



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

*Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley*



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Monday 1st September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break. We received so many lovely gifts and cards at the end of the last academic year; we thank you once again for your kind words, thoughtfulness and generosity. All staff have been completing Phonics update training and Colourful Semantics training, along with statutory Safeguarding, anaphylaxis, asthma and epilepsy training.

On Wednesday, we will be welcoming children from Years 1-6 back into school, through the usual route via the blue gate. I will be by the gate and staff will be on the playground and pupil entrances for the children to make their own way into their classroom. Our new Reception children also have a 'stay and play' session tomorrow and information has been shared linked to their schedule over the coming days. Staff within Nursery are carrying out home visits and we look forward to Nursery children having their 'stay & play' sessions on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

We have a number of new children joining us in other year groups and welcome a team of new staff; Miss Irving (Year 2 Class teacher), Miss Goldingay (Reception TA), Mrs Wager (Year 1 TA), Mrs Sagu (Yr3 SEND support) and Miss Lau (Yr6 SEND support). I am sure you will give them a warm welcome and we wish them every success in their new roles.

Over the summer, painting has taken place in the main hall. We thank Mr Gaughan for this amazing work. We also have the mural finished in the library, so final arrangements will be in place to position and secure the shelving units. Upgrades have taken place on staff devices to ensure they are Windows 11 compatible and the 20 x new pupil laptops have arrived and are ready for use (with thanks to the PA for the £8,000 funding for these).

## **Arrival and collection**

School gates are open each morning from 8:45am. If you arrive before this time, please ensure that children are kept next to their adult, no running around the car park area or on the school path, as there have been a number of children falling and hurting themselves. Children arriving after 8:55am will be deemed as late, as this is when registration takes place. An alarm sounding will take place to indicate this time and the pedestrian gates will close. Please use the digital entry system in the entrance foyer to sign your child in if they are late arriving. There is an alarm sounding to indicate the end of day for the main school. Collection for Nursery children when they start properly is at 11:50am, 2:50pm or 3:20pm, prior to the rest of the school coming out onto the playground at 3:25pm. As always, if there is a change to any pick up arrangements, please place a note into the children's home school link book, or notify the office staff in the morning. **Afternoon messages to the office are not guaranteed to reach the member of staff due to teaching commitments, so any child who is not collected from the playground will be brought to the office. Any late messages can be checked by staff then.** Regular late collections can generate charges. Your child should be signed out via the digital entry system if they are picked up late from school or are leaving for a sport event or medical appointment.

## **Reminders**

- Please label all of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers/cardigans and coats.
- Summer uniform can be worn in September. Winter uniform (shirt and tie) from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- Black/navy coats only or school blazers.
- Children in Years 1-6 will be able to come to school in their PE kits (plain navy shorts/plain navy tracksuit bottoms and yellow t-shirt) on their PE day. School jumpers/cardigans can also be worn with their PE kits.



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- PE days were issued in our last newsletter in the summer term and a timetable will be placed on the class page on the website. (No PE this week for any class)
- **No earrings or jewellery permitted.**
- **No mobile phones** for pupils are permitted to be brought into school, as we are a Smartphone Free School.
- Long hair is to be tied up. No large bows, only school colour clips/small bows. No lines or extreme shaving.
- Healthy snacks to be brought in for KS2 children. No morning snacks are required for infants, as these are provided.
- We are a **nut aware school** – please respect this as we have children with severe allergies.
- No sweets/treats to be brought into school as part of birthday celebrations, due to children with allergies.
- We have supplied children with their books and stationary; no pencil cases are required. Children may need to buy their own replacement pens/pencils/glue sticks/white board pens across the year.
- After school clubs will start next week. Full details of this will be with you as soon as we have finalised the timetable.

I would like to say thank you to all of our staff. They have worked hard to ensure the classrooms are ready to welcome the children, having their work on display and enabling a smooth transition back to school. It is a real privilege to serve St Augustine's and work with such a dedicated team who follow our mission every day, 'we love and learn together by growing in friendship with Jesus'.

I will hold a special welcome back to school assembly for children in Years 1-6, where we will celebrate the upcoming Feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, learn about our Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues (Eloquent and Truthful) for this half term and have a reminder about school rules and safety. We will also talk about ways in which the children will try to follow Jesus' example, learn how we can live out the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and continue to aspire to all aspects of our MAC Children's Charter. This Friday, we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady, completing MAC related activities and celebrating Mass (Years 1-6) with Fr Dominic at 9:15am – family members are most welcome to join us. A reminder that parking is not available outside school, but free car parking is available by Tudor Grange Pitch and Putt.

Children will have an opportunity to become a leader within school. We wish every child who puts themselves forward for a role the very best of luck to become; Family leaders (Year 6 only), RE Council, School Council, Digital Leaders, Reading Council and ECO Council. We will also have a new Chaplaincy Team, which will be run by Miss Saddington.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be holding Parental meetings to provide additional information regarding your child's learning for the year. We look forward to welcoming you into school. A reminder of the dates are as follows:

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	2:50 – 3:20pm	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	2:50 – 3:20pm	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	6-7pm	Year 3 Sacramental and Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	2:50 – 3:20pm	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	2:50 – 3:20pm	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	6-7:15pm	Year 6 Sacrament, Curriculum & Manor Adventure Meeting



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Year 4 will start swimming on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and recorder lessons on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure you check your ParentPay account to make a payment for your child to have their own recorder. This is for hygiene purposes and also enables each pupil to practice at home.

Our newsletter will resume on Friday next week. Homework and reading books etc. will go home on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, to be returned Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Wishing everyone a successful new academic year!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Foley  
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