



"Created by God to love and learn"

NEWSLETTER 11

27.2.26

Attendance

92.7%

Target: 96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children have returned in this season of Lent full of bright smiles and eagerness to learn; they continue to be a credit to the school.

Mr Isaacs has been working with the school council on a rebranding of our 3 Bs – Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful, so look out for that when it is launched.

Finally, we hope you are looking forward to World Book Day next week. Two letters went out to explain the dressing up theme and to invite parents in. Here is a reminder:

*World Book Day this year on Thursday 5th March. Our theme is **Stories Around the World**. This will help all children celebrate reading and the many cultures in our school community.*

What will happen?

- Each class will explore a story, folktale or traditional tale from a different country.
- Children will take part in fun reading and storytelling activities based on these books.

What can children wear? (optional)

Children may come to school in colours, patterns or accessories that represent:

- A country or culture linked to their family heritage, identity or interests

OR

- A favourite story from anywhere in the world.

There is no pressure to buy a costume – simple accessories or colours are perfect!



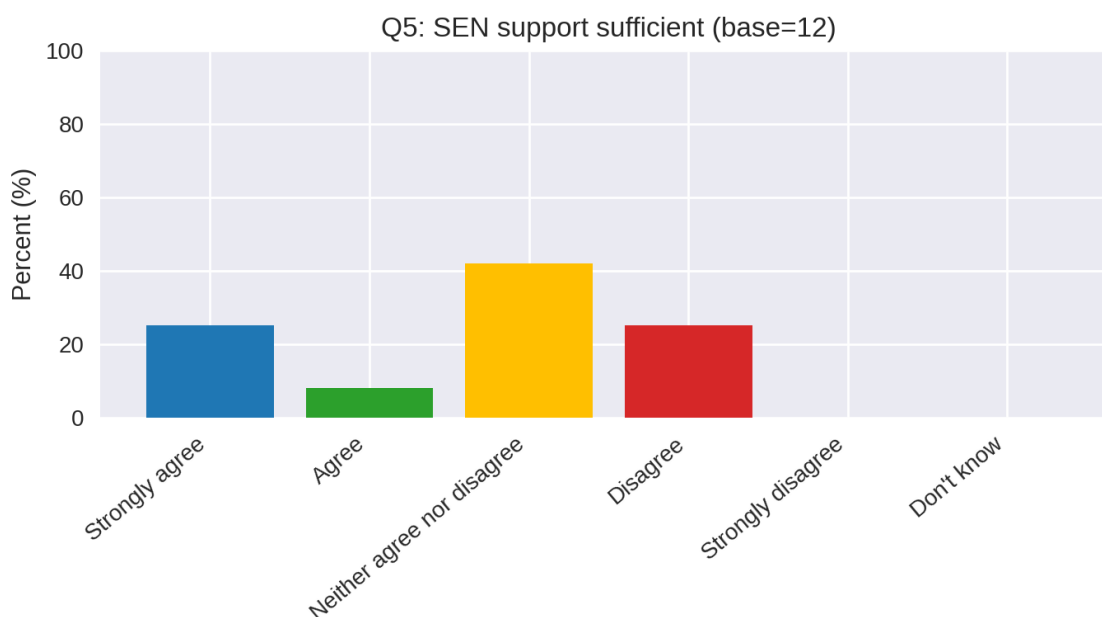
Lenten blessings to all,
Mr Mark Hilliam
Headteacher



Air, Land and Sea competition

Congratulations to Millie McCann from Birch class, whose winning design was chosen from over 300 entrants across South Gloucestershire. Children were asked to design a poster promoting green travel, judged by the council's active travel team. Millie is pictured here with her artwork in banner form, plus a scooter and helmet. Well done, Millie!

Here is the response you gave Ofsted via Parent View for question 5. This response had only 12 responses. However, we recognise the need to do all we can to support our children with SEND. You may wish to consider joining The 'Stronger Together' SEN parents group if you have a child with SEND. Please see Mrs Dow or Mrs Fitzpatrick for further details.



Red vs Blue:

We are aware of posts circulating on social media relating to a national online trend that appears to encourage violence between **secondary school pupils**. Some of these posts refer to schools in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area. We recognise that this will be worrying for some families, so we want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the situation and working with our local partners.

Avon and Somerset Police have confirmed that, **at this time, there is no intelligence to suggest that these posts relate to any real or planned incidents.**

Although this is a secondary school issue, we wanted to alert you to this as we are located near Downend School and you may have older children in KS3 upwards.

Families are urged not to repost or circulate related content, as this can unintentionally amplify the situation. Further advice and information on anonymously reporting concerns is available at:

Fearless.org

Call 999 in an emergency or if anyone is at immediate risk of harm.

Avon and Somerset Police non-emergency number: 101

To raise concerns about a child or young person:

– South Gloucestershire Council Social Care: **01454 866000**

Dates for your diary

Newly added dates highlighted

Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – School closed
Friday	6 th	March	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday	18 th	March	Year 2 class liturgy, 2:30pm
Friday	27 th	March	Year 3 class assembly
Monday	30 th	March	Easter Mass: 9:30am in church – note change of date
Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – Term 4 ends
Easter Holidays			
Monday	20 th	April	Term 5 starts
Wednesday	22 nd	April	Kilve Court Residential for Hazel Class(back on 24/3/25)
Friday	24 th	April	Year 2 class assembly
Monday	11 th	May	SATS week for Oak Class (year 6) – Monday to Thursday
Thursday	14 th	May	Ascension Day: Prayer and blessing in school from Fr Barnabas
Friday	15 th	May	Year 1 class assembly
Wednesday	20 th	May	Ash (Reception) Class Liturgy, 2:30pm
Friday	22 nd	May	Term 5 ends
May Half-term			
Monday	1 st	June	Term 6 starts
Monday	8 th	June	Oak Class (Year 6) Residential to Grittleton - until Friday 12 th
Wednesday	10 th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Friday	12 th	June	Reception class assembly
Friday	3 rd	July	End of year disco (tbc)
Friday	17 th	July	Oak Class (Year 6) leavers' mass, 9:30am
Tuesday	21 st	July	Term 6 ends





LOOKING FOR A VENUE FOR A PARTY, EVENT OR CELEBRATION?

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School has a spacious hall for hire, plus a purpose-built studio room with toilet facilities.

Please contact the school office on 01454 866690 or email: office@staugustinesprimary.org.uk for further details.



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