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NEWSLETTER 5

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Remember the fireworks code this weekend!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you had a lovely holiday. Our next six weeks will be busy as we prepare for our Christmas festivities in this upcoming season of Advent.

The children have made an excellent start back to the second half of our Autumn term. Today our chaplains were rightly proud to be commissioned at Clifton Cathedral by Bishop Bosco. If your child is a school chaplain, look out for his/her shiny new badge!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to update you on our roofing works. As you may have noticed, the roofers finished three weeks ago and completed a very professional job. We are just waiting for the scaffolders to remove the scaffolding. During the half-term we had new lino flooring laid in two of our children's toilets and some leaky pipes repaired. We are also very fortunate that Mr Armato (our fabulous caretaker) is able to use the holidays repairing and painting our school. He works with our two cleaners, Mr Touzalin and Ms Boelman to keep the school looking immaculate, as I am sure you will agree.

The courtyard is our next area to focus and some parents and parishioners will be clearing this up tomorrow at 10am. This work is to create a memorial garden to commemorate Mrs Rachel Bowen, who tragically died at the beginning of the year.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hilliam".

Mr Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher

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.

A REMINDER NOT TO PARK IN THE BUS STAND PLEASE!



Admissions Consultation 2026-2027

The governing body of St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2026-2027 school year. Proposed changes from the existing arrangements include:

1. The introduction of new oversubscription criteria for:
 - Children who are a member of an Eastern Christian Church
 - Children of another Christian denomination
 - Children of another faith
 - Children of a member of School staff, within each category.
2. The introduction of a new Supplementary Information Form (to help process applications from those applying under the religious and/or categories).
3. A new In-Year application form (reflecting the above new criteria, for those applying for admission 'In-year' i.e. during the school year and not at the start of the Reception Year).
4. The use of a random number generator to help rank applicants, rather than drawing lots.
5. A revised definition of home address to include any address where the child spends any part of the school week.

Comments are not being sought on the rest of the arrangements.

You are invited to provide any comments you may wish for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 12.00pm noon on 20 December 2024. Final arrangements will be determined by 28 February 2025 and will appear on the school/trust website by 15 March 2025. Comments should be sent to Laura Watts at Laura.Watts@staugustinesprimary.org.uk or sent by post to Laura Watts, St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Boscombe Crescent, Downend, Bristol BS16 6QR.

For further details, please click here: [St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School - Admissions](#)

A message from Signature Sports:



Bookings for all of our after-school sports clubs next term are live and ready to book via our website.

The clubs we will be running next term are:

- Tuesday - Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Gymnastics
- Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball

All clubs will run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and each session will cost £5.50.

All clubs will start on the first week of term but will finish on the week commencing Monday 9th December. Spaces for all clubs can be booked via the following link:

<https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/after-school-clubs-bristol>

After School Clubs

Book a multi-sport funday at participating Bristol schools, with our online booking system.

www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk



We are pleased to announce that Fraser Portraits will be at the School on

Thursday 14th November

Please remember your ties and your jumpers and your smile for your individual photo!

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

Friday/Sat	8 th 9 th	Nov	Open Day 4, 10am
Tuesday	12 th	Nov	Spellathon 1
Thursday	14 th	Nov	Individual pupil photos – Fraser Portraits
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
Monday	19 th	May	Bikeability Week
Friday	23 rd	May	Elm Class assembly, 2:30pm
Monday	26 th	May	HALF TERM
Monday	2 nd	June	School returns
Tuesday	10 th	June	Willow Class mass, 2pm
Friday	13 th	June	Ash Class assembly, 2:30pm
Friday	20 th	June	Hazel Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	24 th	June	Ash Class mass, 2:00pm
Friday	4 th	July	INSET day 5

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Support for young Children affected by
Parental Offending (CAPO)



**Do you know a child who is
impacted by having a family
member in prison?**

Children don't have to carry the weight alone.

We offer compassionate support for young
people aged 5-16 affected by family
offending and imprisonment.

Contact us for more information on:

Children **capo@everyfamily.org.uk**
Affected
by Parental
Offending **0117 9593800**

