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## NEWSLETTER 4

### 24.10.25

School's  
Attendance  
93.80%

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hello everyone. It has been a long start to this new school year with the term lasting 8 weeks. Understandably, all children (and adults) need a well-deserved break so that they can relax and recuperate during their time away.

Last week, Year 6 finally met their new Reception buddies and had a wonderful time getting to know them — as well as introducing them to their parents and families. The afternoon tea was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In true child-centred spirit, all the sandwiches were lovingly prepared by the children and their buddies, giving them the perfect opportunity to chat, laugh and build the beginnings of some very special friendships that they'll remember for many years.



All the best for half term  
Mr Isaacs

Dear Parents and Carers,

The governing body of St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the 2027-28 school year. The proposed change from the existing arrangements is a decrease in the Published Admission Number, from 30 to 15. 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 19th December 2025. Final arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2026 and will appear on the school/ trust website by 15th March 2026.

Comments should be sent to Mr Mark Hilliam at [office@staugustinesprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@staugustinesprimary.org.uk) or St Augustine of Canterbury Primary School, Boscombe Crescent, Bristol, BS16 6QR.

Yours Faithfully  
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School



# Join Our PTFA and Make a Difference!



What does the PTFA do?

The purpose of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) is to support and raise funds to enhance the quality of our children's education and to improve their school experience. Over the years at St Augustine's, PTFA-run events have included:

- Christmas card making
- School discos
- Easter bonnet parade
- Cake sales and cake competitions
- Mufti days to raise money or collect bottles for the tombola
- The Circus
- Chocolate wheelbarrow
- Quiz nights
- Wreath making

All money raised goes directly back into the school to benefit the children. Not only do the children have fun taking part in these events, but they also get to see how their efforts help improve their school life.

Sadly, the number of volunteers has dwindled over the years, which is a real shame as the PTFA plays such an important role within the school community. If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact the school office, who will be happy to direct you to the right person.

Many thanks for your support.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As valued members of our school community, we are fortunate to have individuals who are both staff members and parents of children at our school. We kindly remind everyone that these individuals are bound by professional confidentiality.

Please be mindful not to ask them questions or seek information that they are not permitted to share, as this may place them in a difficult position—something we know would not be anyone's intention.

We ask that you respect their professional responsibilities and understand that, while they are fellow parents, they are also employees of the school and must maintain confidentiality.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mr. Isaacs

## After School Sports Clubs

Signature Sports after school sports clubs for Term 2 are now open and available for bookings on Ipal. They have changed Thursday's Mutli-sports club to Football which is available for Reception - Year 6. Please see below the list of clubs they will be running in Term 2:

Tuesday - Reception to Year 6 - Gymnastics Club

Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball

Thursday - Reception - Year 6 - Football Club



All bookings can be made via our new and improved booking system, login details will remain the same from the previous system: <https://signaturesportscoaching.ipalbookings.com/>

Any queries around bookings please email Aaron at [signaturesportsclubs@outlook.com](mailto:signaturesportsclubs@outlook.com)

## Term 1 - 50 Word Writing Competition



The closing date has passed for the term 1 '50 Word Writing Competition'.

Mrs Swonnell will read all the entries over the half term and the winning entries will receive a prize next term.

Please keep an eye out for the term 2 stimulus in the next newsletter and in class.

## Dates for your diary

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|--------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| Friday             | 13 <sup>th</sup> | February | INSET Day 4 – School closed  |
| Thursday           | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | April    | INSET Day 5 – School closed  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | November | Reception Class Parents' Phonics Information meeting, 3:45pm                             |
| Wednesday          | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | November | Hazel Class trip to SS Great Britain and docks   |
| Thursday           | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | November | Open Day 4, 10am   |
| Saturday           | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | November | Open Day 5, 10am-12noon, stay and play after tour  |
| Wednesday          | 12 <sup>th</sup> | November | Spellathon 2   |
| Saturday           | 15 <sup>th</sup> | November | Parish Christmas bazaar, held in school  |
| Tuesday            | 18 <sup>th</sup> | November | Virtual governor meeting with new parents, 7:30pm  |
| Thursday           | 20 <sup>th</sup> | November | Chaplaincy Commissioning, Clifton Cathedral, 11am  |
| Friday             | 21 <sup>st</sup> | November | Birch Class mass   |
| Wednesday          | 26 <sup>th</sup> | November | Maths themed day   |
| Friday             | 28 <sup>th</sup> | November | PTFA - Wreath Making (7:00 to 9:00pm) £25 per person                                     |
| Wednesday          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | December | PTFA – school Discos (KS1 from 5:00 to 6:00pm and KS2 from 6:15 to 7:15pm)               |
| Monday             | 15 <sup>th</sup> | December | Reception Class nativity, 2:00pm   |
| Tuesday            | 16 <sup>th</sup> | December | KS1 Nativity at 2:00pm   |
| Wednesday          | 17 <sup>th</sup> | December | KS2 Carol service at 6:00pm  |
| Wednesday          | 17 <sup>th</sup> | December | Christmas lunch (to be confirmed)  |
| Thursday           | 18 <sup>th</sup> | December | KS2 Theatre trip to see Treasure Island<br>KS1 trip to see Antarctica                    |
| Friday             | 19 <sup>th</sup> | December | Christmas mass, 9:30am (to be confirmed)   |
| Friday             | 19 <sup>th</sup> | December | Term 2 ends<br>HALF DAY:<br><b>CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 1:40pm, in the usual way.</b> |
| Christmas Holidays |                  |          |  |
| Monday             | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | January  | Term 3 starts  |
| Friday             | 13 <sup>th</sup> | February | Term 3 ends  |