



Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our wonderful children and to recognise the hard work and commitment of all the staff here at St Augustine's. So much has been achieved in a short time, and it is clear to see the school steadily progressing — enabling every child to be the very best they can be.

I would particularly like to highlight the strength of our pastoral support and the genuine care shown across our school community. A special thank you also goes to our dedicated lunchtime staff, support staff, volunteers, and everyone connected with the school for their professionalism and continued dedication. I wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday, 4th November 2025.

Attendance

Congratulations to our 100% attendance winners! Many children will be coming home today with certificates celebrating perfect attendance since the start of term. We are all very proud of their commitment and were delighted to give them a well-earned round of applause and personal congratulations.

There will be another opportunity next half term for children to earn a 100% attendance certificate before Christmas. We'll be looking for full attendance from after the October break until the final week in December. If anyone has been accidentally missed off today's certificates, please let the school office know — we'll make sure they receive their certificate during the first week back. We don't want anyone to miss out on celebrating this fantastic achievement!

Staffing

I would like to share a staffing update for after the half-term break. Mrs Evans will be reducing her working week to four days, and we are delighted that Mrs Mulholland will be teaching in Year 1 on Wednesdays, when she isn't in Reception. This means there will be no changes to EYFS staffing, and everything will continue as usual in Reception.

Cross Country

Sixteen children from across four year groups proudly represented St Augustine's in a cross-country competition on Thursday. Every one showed fantastic effort, teamwork, and determination throughout the event. A special mention goes to our Year 6 team, who achieved an impressive 4th place finish. Well done to all who took part — you were a credit to the school!

Parent Governors

St Augustine's Governor Board currently has two Parent Governor vacancies. Parent Governor elections will be held in November 2025. The chair of Governors, Vicky Smyth, will be in school for

a special drop-in session on Friday, 7th and Friday 14th November. The drop-ins are a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the role of Parent Governor, ask questions and explore how you can contribute to shaping the future of our school. If are unable to make an afternoon appointment, an evening appointment can be arranged - please contact the school office. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing how you can make a positive impact on our school community. To access a Parent Governor Application form, please click on the following link [CG2 Governor Application For](#)

Secondary School Place Applications – Deadline Approaching

A reminder to all parents and carers of children currently in Year 6: the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026 is **Thursday, 31st October 2025**. Applications must be made online via the Dorset Council website at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions. We strongly recommend reading the Parent Guide, available at <http://www.dorsetschool.gov.uk/school-admissions>, before submitting your application. For further information or assistance, please contact the School Admissions team on **01305 221060** or email admissions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform Please be reminded that children are to return to school wearing their winter uniform from Tuesday, 4th November 2025. Full details of the School Uniform is available on the school website https://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/9950



Girls Winter Uniform

Navy pinafore or skirt, white blouse, tie, navy blue V-neck cardigan or jumper with school logo, white socks or navy tights. Navy trousers can also be worn in winter. Sensible flat heeled black shoes.



Boys Winter Uniform

Charcoal grey trousers or shorts, white shirt, navy blue V-neck jumper with school logo, tie, grey socks.

Pupil Premium School Uniform Vouchers

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, School Uniform Vouchers are now available for collection from the School Office. The £35 voucher can be spent at Dorset Embroidery & Printwear, <https://www.dorsetprintwear.com/> Unit 4 McKay Close, Lynch Lane, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9DN.

FOSA Christmas events and non-uniform days

We are pleased to share that our wonderful PTA, FOSA, will once again be running Christmas events during Advent this year. These have proven popular in the past and are key in raising vital funds for school projects. Current projects include improving reading resources in classrooms and future redecoration projects in classrooms. Please see details of events below:

Friday 21st November 2025	Non-uniform day; please send your child with a bottle donation for the fayre (any bottle is fine from shampoo to champagne!)
Friday 28th November 2025	Non-uniform day; please send your child with a chocolate donation for the fayre. Please try to avoid chocolate containing nuts.

Friday 28th November 2025	FOSA Christmas movie night. More details to follow.
Friday 5th December 2025	FOSA Christmas Fayre 2025 15:30-17:00

Additionally, if you have recently had a clear out or might need one; we are gladly accepting donations of **teddies and soft toys** which can be used on a teddy tombola. If you have 1 or 100 toys we could use, please could you pop them in the washing machine, and then send them either into the school office or to Mr Edmonds.

Catholic Life

Mini Vinnies News

We are delighted to announce that during our meeting today, our Mini Vinnies from Years 5 and Year 6 presented their speeches to become our new presidents.

After a democratic vote by the children in our group, Laya from year 5 and Amelia from Year 6 are now our presidents for this academic year. We congratulate them and thank all the children who prepared and presented their speeches in such a heartfelt and eloquent way.

Operation Christmas Child-Shoebox Appeal



On Monday of this week we launched our Shoebox Appeal with the children. As you may know from previous years, Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

We're delighted to be a collection hub for Weymouth and families are welcome to donate completed shoeboxes or individual items to contribute towards boxes. Leaflets with more information will be coming home with your child today.

