

St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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"Created by God to love and learn"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The season of Advent is upon us. In class and assemblies we have been discussing the meaning of Advent (from the Latin word adventus, meaning arrival). We are waiting for the coming of the baby Jesus, a fact which was celebrated in our nativities, KS2 carol concert and again at our school mass this week.

There are lots of events and activities happening at school after the Christmas holidays. Please take a note of these from the diary below.

As this is the last day of term, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, January 3rd.

God bless,
Mr Hilliam

Uniform.



A reminder of our uniform: children should be wearing a school jumper (with logo), white polo shirt or cotton shirt **with tie**, black or grey trousers/skirt and black shoes. P.E. kit consists of a yellow t-shirt (with black logo) and dark grey hoodie, also with logo. The branded items with our logo can be bought from Monkhouse. **Please note that**

Monkhouse's jumper image should be a v-neck, rather than round-neck. Link: [St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School \(URN-109268\) - School \(monkhouse.com\)](http://StAugustineofCanterburyCatholicPrimarySchool(URN-109268)-School(monkhouse.com)) Thank you.

Nativities and carol concert.

The children were all amazing during their performances and we are very proud of them. Well done to all! Thank you to all who came and to our wonderful PTFA, who provided refreshments. A final thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly 'behind the scenes' to prepare the children. Our 'no ticket' approach worked well thanks to our two seats per family rule. We would like to thank you most sincerely for adhering to that.



Punctuality:

We are aware that the roads have been particularly busy recently, but we would ask that parents ensure that children are in by **8:50am when the gates close**. Late arrivals can make the office area busy and very congested and children much prefer to be in class learning than walking in on their own. Thank you.

A reminder - St Augustine's is on Instagram! Please follow us to see what we are up to.

No need for permission. We have included some of the photos in today's newsletter.

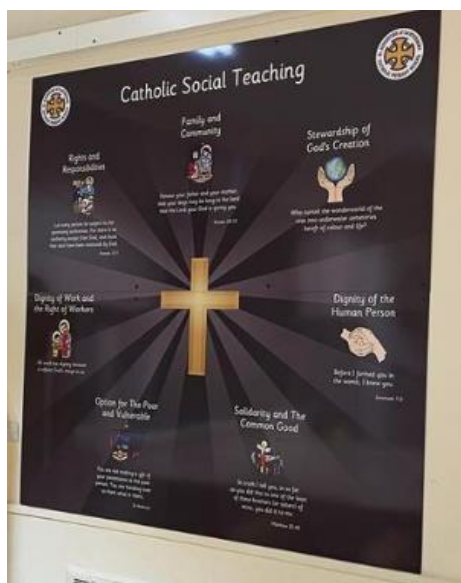
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A reminder of our tree names:

Ash (Reception), Elm (Year 1), Maple (Year 2), Willow (Year 3), Hazel (Year 4), Birch (Year 5), Oak (Year 6).

Catholic Social Teaching:



Last week our new Catholic Social Teaching sign was put up in the hall. It is a large and vibrant display to reflect the importance of this aspect of our faith and how we can make a difference. Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. It is divided into seven themes, and our children will be learning about one each term:

Family and Community
Stewardship of God's creation
Dignity of the Human Person
Solidarity and The Common Good
Options for the Poor and Vulnerable
Dignity of Work and the Right of Workers
Rights and Responsibilities

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

Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Wednesday	17 th	January	Chaplaincy training day (school chaplains)
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, 2:30pm
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)
Wednesday	6 th	March	Stardust Musical for Hazel Class, St George's Hall, 6:30pm (see below)
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
Friday	29 th	March	GOOD FRIDAY – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday	1 st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday	15 th	April	Children return
Wednesday	24 th	April	Kilve Court residential for Hazel Class (return on Friday 26 th)
Friday	26 th	April	Birch Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Tuesday	30 th	April	Elm Class liturgy in class (pm)
Tuesday	7 th	May	Mathstermind 3, 2:30pm
Friday	10 th	May	Willow Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Monday	14 th	May	SATs week for Oak Class (Year 6)
Tuesday	21 st	May	Ash Class liturgy, pm
Monday	27 th	May	HALF TERM
Friday	21 st	June	Elm Class assembly (details to follow)
Tuesday	2 nd	July	Spellathon 3, 2:30pm
Monday	8 th	July	INSET Day 5 – school closed to all pupils
Friday	12 th	July	Ash Class assembly (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	July	School finishes for the Summer

**Notice of proposed
Academy Trust
Admissions
the academic year**



**changes to the Leaf
(Leaf)
Arrangements for
2025/2026**

The following schools are now part of Leaf:

Blackhorse Primary School
Bowsland Green Primary School
Cadbury Heath Primary School
Emersons Green Primary School
Hanham Abbots Junior School
Kings' Forest Primary School
Mangotsfield Primary Church of England School
Samuel White's Infant School
Stanbridge Primary School
Staple Hill Primary School
St Barnabas Church of England Primary School
The Tynings Primary School
Wheatfield Primary School

Leaf is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/26. The consultation will be open from 18th December 2023 to 29th January 2024. Full draft arrangements for all schools can be read at www.leaftrust.co.uk Paper copies are also available on request.

Leaf proposes to adopt the existing admission arrangements, previously determined by South Gloucestershire County Council, save for a reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) at The Tynings Primary School, where it is proposed to reduce the PAN from 60 to either 45 or 30. A smaller intake will more accurately reflect the number of applications each year, and will permit all classes to be accommodated in the main school building.

Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be addressed to:

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The Leaf Trust

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