



Don't forget to collect your
conkers for our annual conker
competition next Friday!

"Created by God to love and learn"

Please bring in any tins or packets of
dried food before our harvest festival
on Friday 11th October. Items should
be in bags and handed to your child's
class teacher.

NEWSLETTER 3

4.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of an especially busy week here at St Augustine's. We welcomed two inspectors from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on Wednesday and Thursday. The team looked at all aspects of our Catholic school, including our RE teaching and curriculum, collective worship, chaplaincy team, wider prayer life, Catholic social teaching and parish links. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the parent survey.

Please note that the Year 6 (Oak) class mass will be at 2:00pm on Monday, earlier than listed. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

May God bless you all,

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
previously)

Birch (Year 5): Mondays and Tuesdays (apologies for the error
Oak (Year 6): Tuesdays and Thursdays (*Note on Tuesdays, Oak class will*

be swimming in Terms 1 and 6: children should wear PE kit)

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](http://www.staugustinedownend.org.uk)
([staugustinedownend.org.uk](http://www.staugustinedownend.org.uk))

Newsletter Promotion - School

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Calling all our creative children. The BBC 500 word competition 2024 is now open. Write your own story in under 500 words and submit it to the judging panel through the BBC website. Fifty finalists will be chosen to go to Buckingham Place for the grand final. There are plenty of prizes for the children to win including having their book published and illustrations added by a professional. There are two age categories and stories will be judged on their creativity and originality.

All entries need to be typed up and submitted by parents through the BBC website. Do talk to your child's teacher if you do not have access to a computer at home to write up their story. The link is below. There are lots of tips and helpful clips to share with your child about story writing and to help give them inspiration.

If children bring in a copy of their 500 word story to school, we will create a special St Augustine's 500 word story book to share read in school. There will be a prize for the best entry from KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6.

Deadline to upload the story is November 8th. Please give your story to your child's class teacher to pass onto Mrs Swonnell or email it to the school office to be entered into our school competition and book.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Education Mass: Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday **21 November at 6.00pm**. This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education. Light Refreshments will be available.



OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMPS!



MON 28TH OCTOBER - THURS 31ST OCTOBER

AT:

- **DOWNEND AND FRENCHAY TENNIS CLUB**
- **CLEEVE HILL TENNIS CLUB**

**CAMPS RUNNING ON THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
WILL BE HALLOWEEN THEMED WITH LOTS OF
SPOOKY PRIZES!**



SIMPLY TENNIS

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SIMPLYTENNIS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL:

COACH@SIMPLYTENNIS.CO.UK

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

Friday	4 th	Oct	PTFA AGM and Quiz Night
Monday	7 th	Oct	Year 6 Oak Class mass, 2:00pm in hall (note earlier time)
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
Friday	11 th	Oct	Year 5 (Birch Class) cake sale.
Tuesday	15 th	Oct	Pre-loved uniform sale (PTFA)
Wednesday	16 th	Oct	Phonics information evening, 3:45pm
Wednesday	16 th	Oct	Open Day 3, 6pm
Friday	18 th	Oct	Buddy tea 2:15pm; Ash & Oak classes
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/Sat	8 th 9 th	Nov	Open Day 4, 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
Friday	6 th	Dec	Year 4 (Hazel Class) Cake sale
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	7 th	Feb	Reception (Ash) & Year 6 (Oak) classes cake sale
Friday	14 th	Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday	17 th	Feb	HALF TERM, School returns Monday 24 th Feb
Friday	21 st	March	Year 3 (Willow Class) cake sale
Friday	4 th	April	INSET Day 4
Monday	7 th	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Friday	16 th	May	Year 2 (Maple Class) cake sale



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.