Suggested donations include toys, school supplies, hygiene items and small gifts.

Donations of empty shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper are also gratefully received (even better if boxes and lids are wrapped.)

Please do not seal completed boxes as they need to be checked by customs before shipping.

Please do not include liquids or food items.

The boxes will be collected from school the week beginning 10.11.25 so please ensure donations are made by this date.

We thank you in advance for helping us spread a little joy this Christmas.

Save the Date

We will be welcoming Jemma Williams, our school link speech and language therapist into school on **Monday 17th November** for a Parent Drop In Session between 9:30am and 10:00am. Please pop into school if you would like to ask for any advice regarding your child and their speech and

language. Your child does not need to have a speech and language programme to be able to access this support- Jemma would love to see you.

News from across the school and Home learning

Reception	Reception RWI Fred Games to play at home over the half term	
Year 1	RWI Word Time Clips to practise with your child over the half term holiday It's been a busy week in Year 1. We have completed our pathways to write unit in English and have thoroughly enjoyed the story, 'Meesha Makes Friends.' This week the children worked on developing their independent writing as they wrote as the character of Meesha as they composed their own diary entries. In Maths we have continued to work on 'seeing 5' in numbers using our Rekenrek equipment and have been continuing work on addition to 10, using our fingers, cubes and number lines to help us add. We thank the families that provided old toys for our history work on Thursday. It was a joy to see the children learn about toys from the past by handling real artefacts. The children's historical vocabulary has developed through this unit and using real toys has brought history to life for our children. We concluded our Computing Unit on developing Mouse skills with the children learning to collaborate to create their own scenes from the 3 Little Pigs on the Chromebooks using the Sketchpad Program. It's been great to see them develop their computer skills over the weeks. In Music we've completed our work on Musical Vocabulary, and the children have used body percussion as well as tuned percussion instruments to learn about rhythm, pitch and dynamics.	<u>Home Learning</u> Reading 5 times a week TTRS <u>Spellings this week</u> pull full come some ask
Year 2	RWI word time clips to practise and Fred Games to play over the holiday with your child What a fabulous week we have had in Year 2. The children have shown us what great authors they are and they have produced a fantastic Diary Entry in response to our class book, 'Look Up'. When we look at the children's handwriting from the beginning of the year til now the improvement is very pleasing to see and the children really have put in 100% effort with this. In Computing the children have shared their knowledge and understanding of components of technology, ie – wires, batteries, screen etc. In Music they have composed wonderful animal call and response pieces of music.	Reading TTRS Spellings any door find mind kind
Year 3	In our last week of this half term, we have been finishing our work involving Floella Benjamin's book, "Coming To England." We have written a few letters based on Floella's life. They have been lovely to read and the children have put in a lot of effort into them. In Maths this week, we have been getting to grips with column addition and column subtraction. The children are beginning to understand the process of	Reading TTRS Spellings: they obey vein

	exchanging tens and hundreds to help work out answers. In history, the children have been learning about the start of the Bronze Age and how this metal was shaped into weapons and tools. We are also going to be looking at the Iron Age too in the near future. There are two skeletons in the Dorset Museum that we will be looking at and there is an interesting story linked to them! If you need suggestions for the half term holiday and are keen to find out what that story is, why not pay a visit? Have a lovely break and we will see you on the other side!	reign flame eight eighteen straight weight separate
Year 4	As a fantastic half term draws to a close, I find myself already looking back at some of the fabulous progress your children have made this term. This week, your children have produced some truly incredible writing. I am astounded at the progress all children have made since the beginning of term and they have shown that they have mastered skills taught. Our handwriting and presentation in particular has seen some real development. I am incredibly proud of them and can't wait to see them go from strength to strength as we move through the year. As we move into Autumn 2, our learning continues with pace. Our English will focus on Greek mythology. Our Maths will continue to focus on arithmetic skills and area of rectilinear shapes. Our RE will look at some key prophets as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Our Geography will focus around Brazil before we look at the Amazon Rainforest in the Spring. Our Science will focus on electricity and electrical circuitry. Reading: I have had the same conversation with several parents over the past couple of weeks, so thought I would add my thoughts/advice here. Some parents are finding it hard to engage their child at home as they are bringing home library books that they are not interested in. If your child has books at home that they would prefer to read, please encourage them to read these and record that in their reading record. I would much rather that children enjoy reading than slog their way through boring books! Please also encourage them to change a book they are not enjoying for one they would prefer. A parentmail has gone out about the Tutankhamun trip on 04/11/25 with details about the day. There will be a multiplication talk/workshop on Monday 24th November at 15:20. This will give further information about the Multiplication Check and how to support your child's learning at home. In response to feedback, you will receive one home learning sheet after half term with all of the term's spelling words on it. This will also be available on the website and the list will still be added here weekly.	<u>Home learning</u> Reading TTRS Spellings: inactive incorrect incredible inaccurate immature impossible impatient although answer arrive

Year 5	We've reached the end of a very busy half-term. The children have worked really hard and academically we have covered a great deal of ground. We have been particularly impressed with the improvements we have seen in the children's written work and with continued effort after the break we am sure that this will continue. We finished this half-term with a class assembly that the children took the lead in organising, preparing and celebrating. It was lovely to come together as a class and see the children celebrate what makes both them and their school special. Next term we will look in detail at the life and achievements of King David, continue to develop our written and mathematical skills, and our geography topic for the half-term will look at Fair Trade and the justification behind it. Finally, in response to feedback, you will receive one home learning sheet after half term with all of the term's spelling words on it. This will also be available on the website and the list will continue be added here weekly. We hope you have a restful and fruitful break and thank you all for your continued support. Miss Rook & Mr Trevett	Please read at least 5 times a week and complete a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS. Spellings for test on 7/11/25 Edible Reversible Invincible Legible Forgivable Disposable Enjoyable competition equipment individual
Year 6	It has been another hardworking week, and the children have certainly earnt a week off! We have had a focus on some practice tests this week, and everyone has really given their all. This can not only be seen in the results, but in the admirable work ethic on display. Alongside this, we have also managed to finish off our topics, with there being a particular enjoyment around our final big write on King Kong. This really has captured our imaginations, and we look forward to our next writing focus after Half Term. Thank-you very much for all of your support so far this year; it is very much appreciated. Have a lovely week off!	Reading Maths Worksheets <u>Spellings</u> Vicious Delicious Ambitious Infectious Precious Malicious Cautious Lightning Interfere Queue

Useful Dates

Autumn Term 1	
Monday, 27 th to Friday, 31 st October	Half Term Break
Autumn Term 2	
Monday, 3 rd November	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 4 th November	Children Back to School
Thursday 6 th November	Jules Arcscott – Early Help Parent Drop-in 8.30-10am
Friday, 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 17 th November at 9:30am	Jemma Williams – Speech and Language Drop In
Wednesday, 19 th November	Fraser Portraits (Individual and class Photos)
Thursday 20 th November at 2:40pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Tuesday 24 th November 15:20	Year 4 Multiplication Workshop
Thursday 27 th November at 2:40pm	Year 6 Class Assembly
Friday 28 th November	FOSA Christmas movie night
Tuesday, 2 nd December	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, 4 th December	Jules Arcscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am

Friday 5 th December at 15:30	FOSA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 9 th December	KS1 Nativity Performances
Thursday 11 th December at 2:40pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday, 19 th December	Carol Service & Readings at 2pm – Mini Vinnies Leading
Monday, 20 th December to Friday, 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 1	
Monday, 5 th January	Children Back to School
Thursday, 8 th January	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Thursday 29 th January at 2:40pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th February at 2:40pm	Reception Class Assembly
Monday, 16 th to Friday, 20 th February	Half Term Holidays
Spring Term 2	
Monday, 23 rd February	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 24 th February	Children Back in School
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March at 2:40pm	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday, 5 th March	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Monday, 30 th March to Friday, 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 1	
Monday, 13 th April	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 14 th April	Children back in School
Monday, 4 th May	Bank Holiday – No children in School
Thursday, 7 th May	Jules Arscott, Early Help, Parent Drop-in from 8.30am
Tuesday, 5 th to Friday, 22 nd May	Y2 SATs
Monday, 11 th to Friday, 15 th May	Y6 SATs
Monday, 25 th to Friday, 29 th May	Half Term Holidays
Summer Term 2	
Monday, 1 st June	INSET Day – No Children in School
Tuesday, 2 nd June	Children back in School
Tuesday, 2 nd to Friday, 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Wednesday, 25 th -Friday, 26 th June	Y6 PGL Barton Hall Residential Trip
Tuesday, 30 th June	Fraser Portraits Class/Leavers' Photos
Thursday, 2 nd Friday, 3 rd July	Y6 Primary College
Tuesday, 7 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday, 8 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday, 8 th to Friday, 10 th July	Y4 Minstead Residential Trip
Thursday, 23 rd July	Summer Holidays

Masses and Liturgical Events 2025-26

All masses to take place at 9.30am in the hall at school

Please be aware when your child's class is leading Mass, you are very welcome to attend. Please come to the office 5 minutes before the Mass is due to start to sign in.

Thursday, 13 th November	Whole School Remembrance Mass – Y5 Leading
Thursday, 4 th December	Whole School Advent Mass – Y4 Leading
Thursday, 8 th January	Whole School Epiphany Mass – Y3 Leading
Thursday, 5 th February	Whole School Candlemas Mass– Y6 Leading
Thursday, 12 th March	Whole School Lent Mass – Y5 to Lead
Thursday, 16 th April	Whole School Easter Mass – Y4 to Lead
Thursday, 11 th June	Whole School Corpus Christi Mass – Y3 to Lead
Thursday, 16 th July	Whole School Leavers' Mass – Y6 to Lead