



“Created by God to love and learn”

NEWSLETTER 2

20.9.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of the year the staff are busy establishing routines and preparing the learning journey for the year ahead. You will have been sent the Curriculum Overviews for the year, plus Class Newsletters for the Autumn term. These can also be found on our website here: St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School - Class Pages (staugustinedownend.org.uk)

We also use these initial weeks to elect our Chaplaincy Team, House Captains (who organise fund-raising and other events on behalf of their house) and School Councillors. Congratulations to Alannah, Evan, Milly, Maria, Maahi, Felicity, Arugha, Lilly-Jane, Adriel and Michelle who are our new chaplains. Very well done to Naviru and Amelie (Elm), Willow and Franics (Maple), Isaac and Lucas (Willow), Aiden and Oliver (Hazel), Harrison and Ella-Rose (Birch) and Florence and Yomi (Oak) who make up the school council. Finally, we salute our new House Captains: Yomi and Arugha (St Joan of Arc), Poppy and Maria (St Maximillian Kolbe), Liam and Evan (St Brigid) and Teddy and Bella (St Patrick).

Yesterday we went to church for our new school year mass. The children were very respectful and listened attentively to the word of God. The prayer trees looked particularly beautiful, adorned with prayers for the year ahead on their leaves. May God bless you all,

Mark Hilliam

Mr Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher



When are my child's PE days? (Please check with your child's class teacher for any changes)

Ash (Reception): Wednesday* and Thursday

Elm (Year 1): Monday and Wednesday

Maple (Year 2): Tuesday and Wednesday

Willow (Year 3): Wednesday and Friday

Hazel (Year 4): Wednesday* and Friday

Birch (Year 5): Mondays and Tuesdays (apologies for the error previously)

Oak (Year 6): Tuesdays and Thursdays (Note on Tuesdays, Oak class will be swimming in Terms 1 and 6: children should wear PE kit)

Please can we request donations of unwanted/new pants for infant girls and boys please? We are running low! Thank you

Swimming:

Swimming will start on 1st October and is on Tuesdays. 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): 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd October, 5th, 12th, 19th November and 17th December

Birch (Year 5): 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January, 4th, 11th 25th February and 4th March

Hazel (Year 4): 22nd, 29th April, 6th, 13th, 20th May and 3rd, 10th and 17th June

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 \(staugustinedownend.org.uk\)](http://staugustinedownend.org.uk)

Roofing works:

Extensive building works to replace the existing roof began at the start of the summer holiday and is scheduled to be finished in the next two weeks. We want to reassure you that we are in regular contact with the site manager to ensure that the health and safety of the children and staff is paramount.

Share your views to help your school:




Increase inclusivity
for Neurodiverse
students

Support Mental
Health and wellbeing
Support Learning
and attendance


Improve the
classroom
environment



St Augustine's Primary
7:00pm 26th September ONLINE

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

Tuesday	1 st	Oct	Mathstermind 1
Tuesday	2 nd	Oct	Open Day 1: 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:30pm (note change)
Thursday	3 rd	Oct	Tennis coaching (details to follow)
Friday	4 th	Oct	PTFA AGM and Quiz Night (details to follow)
Monday	7 th	Oct	Year 6 Oak Class mass, 2:30pm in hall
Wednesday	9 th	Oct	Open Day 2: 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:30pm (note change)
Friday	11 th	Oct	Harvest Festival, followed by conker competition
Tuesday	15 th	Oct	Pre-loved uniform sale (PTFA)
Wednesday	16 th	Oct	Open Day 3, 6pm
Friday	18 th	Oct	Buddy tea; Ash & Oak classes (details to be confirmed)
Friday	18 th	Oct	KS2 Film Club, after school (PTFA)
Monday	21 st	Oct	Maths themed day
Tuesday	22 nd	Oct	Parents evening 1, 3:40-6:30pm
Wednesday	23 rd	Oct	Bristol Museum Trip for Willow (3) and Hazel (4) Classes
Thursday	24 th	Oct	Parents evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Monday	28 th	Oct	HALF TERM
Monday	4 th	Nov	School returns – term 2
Tuesday	5 th	Nov	Y5 (Birch) class mass, 2:30pm in school hall
Friday	8 th	Nov	Open Day 4, 10am
Saturday	9 th	Nov	Open Day 5, 10am
Tuesday	12 th	Nov	Spellathon 1
Saturday	16 th	Nov	Parish Christmas bazaar, school hall
Monday	18 th	Nov	Open Day 6, 6pm
Friday	29 th	Nov	Wreath making, 7pm-9pm
Tuesday	10 th	Dec	Pre-loved uniform sale after school (PTFA)
Wednesday	11 th	Dec	Ash Class nativity, 2:30pm / KS1 nativity, 5:30pm
Friday	13 th	Dec	Christmas disco (PTFA)
Tuesday	17 th	Dec	KS2 Carol service, 6pm in church
Thursday	19 th	Dec	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	20 th	Dec	Last day of term 2
Monday	23 rd	Dec	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday	6 th	Jan 2025	INSET Day 3
Friday	14 th	Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday	17 th	Feb	HALF TERM
Monday	24 th	Feb	School returns – term 4
Friday	4 th	April	INSET Day 4
Monday	7 th	April	EASTER HOLIDAY



HOLIDAY HQ

DESTINATION IMAGINATION



Send your child to a cosmos of creativity this October half term

Scan to find out more and secure your spot



Introducing Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination!

Holiday HQ is the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine this half term.

Embark on a journey of imagination this Half Term! Dive into themed games and activities that spark creativity and inspire young minds at Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination. Enjoy endless fun, excitement, and create unforgettable memories.

Check out some of the exciting activities on offer! Imagine you are...

A SUPERHERO

Dress up, create your own comic, and embark on heroic quests, all while supporting the charity 'Action for Children'!

AN INVENTOR

Channel your inner inventor and showcase a fantastic creation at our science fair!

ON AN ADVENTURE QUEST

Craft magical maps and embark on a journey that plunges you into thrilling and spooky adventures!

A SPEED RACER

Design, build, and race your own car—and take your creation home with you!

AT AN ADVENTURE PARTY

Celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with an epic glow-in-the-dark bowling bash and a party packed with fun!



JOIN THE GAMES TODAY!

Scan to find out more and secure your spot



Experts in FUN!

Year 7 - Year 11

Open Day

Saturday 5th October
For ages 11-16

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Book your place at:
cliftoncollege.com

Community Kitchen Cupboard (CKC)

Free food for people in our community who need it

Together with church & pre-school, our 'Community Kitchen Cupboard' is now up & running.



This informal, free service is for anyone in our school who might be struggling ~ please, just go and help yourselves from the shelves, which are in the church entrance area.

Donations needed for the Community Kitchen Cupboard.

Toilet rolls

Tinned fruits/ veg

Long life milk

Squash

Noodles

Tinned meat

Tinned pies

Sanitary products

Baby wipes

Please leave the donations in the school foyer in the box.