



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 on Thursday. 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. We also covered Yr6 curriculum, SATS and 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

- **Diocesan Mission** - Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice. We will teach the children this alongside our own mission statement.
- **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 *Compassionate & Loving*.
- **Catholic Social Teaching** – these are 7 principles 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 link to the [flip chart](#) shows you the content of the Children's Charter, which is also on our school website.

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.***
- There is a new RE scheme, called Discerning Disciples, which began in September 2026. There are 6 Branches that are taught within this scheme and additional lessons are taught in the year specifically focusing on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Session 1 – The Holy Spirit in Scripture	Session 4 – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Session 2 – Who Is the Holy Spirit?	Session 5 – The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
Session 3 – Pentecost and the Birth of the Church	Session 6 – Signs and Symbols of Confirmation



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Key Dates

- **Enrolment Mass – Sunday 4th October 2026** 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 16th June 2027** at 6:30pm with Archbishop Bernard Longley.
 - 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.
 - 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 from school and home** was discussed. A paper copy will come home with children today. For those unable to attend, the pack issued will be sent home too. Please can the commitment form be returned by **Monday 28th September**.

Curriculum

English and Maths topics, along with recommended reads for Year 6 were shared. This term the children are being immersed in their History topic and we know they will enjoy dressing up in the era of WW2, Monday 5th October. We are looking forward to seeing their outfits and thank you in advance for supporting them with this day.

There was also an emphasis on online safety, how we cover areas in school, but also to raise your awareness of keeping your children safe in this fast-paced digital world. Our school is accredited 'Gold' as a Smart phone free school. As parents, we are all learning, but it is the children who are navigating this digital age with confidence and outsmarting their parents...even when controls are set. We appreciate that it is easy nowadays for children to be gifted an 'old' smartphone, but please do take the time to consider the impact it can have. The longer you as parents can keep your child away from a smart phone, the better. It is hoped that as a collective group of parents, you can work together to avoid the purchasing of smart phones for the Year 6 pupils this Christmas. If you all stick together, it makes it easier.

SATS (10th – 13th May 2027)

These are statutory exams for the end of Key Stage 2. Mr Cunningham and Mr Crooks have already started with some smaller group interventions to aid with targeted teaching. These will be fluid and rotate, based on areas of common misconceptions/closing the gap. Across the year, children will complete practice papers in class and we will conduct 'mock' exams, so that they are less anxious for the real SATS. We ask for you to assist with their homework tasks and to make a parental contribution towards their CGP papers. We will talk to the children about them doing their personal best and how it is not a competition with others. Their results are given to school in July, secondary school offers are made in April, so it has no bearing on their school place.



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Manor Adventure

- The purpose of the course is to develop each child's social and interpersonal 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 **8th – 12th February 2027**. Children will need a packed lunch on the day, as we will depart by coach in the afternoon.
- 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. The day is busy, but some down time between activities.
- 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.
- The final cost of the trip will be issued onto ParentPay. School will subsidise some money per child from the Sports Premium budget, reducing the cost to **£390**. Anyone who is Pupil Premium eligible will not need to pay for the trip and this will be indicated on ParentPay.
- **A £100 deposit is required by Friday 2nd October 2026**. Any further payments can be made in instalments with the **final balance to be paid by Friday 8th January 2027**.

Further information and forms will be issued closer to the time and we ask that all 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, Mr Cunningham and Miss Harwood. We look forward to working with you over the coming year, as the children embark on their very special Sacrament and final academic year at St Augustine's.

Yours sincerely

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Year 6 Sacramental Programme

School's Commitment

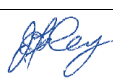
As a Catholic school, we commit ourselves to working in partnership with you and St Augustine's Parish. Across the year we will:

- 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 and projects to support with preparation.
- 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.
- Attend the Sacramental workshops that will be held in school in the Spring and Summer Term.
- 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):	



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