

# St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 6

### 29.11.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I may have said this before, but the year seems to be racing along. In fact this weekend we mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Advent is the Catholic liturgical season of preparation leading up to Christmas Day. The word *advent* is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means *coming*. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus as a baby. It's a penitential time full of reflection, excitement, and hope as we prepare to celebrate his birth. For more information, click here:

[A Complete Guide to Catholic Advent | Dynamic Catholic](#)

More details about our Christmas events – along with others – can be found in the diary dates section below.

I will also use this space as a reminder of our positive reward system to celebrate our amazing children.

Everyone in school follows the 3Bs behaviour code:

- **Be safe**
- **Be ready**
- **Be respectful**

These three simple rules underpin everything we do. When children demonstrate good behaviour choices we are keen to reward them with house points. These add up to certificates and badges which they love to own:

25 housepoints = bronze certificate, 50 housepoints = bronze badge

75 housepoints = silver certificate, 100 housepoints = silver badge

125 housepoints = gold certificate, 200 housepoints = gold badge

300 housepoints = platinum badge 1, 400 housepoints = platinum badge 2

500 housepoints = platinum badge 3/Prefect

We also award Headteacher certificates to accompany the stickers from our 'golden book'. No more lost stickers hopefully! Every Friday, teachers nominate a child who has demonstrated the school values to celebrate in our assembly. Well done to all of our past golden book children. At St Augustine's we recognise and value the importance of positive praise to encourage all children to thrive in school.

With best wishes,

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

Mr Mark Hilliam,

Headteacher



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

Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Wreath making, 7pm-9pm
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December	Governors' virtual meeting with existing parents 8pm
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Year 4 (Hazel Class) Cake sale
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Pre-loved uniform sale after school (PTFA)
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Ash Class nativity, 2:30pm / KS1 nativity, 5:30pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas disco (PTFA)
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Clean Air workshop, Willow Class
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	KS2 Carol service, 6pm in church
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Last day of term 2
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 2025	INSET Day 3
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Official launch of Jubilee Year of Hope
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Book Fair (until Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Reception (Ash) & Year 6 (Oak) classes cake sale
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	HALF TERM, School returns Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Maths themed day 2
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	March	Ash Weds service, 9:30am in church
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	March	Year 3 (Willow Class) cake sale
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Parents' evening 1, 3:30pm-6:40pm
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April	Parents' evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	April	INSET Day 4
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May	Maple Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mathstermind 3
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	May	Year 2 (Maple Class) cake sale
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Bikeability Week
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Elm Class assembly, 2:30pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	May	HALF TERM
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	School returns
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Willow Class mass, 2pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class assembly, 2:30pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	June	Hazel Class assembly, 2:30pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ash Class mass, 2:00pm
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	INSET day 5

**CHRISTMAS**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December



**Roast Chicken**

Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

**Roasted Quorn Fillet**

Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

**Christmas Chocolate Brownie or  
Winter Wonderland Ice Cream**

A healthy food meal is important for children and young  
people to keep healthy and improve their performance







## Spending Christmas Day alone? Join Us!

If you are spending Christmas Day on your own this year, regularly feel lonely and would like to make new connections, you may be eligible to join the Marmalade family for our Christmas Cheer project in 2024 (criteria apply).

You'll be connected with a friendly volunteer and on the 25th, enjoy a festive lunch with others at a local venue or a doorstep visit. Visit our website or ask someone to contact us for you.



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A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

## PARENTS PLUS

# Parenting When Separated

A 6-week course starting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

At Kingswood Children's Centre, Hollow Road, Kingswood,  
Bristol, BS15 9TP

The course will be facilitated by Debbie Stabbins, South Glos Reducing Parental Conflict coordinator and Karen Limmer Family Support worker.

For more information or to reserve your place contact  
[Debbie.stabbins@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.stabbins@southglos.gov.uk) or Tel 07900703452

***There is no group on the 20<sup>th</sup> February due to school holidays.***

  
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Empowering Professionals to Support Families

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[www.parentsplus.ie](http://www.parentsplus.ie)