



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you to everyone who was present at the Year 6 meeting last night. The focus was on the Sacramental programme, which is established through a partnership of home, school and parish in order to fully prepare and support the children throughout this important year. The second part was linked to the Manor Adventure Residential.

Here are some key notes from the meeting that took place, indicating the school's commitment to supporting your child and the commitment we are expecting from our families.

Journey of Faith

- You chose to have your child baptised, where they were welcomed into the church.
- They strengthened their faith through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- They will become full members of the Church, by making their Confirmation.

Catholic Life

- **Catholic Pupil Profile** – we continue to follow the Diocesan guidance on living out the Virtues each day and learn a new pair of Virtues every half term, identifying them in the children. This half term we are growing to be *Curious and Active*.
- **Catholic Social Teaching** – these are 7 principals that we are following, an initiative from the Diocese, helping the children to stand in solidarity together and make a positive difference to the world in which we live. Across the year we will learn about *Stewardship of God's Creation* and this half term the focus is *Family and Community*.
- **Children's Charter** – these are a set of principles written by our MAC leaders with input from all our schools. They link in beautifully with our Virtues and Catholic Social Teaching. It outlines the offer of all schools within the MAC and sits at the heart of our mission to provide high quality Catholic education for all our pupils. The display board at the back of the hall shows how we are embracing the Charter. The link to the [flip chart](#) shows you the content of the Children's Charter.

RE Curriculum coverage

- Sacrament of Confirmation – this is a Sacrament of initiation, when God the Father comes down on the children in the form of the Holy Spirit.
- Year 6 were introduced to their Class Vocational Statement at the start of the academic year and will continue deepening their understanding of this within lessons - ***God made me and called me to be a witness for Him in this world.***
- The RE scheme is followed and will cover the units below:
 - Followers of Christ
 - Baptism & Confirmation – celebrations of the Holy Spirit (please try to source pictures of the children's Baptism, as it will be required during the time they study this aspect).
 - Pentecost
 - Belonging to the Church Community





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Key Dates

- **Enrolment Mass – Sunday 29th September 2024** at 9am - St Augustine's Church – school winter uniform to be worn (shirt and tie). No leaver's hoodies to be worn to Mass. All children to attend.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday 25th June 2025** at 6:30pm with Bishop David Evans.
 - The children will all be seated next to their sponsor together on the front benches, facing the altar.
 - The remaining benches in the church will be available for family members (parents, siblings and potentially grandparents). There will be limited seating due to the number of candidates for Confirmation from both the school and Parish. We cannot guarantee for family members to be seated together.
 - All children are to wear their winter uniform (shirt and tie) for their Confirmation Mass. No leaver's hoodies within Church.
 - A professional photographer has been booked to take a group photograph at the end of the service.
 - For family members who live abroad or are unable to attend, please remind them about the livestream service that is available.

During the meeting a **commitment form** (also at the bottom of the letter) was issued. A paper copy will come home with children today for those unable to attend, along with all other relevant paperwork. Please can all paperwork be returned by **Monday 23rd September**.

Manor Adventure

- The purpose of the course is to develop each child's social and inter personal skills as well as confidence by completing activities they would not normally do.
- Manor Adventure is situated in the South Shropshire Countryside between Ludlow and Shrewsbury.
- The date for Manor Adventure is **3rd–7th February 2025**. Children will need a packed lunch on the day.
- We will depart by coach in the afternoon of the 3rd February.
- The class will reside in a lodge, which will be exclusive to our school. The rooms can accommodate up to 4 children and each has an ensuite.
- The Manor building is where the children will go to have their meals and complete any of the indoor activities e.g. quiz or disco. A huge variety of food is available for each meal and all allergens are catered for. Children will be offered a full fry up each morning too!
- A typical day involves wake up at 7:30am, breakfast around 8am and 5 activities (each 1.5 hours). There is a morning break, lunch break and evening meal, but the day is very busy.
- Examples of the activities they may do include; survival skills, blind trail, biking, obstacle course, rock climbing, canoes, kayaking, abseiling, archery, camping skills, crate stacking, indoor bouldering and a night walk.
- Please encourage the children to do their own packing as that always eases the process for returning.
- Plenty of old clothes to be worn for activities. A kit list has been provided.
- All medication is to be labelled and a small amount of pocket money will be allowed.
- No electronics permitted. We encourage the children to play card games, board games or play outside during their free time. They are free to bring some games with them.





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- The final cost of the trip will be issued onto ParentPay as we await the outcome of the coach cost. School will subsidise £100 per child from the Sports Premium budget, reducing the cost to **approximately £300**. Anyone who is Pupil Premium eligible will not need to pay for the trip and this will be indicated on ParentPay.
- A **£50 deposit is required by Monday 30th September**. Any further payments can be made in instalments with the **final balance to be paid by Friday 10th January 2025**.

Further information or forms will be issued closer to the time and we ask that all will paperwork is returned as soon as possible. This helps to make the trip run as smoothly as possible.

If you have any further queries, please feel free to make contact with the class teacher in the first instance.

We thank you for your continued support, for the input from Fr Dominic, Deacon Kevin, Miss Brennan and Miss Harwood and we look forward to working with you over the coming year, as the children embark on their very special Sacrament.

Prayer for the Confirmandi

Please continue to pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as they continue along their journey of faith.

Come Holy Spirit
Fill the hearts of your faithful.
Enkindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you will renew
the face of the earth. Amen

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher



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Year 6 Sacramental Programme

School's Commitment

As a Catholic school, we commit ourselves to working in partnership with you and St Augustine's Parish.
Across the year we will:

- Plan and deliver a curriculum to inspire and prepare the children for Confirmation.
- Work with Fr Dominic and Deacon Kevin to help deepen their understanding of their commitment.
- Provide the children with the opportunity for prayer and reflection across the year – Retreat Days, Masses, visitors and trips.
- Enable the children to research their chosen Saint - role model in their lives who they can aspire to become.
- Invite Bishop David into school to meet the children.
- Arrange and prepare the children for Masses, including their Sacrament.
- Provide children with linked homework.
- Support the children with completing their Sacramental work.

Family Commitment – supporting your child's Sacramental journey

In order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask for your commitment alongside your child to do the following:

- Regularly attending Mass, either as a family or enabling the children to show their own commitment by going to Mass by themselves.
- Talk to your child about their homework/research, especially their Saint – what makes their Saint so special?
- Help your child to learn new prayers; including the prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- Attend the Year 6 Mass of Enrolment.
- Help them to choose a Sponsor – someone that is a practising Catholic and a role model to them.
- Complete all paperwork on time – forms/slips that will need to be returned.
- Attend the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name	Signature
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Pupil name:	
Parent/Guardian name (s):	

