



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs J Foley



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in friendship with Jesus**

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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. I would like to say thank you to all of our staff, who have worked hard to ensure the classrooms are ready to welcome the children back today, especially as many have moved to a new classroom! 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'.

We have a number of new children joining us in other year groups and we welcome a team of new staff; Miss Stevens (Nursery TA), Mrs Roth-Garai (EYFS SEND TA) and Ms Briody (Year 1 Class teacher). I am sure you will give them a warm welcome as we wish them every success in their new roles.

Today, we welcomed children from Years 1-6 back into school. It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 1 children walking independently to their classrooms. Miss Harwood and Mrs Sullivan were on hand to help them find their lockers and coat pegs when they got into school. The rest of the school were equally fantastic and successfully made it to the right classroom!

I held a special assembly this morning, where we reflected on our OLAAS MAC Family, learnt our Virtues for the half term (Compassionate and Loving), talked about ways in which we can live out the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and how we aspire to complete all aspects of our MAC Children's Charter. The children learnt about the upcoming Feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and were reminded about our school rule 'Being Great for God'. **This Friday, we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady, completing MAC related activities and celebrating Mass (Years 1-6) in school 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.

Our Reception children came in to enjoy a 'stay and play' session this morning. Children are split into two groups for their Induction. This week, staff within Nursery are carrying out home visits and we look forward to Nursery children having their 'stay & play' sessions on Monday 7th September. A reminder that no Reception children are in on this day.

Over the summer, we have migrated to a new cloud-based network and so it is taking us a little longer than expected to adapt to the new way of working! All iPads and school laptops/desktops have been rebuilt to link onto our new tenant, so this will also mean new log in details for pupils – which they will be given during their first IT lesson. The final installation of the blinds took place in the offices and Sunshine room (thank you for the PA for funding this). School has purchased new carpets in the Garden room and the prayer space next to the library, including the staircase.

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 an adult, no running around the car park area or on the school path. An alarm sounding will take place at 8:55am to indicate the time for the pedestrian gates to close; children are late at this point, due to registration taking place. Please can an adult use the digital entry system in the entrance foyer to sign your child in if they are late.

An alarm sounds to indicate the end of day for the main school. Collection for Nursery children when they start properly is at 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



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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 Thursday 1st October.
- Black/navy coats should be worn or the optional school blazer.
- Children are to come to school wearing their school uniform each day.
- PE kits (plain navy shorts/plain navy tracksuit bottoms, yellow t-shirt and trainers) are to be brought into school next Monday and can be left in a PE bag on their coat peg or locker. Children will change into their PE kits on their PE day and will no longer arrive to school wearing their PE kit. PE days are subject to change.
- **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. Families may need to buy children their own replacement pens/pencils/glue sticks/white board pens across the year.
- **After school clubs will start next week.** Solihull Moors (Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm) and Stardust (Thursday 3:30-4:30pm). Cooking starts w/b 14th September (Monday's). All details linked to how you can book onto the classes will be issued by this Friday. Stardust is on the website already.

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), School Council, Reading Council and ECO Team. The same GIFT team will continue this year with Miss Saddington.

A reminder that we are holding Parental Curriculum meetings to provide additional information regarding your child's learning for the year and to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom. We look forward to welcoming you into school:

- Yr2 Curriculum meeting 2:50pm - Thursday 3rd September (Mrs Glembka)
- Yr3 Curriculum meeting 2:50pm - Friday 4th September (Miss Saddington)
- Yr4 Curriculum meeting 2:50pm - Monday 7th September (Mrs Welch & Mrs Griffiths)
- Yr1 Curriculum meeting 2:50pm - Wednesday 9th September (Ms Briony)
- Yr5 Curriculum meeting 2:50pm - Thursday 10th September (Mrs Spillane & Mrs Doherty)

The following evening meetings are in place in the Sunshine Room, as Fr Dominic will join us too:



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- Yr6 Confirmation, Curriculum & Manor Adventure meeting 6pm - Thursday 24th September (Mr Cunningham)
- Yr3 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion meeting 6pm - Tuesday 6th October (Miss Saddington)

Year 4 will start swimming on Monday 7th September, departing school at 1pm.

Our newsletter will resume on Friday next week. Homework and reading books etc. will go home on Wednesday 9th September, to be returned Monday 14th September.

Our expectations regarding behaviour, attendance and uniform remain unchanged. We continue to expect the highest standards for all pupils which will help to prepare them for each next step on their educational journey. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing everyone a successful academic year!

Yours sincerely

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