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NEWSLETTER 13

27.3.24

This weekend is the culmination of our Lenten journey, with Good Friday leading us to Easter Sunday a time of reflection and celebration in the Catholic church. See below for the final stages:

[Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the children break up for the Easter holidays. The staff will be attending training off-site for their INSET day tomorrow and school will be closed for children until Monday, 15th April.



Despite only being 8 days in school, we have managed to fit in many more exciting events, as Spring term is often the busiest. Last Tuesday, Maple Class shared their wonderful Liturgy with their families, supported by Father Barnabas. On Wednesday, members of our school governing body visited the school to tour classrooms, eat lunch with the children and meet staff. They were very impressed with what they saw. We are still looking for parent governors and if you are interested in this exciting role, please contact the school office.

With Holy Week approaching, we have also been focusing on our Lenten journey. Children in Years 4 upwards were given the opportunity to take confession with Father Barnabas and this week we held our Lenten trail to complement our Easter mass in church. A particularly joyful way of celebrating this most important of liturgical seasons was the KS2 Easter performance last Friday. Well done to children in Willow, Hazel and Birch classes and a special thank you to Mrs Swonnell for preparing such a wonderful celebration.



During this month it was also announced that Bishop Declan will be resigning as Bishop of Clifton Diocese, to be replaced by Bishop-Elect Reverence Canon Bosco MacDonald.

Further information can be found here: [Resignation of the Bishop of Clifton and appointment of a new Bishop | Clifton Diocese](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind co-operation and support during what has been a very challenging term for the staff and pupils at St Augustine's. We continue to remember Mrs Bowen in our prayers and we send our love and support to her family. If you look to the right of the world map in the foyer, you will be able to see the beautiful felt flower picture that Willow class made for Mrs Bowen.

May God bless you,



Mr Mark Hilliam
Headteacher

FOOTBALL UPDATE:

Lots of matches have been played over the past fortnight, with thanks to all the schools for travelling over to us. Our results have been very varied over both the Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 / 6 teams but last Thursday we beat The Manor, Coalpit Heath 7-0! Regardless of the result, the children always represent St Augustine's brilliantly and we receive lots of feedback about how friendly the events are for all concerned. Thanks to Mrs Fitzgerald.

SPORTS DAY DATE ANNOUNCED: A second reminder that our Sports Day 2024 will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd May** with the reserve Sports Day on **Thursday 23rd May**, regardless of the day, the event will be in the morning. Further details to follow...



A big well done and thank you to all the children who completed their holiday homework on the theme of our saints.

We had some wonderful work on St Augustine of Canterbury as well as our house saints: St Joan of Arc, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Patrick and St Brigid.

Signature
**SPORTS
COACHING**

Signature Sports Easter Holiday Clubs:

We will be again running our popular fundays across 6 different venues with one TBC early next week. We will be running fundays throughout both weeks of the holidays starting on Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April during week 1 and then Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April in week 2. All fundays will run 8.45am-3pm. Please see below a list of venues we will be running across the two weeks:

St Patrick's Primary School - (St George) Park Primary School - (Kingswood)

Parkwall Primary School - (Cadbury Heath) Shield Road Primary - (Filton)

Wheatfield Primary - (Bradley Stoke) Scotts Park 4G Astro (Patchway) - 9th, 10th & 11th April ONLY (10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm)

All bookings can be placed via our website and on our ipal booking system: <https://signaturesportscoaching.schoolipal.co.uk>

We also have FREE SPACES available for children who are eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS for both weeks at Park Primary, Parkwall Primary, Shield Road Primary & Wheatfield Primary. All spaces are first come first served and your child will be provided with a free packed lunch. All spaces are approved by the council so only book if your child is eligible. To book your child a space please use the following the link:
<https://eequ.org/search-learning-experiences?q=Signature+Sports>

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

Thursday	28 th	March	INSET day four, 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
Thursday	18 th	April	Class photos
Friday	19 th	April	Willow Class cake sale, 3:35pm, hall
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)
Friday	3 rd	May	Maple Class cake sale, 3:35pm hall
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)
Friday	17 th	May	Film Club
Tuesday	21 st	May	Ash Class liturgy, pm
Wednesday	22nd	May	Sports Day (am)
Thursday	23rd	May	Sports Day (reserve) – am
Friday	24 th	May	Rearranged Hazel Class assembly, 2:30pm (Moved from 8 th March)
Monday	27 th	May	HALF TERM
Friday	7 th	June	Elm Class cake sale, 3:35pm, hall
Saturday	8 th	June	School/parish community volunteer event (School grounds tidy up)
Thursday	13 th	June	Year 6 Leaver's Mass, Clifton Cathedral, 11am
Saturday	15 th	June	Parish Summer Fete
Friday	21 st	June	Elm Class assembly (details to follow)
Monday	1 st	July	Oak Class residential trip to Grittleton (all week, back Friday 5 th July)
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) / Reports to parents
Monday	22 nd	July	Oak Class leaver's mass, St Augustine's Church, 9:30am
Tuesday	23 rd	July	END OF TERM
Wednesday	24 th	July	SUMMER HOLIDAY



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Our 360° Outreach Project supports schools and families working together to build a picture of the "whole child" and better understand the child's needs, at home and at school.

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Tue 7 May 7:00pm

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Drop in

18th April 2024, 9:30am

