience, it not only develops early language and listening skills but also sparks imagination, builds concentration, and fosters a lifelong love of books. We are so grateful for your support and look forward to welcoming you to future sessions.

Exciting Educational Visits & Residentials

Our teachers have already been busy planning a number of exciting educational visits and residentials for the year ahead. To help us gauge interest, several Google Forms have been sent out via Arbor, please do take a few moments to respond, as these wonderful opportunities can only go ahead if we have enough participants.

Serve the Lord in gladness

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We truly value these experiences, as they enrich learning and create memories that last a lifetime. We also understand that cost can sometimes be a barrier and we don't want any child to miss out. If this is ever the case, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Dunning, who will do all she can to help and support.

★ Attendance ★

Our whole school attendance last week was a fantastic **97%**. This reflects the wonderful commitment of our families in supporting their children's education. Thank you for working with us to ensure that every day counts as we aim for our Trust target of 97% and above.

This week the classes with the highest attendance were:

★ Year 3 – 99%

★ Year 5 – 99%

★ Year 6 – 99%

Year 4 and Year 2 were hot the heels of those classes with a fabulous 98%!

A huge well done to you all! Let's see which classes can top the chart next week!

✉ Leave of Absence ✉

If you know your child is going to be absent from school for any reason other than medical or illness absence, please complete a leave of absence request from at least 20 days before the planned absence or as soon as possible. Any supporting evidence must be submitted with the leave of absence form. Leave of absence will only be authorised if exceptional circumstances are found.

🛴 Scooters & Bikes 🚲

It is great to see so many pupils coming to school on a scooter or bike. A reminder that there are 2 bike sheds near to the nursery side of school where bikes and scooters can be stored. E-Scooters are not allowed on school grounds. For health and safety reasons and to avoid accidents, children must not ride their bike or scooter on school grounds. We appreciate your support with this.

👁 Supervision of Pupils in the School Yard 👁

To avoid any accidents, please make sure that your child does not use the play equipment in the school yard before or after school. We have also had a few children

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sliding down the St Augustine's sign behind the trim trail outside of the Year 1 and 2 classroom. Please make sure your child does not do this. Balls and the football nets should also not be used before or after school.

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children come to school in the correct uniform. There have been some questions surrounding the school PE kit. To clarify, short, lycra shorts are not part of school uniform and should not be worn for school. Trainers should be black or white and only worn on PE days. Your child's class teacher will be able to answer any questions you may have about school uniform.

 We now have a small preloved uniform rail located in the main entrance. Please take what you need. If you need any help with school uniform, please speak with a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Staffing Update

After 25 years of working at St Augustine's, we are sad to let you know that Mrs Laden has decided to retire and will leave us at the end of October half term. Mrs Laden has been associated with St Augustine's for more than 25 years as her children attended the school. We would like to thank Mrs Laden for her years of service and dedication to our school and to Catholic Education and wish her well for a long and happy retirement.

Key Dates

Attached is a list of important dates for this term to help you keep track of all the exciting events and celebrations. We'd love to see as many families as possible joining us! Dates will be updated each week, so please keep an eye out.

As a school family, we are reminded of the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta:

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

We truly appreciate the support of all our families; by working together, we can achieve amazing things for our children.

We hope you have a lovely week ahead.

Kind regards,

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