



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter



Dates for your diary

Please also take a look at our online school calendar for upcoming events.

Friday 19th September-

International Day of Peace -
Prayer in Class

Wednesday 24th September-

Family Group Day- letter to follow

Thursday 2nd October-

Nursery and Reception parent's coffee morning- all welcome 9am

Wednesday 15th October-

9am - Reception Parent Workshop – Maths

Friday 17th October-

9:15am – Father Dominic to visit Nursery & Reception

Wednesday 22nd October-

(3:45-7:15pm)- Nursery and Reception Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd October-

MAC Event All Years

Friday 24th October-

MAC INSET Day

Tuesday 11th November-

Remembrance / All Souls

Friday 14th November-

School Photographs

Friday 21st November-

Nursery and Reception 'A Meal Fit for a King' 2:30-3:25pm

Friday 28th November -

St Andrew's Day NUD

Thursday 11th December-

EYFS Christmas Play (9:30am & 2:15pm)

16th/17th/18th December-

EYFS Christmas Workshops

Friday 19th December-

NUD & Christmas parties

Our Message

The children have had a busy and exciting start to the term, and they are now beginning to settle beautifully into the routines of our EYFS classroom. They are an absolute delight and have already been engaged in so many activities. Through our theme of 'Myself', we are beginning to explore new routines, make new friends, and get to know the grown-ups who will be helping us this year. Each day, we are also learning to use kind hands, kind words, and kind feet so that everyone feels happy and safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Your EYFS Team

What We Will Be Learning

During the Autumn Term the children's learning in Nursery & Reception will be based on the following key question: 'What amazing things can we do now?'

We will be learning about how we grow and use our mark making in Nursery and our phonics in Reception to learn about and label the parts of our body. The children will be exploring timelines through sequencing pictures of people growing and looking at key features. We will be exploring farm animals, colours and our environment through the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What can you see?' by Bill Martin Jnr/Eric Carle. The children will explore our school grounds by talking binoculars on a walk and describing what they can see. We will then explore the book 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?' By Bill Martin Jnr/Eric Carle and this time the focus will be what the children can hear and this will be linked into the children's phonic learning. They will also explore zoo animals. To also support the children's phonic learning, they will be learning about various rhyming books from the author Julia Donaldson such as 'What the Ladybird heard', 'Rhyming Rabbit', 'Sharing a Shell' (Reception), 'A Squash & a Squeeze'.

Our current theme of *animals* leads us into our topics for the remainder of this term: farm animals, explored through Rod Campbell's book *Farm 1,2,3*, and the Christmas Story. Over the coming weeks, the children will be learning about different farm animals by sharing stories, songs, and non-fiction books. They will explore how animals grow and what they need to live. In maths we will be investigating patterns, sizes, and counting animals using the language of more and less.

We will then build on this work by linking our learning about animals to the Christmas Story. The children will be encouraged to think about how we prepare for birthdays, connecting this to the season of Advent and reflecting on how we can prepare ourselves for Jesus' birthday.

Please take a look at our Class Page on the School Website, where you'll find more information about the curriculum along with useful links and resources.

CST - Family and Communities

Virtues - Eloquent and Truthful

Pupils are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Reminders



Please can we remind you not to send in sweets or cakes for your child's birthday due to allergies that we have in class. We can assure you that we will make their birthday special and celebrate it with their friends. Your child will be able to choose a small gift from our birthday box.

Now the weather is colder (and wetter!) please ensure that your child has a coat and a pair of wellies in school each day. All school coats must be **navy blue or black**.

- Please ensure that your child's clothing is **clearly labelled**.
- Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle which has their name on it and has only **water** in it.
- no earrings or jewellery to be worn to school

Reading



Reception will begin to bring picture books home as the start of their reading journey. We ask you to share these with your child to support their learning in school, discussing characters' feelings, what might happen next etc.

Over the year Nursery children will follow the 'Little Wandle' programme and learn a variety of nursery rhymes which they will use to develop essential early literacy skills in school. Look out for them as they come home so you can share them together.

Health & Safety Notices

Equipment set up in the outside area

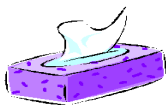
The outside area is part of our classroom and is set up with the resources needed for the activities that day, please ensure the children don't use these before school.

Play equipment

The children are really enjoying the play equipment during the day. However, for the safety of the children, please could you ensure they are not using this equipment before or after school – we are not insured during these times to use it.

That time of the year!

It is that time of the year again when coughs and colds are with us. We encourage the children to use tissues, throw them in the bin when they have used them and then wash their hands. As you can imagine we do get through a lot of tissues, if you can bring in a box of tissues it will really help us reduce the spread of coughs and colds.



Early years foundation stage fund

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed so far to the fund. This year we are planning to use the EYFS fund to enhance the children's curriculum experiences by inviting visitors into the school and funding cooking and expendable materials. If you have not paid the fund yet, then please make payment on parent pay. Thank you. Further details regarding trips and visitors will follow throughout the year in EYFS newsletters.

We love and learn together by growing in friendship with Jesus

As your child continues their journey with us, do send in 'wow' cards to celebrate those special wow moments that you see at home and we welcome sharing. There are always spare cards on the information board inside the Nursery and Reception cloakroom, or just ask a member of staff.

We also have 'prayer cards' for times when you may need us to pray for someone close to your child and family.

We thank you for your continued support and if you have any concerns or questions at any time, do ask a member of staff who will be able to help you.