



"Created by God to love and learn"

NEWSLETTER 1

15.9.23

Violence, abuse and threatening behaviour against school staff or other members of the school community will not be tolerated

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our children, parents and families. A special welcome to our new Reception starters and all of our new children who joined us this September. We are all incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in. It has been lovely to see all their smiling faces again.

We have another exciting and busy year ahead, so please do check the calendar below and your messages from school to keep up with diary dates and new after-school clubs. This newsletter is produced fortnightly and is our main channel of communication, along with letters, texts and emails. Emails and texts are sent as reminders for upcoming events – we do try very hard to give parents adequate notice.



The new term is only two weeks old but already Ash class are settling in well and by next week will have completed their induction. Elm, Maple, Willow, Hazel, Birch and Oak classes all enjoyed a fabulous (and hot!) day at beautiful St Fagan's in Wales. The children visited the various historical houses and will use the trip as a stimulus for their 'Big Write' on the theme of **Time Travel**. For more photos, click on our Instagram page here:

www.instagram.com/staugustinesprimary (you may need to copy and paste the link into your browser).

St Fagan's is free, and open to all to visit. Follow this link to their website for more details: [St Fagans National Museum of History | Museum Wales](https://www.stfagansnationalmuseumofhistory.co.uk/)



Finally, a reminder that in the mornings you can walk your child round to the rear door of the building if you wish. This is a return to our pre-Covid arrangement. **Please note that adults cannot enter the building without supervision for safeguarding reasons.**

With very best wishes,



Mr Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher

When are my child's PE days?

Ash (Reception): Mondays and Thursdays

Elm (Year 1): Wednesdays* and Fridays

Maple (Year 2): Tuesdays and Wednesdays*

Willow (Year 3): Tuesdays* and Thursdays

Hazel (Year 4): Mondays and Fridays

Birch (Year 5): Tuesdays* and Thursdays

Oak (Year 6): Thursdays* (Double PE) **These lessons are taught by our professional PE coaches from Signature Sports*

Parking around the school.

Some of the residents on Boscombe Crescent have approached us to ask parents to be more considerate when parking for drop-off/pick up. The double yellow lines show that there is no parking at any time. Please respect our neighbours, who are finding themselves boxed in. Some of the residents have critically ill family and need to be able to leave quickly.

Furthermore, please do not park in the bus layby outside school. This is for coaches and other vehicles and must be kept clear. We are fortunate that there is ample parking in car parks either side of the church or on side streets away from yellow lines.



Homework expectations:

In the initial weeks, we allow time for the children to settle into school and become used to their new class and routines. Homework is designed to support learning and is comprised of activities that you could expect to undertake with your child anyway:

- 1) **Frequent reading, daily if possible** – please listen to your child read and note in their reading record. You can start this when your child receives his/her reading book and reading record.
- 2) **Weekly spelling tests** – spelling lists will be given out soon, to be tested every Friday.
- 3) **Maths** – children in Years 1-6 will soon be set up on our 'My Maths' portal, which allows teachers to set work online. Children in Years 2-6 will also be able to practise their multiplication tables with their 'Times Table Rockstars' login. Again, details will follow.
- 4) **Topic homework** – this is set the week before a half-term holiday (i.e. three times per year) and children are given three weeks to complete it, allowing you the flexibility and time to choose whether to do it during a school week or the holiday.

We know that some parents are keen for their children to practise their maths and other subjects at home and we would recommend the games and activities for home learning listed on our website:

[St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School - School & Remote Learning](http://staugustinedownend.org.uk)
(staugustinedownend.org.uk)

A thank you message from Mrs. Allen:

Dear all,
Heartfelt thanks for the many wonderful messages, pictures (from the children) and gifts I received at the end of term. I was quite overwhelmed by the kindness I was shown in my last few days at St Augustine's. I spent several hours on the first weekend of the summer break looking through all that I received. There may have been the odd tear shed!

Very best wishes to you all,
Sara Allen



Lunchtime meals must be ordered on School Food United:

The children (and staff!) are really enjoying the delicious food from our new caterers, AIP. It is essential that you order your child's lunch on the 'School Food United' app otherwise there will not be a lunch for your child. Both AIP and school staff want to avoid any upset at lunchtimes. AIP do not wish for any child to miss out but food is prepared freshly to order. Please contact the office if you need any help.

Swimming:

Swimming will start on 4th October and is on Wednesdays. Year 6 will swim first, then Year 5, then Year 4. Details below. Please let us know if you can volunteer to accompany the class. Dates are:

Oak (Year 6): 4th, 11th and 18th October, 1st, 8th and 15th November, 3rd and 10th January

Birch (Year 5): 17th, 24th and 31st January, 7th February, 20th and 27th March, 17th and 24th April

Hazel (Year 4): 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May, 3rd, 10th and 17th July



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The Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir is a childrens choir sponsored by Clifton Cathedral's Music Service.

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- ▶ the opportunity to develop their musical and vocal skills, particularly sight-singing
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For further details please contact the Cathedral Organist and Junior Choir Director, Stephen Bryant
Email: juniorchoir@cliftondiocese.com

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Prayer for A New School Year

**God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for
the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children
as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers
and staff. Give them strength and
grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

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Dates for your diary – more dates will be added as they arise:

Monday	18 th	September	Cricket starts for Elm, Maple, Willow, Hazel, Birch and Oak classes
Wednesday	20 th	September	House captain elections
Thursday	21 st	September	Birch Class pedestrian training am
Friday	22 nd	September	House captains announced
Monday	25 th	September	Mr O'Rourke (St Bede's) visiting Oak Class, 2pm
Friday	29 th	September	Start of year mass, 9:30am in church
Tuesday	3 rd	October	Mathstermind 1, 2:30pm
Wednesday	4 th	October	Open day 1: 9:30am, 11am and 2pm
Wednesday	4 th	October	Swimming starts for Oak class (volunteers required please)
Wednesday	11 th	October	Open day 2: 9:30am, 11am and 2pm
Friday	13 th	October	Harvest festival (food donations), followed by conker competition
Tuesday	17 th	October	Parents evening 1, 3:40pm-6:30pm
Wednesday	18 th	October	Open day 3, 6pm
Thursday	19 th	October	Parents evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Friday	20 th	October	Buddy tea, Ash and Oak Classes, 2:45pm in dining hall
Monday	23 rd	October	HALF TERM
Monday	30 th	October	Oak class climate change workshop
Friday	10 th	November	Open day 4, 10am
Saturday	11 th	November	Open day 5, 10am
Tuesday	14 th	November	Birch Class mass in hall
Tuesday	14 th	November	Governors virtual meeting with all new parents, 7:30pm
Wednesday	6 th	December	KS1 Nativity, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Wednesday	13 th	December	KS2 Christmas carol concert, 6pm in church
Thursday	14 th	December	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	15 th	December	Last day of term 2
Monday	18 th	December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Monday	22 nd	January	Oak Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	January	Hazel Class mass, in school hall (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday	30 th	January	Mathstermind 2, 3:30pm
Friday	2 nd	February	Maple Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Friday	9 th	February	Last day of term 3
Monday	12 th	February	HALF TERM
Tuesday	27 th	February	Willow Class mass, in hall pm (details to follow)
Friday	8 th	March	Hazel Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	12 th	March	Spellathon 2, 2:30pm
Tuesday	19 th	March	Maple Class liturgy, in classroom, pm
Thursday	28 th	March	INSET day 4, school closed to pupils
Monday	1 st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY