



Headteacher's Message

Attendance

*A huge congratulations to **Year 4**, our **100%** attendance winners this week! The children received a well-deserved ice pop at break time to celebrate.*

Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday so that we can support the understanding that we are all different, unique and special.

More information about anti-bullying week can be found here:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](#)

Children in Need Day-Friday 14th November

On Friday 14th November 2025, the children are invited to come into school in non-uniform clothes. Please just click on the following link if you would like to make a donation to Children In Need.

[BBC Children in Need 2025 - Everything you need to know](#)

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](#)

Home learning

In response to requests from some parents we have uploaded this half term's spellings onto the website. You can find the lists under – Classes and then home learning. Many thanks for your support with this.

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

Operation Christmas Child-Shoebox Appeal



We have now 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.

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 during next week, 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.

All Saints and All Souls

To link in with All Saints and All Souls Days, we started the half term with a reflective collective worship. We thought about the Saints in heaven and prayed for the souls of those who have died.

We focused on the gospel value of compassion and linked this to catholic social teaching as we thought of care for others and the way that contributing to the Shoebox Appeal shows Solidarity and compassion. In Gospel Value Reflection today we awarded certificates to children who have displayed acts of compassion and have shown they truly are, Pilgrims of Hope.

Mini Vinnies News and The Poppy Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies have been very pro-active this week, leading our Collective Worship and organizing our support of The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We thank families who have contributed to the appeal and remind you all that we will be continuing to visit classes with Poppy Appeal Merchandise during Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Our group are continuing to developing their Jubilee Pledge and during their meeting today have been coming up with suggestions in support of Children in Need Day, which is next Friday, 14th November.

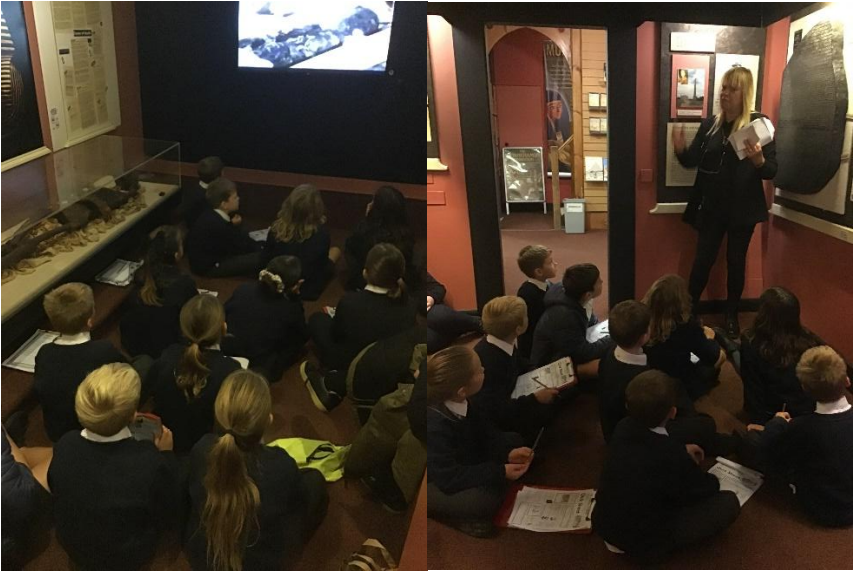
Save the Date

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		
	Since coming back to school on Tuesday, we've had a busy week in Year 1. We've started new learning in Maths linked to addition and subtraction with numbers in the 1-10 range. We practised our basic skills and have been learning about missing numbers in number sentences. In their number mastery work, the children have been learning to look at numbers in the 6-10 range and to see that they are made up of numbers that are '5 and a few more. A number blocks episode that reinforces this work is called 'Five and Friends' and can be found by following this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bn5dz7/numberblocks-series-3-five-and-friends We listened to a song in Maths today to help us with our counting to 100. It is a lovely, lively tune. If you would like to sing it at home, here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGetqbqDVaA A game to link to counting to 100 is called Paint the Squares. If you'd like to play it, please follow this link: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares In English, we have started a new unit to help us develop our information writing. The lovely and engaging book we're using for this work is called, 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. The book teaches the children about Katie's visit to London and the landmarks she sees and links beautifully with our new	<u>Home Learning</u> Reading 5 times a week TTRS <u>Spellings this week</u> may play today we love
Year 1		

	learning in Geography this half term which focuses on where we live. In RE we have a lovely unit linked to Advent with an emphasis on the importance of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This week, we've learned about the annunciation and the children have thought carefully about the message of the Angel Gabriel and the way that Mary was full of grace.	
Year 2	It has been brilliant to welcome the children back this half term. As always, we have been busy learners in Year 2. This half term, in History, we are going to be learning all about the Great Fire of the London. The children already have lots of questions, which is a great skill to have as a historian. We have a beautiful new text, called The Great Fire of London and in English we will be learning about Information Report writing. The children continue to challenge themselves with the 99 Club in Maths and it is great to see how eager they are to move on to the next level.	Reading TTRS Spellings people poor money to two
Year 3	It's lovely to see everyone back in school after a nice break. We have jumped right back into work. In English this week, we have shared with the children the new reading book that we are going to be using for our writing. It's called "nen and the Lonely Fisherman" by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew. So far, we have only looked at the front cover and thought about what the story could be about. It reminded us of "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Anderson! In Maths, we have continued to look at addition and subtraction. We are beginning to understand the formal written method for subtraction and getting used to moving a ten down if there aren't enough units. We have enjoyed making poppies this week as we approach Remembrance Day. In RE, we are starting our new topic. To begin with, we looked at a normal RC church building. We have been thinking about what we would expect to see within the church. We have learnt a few new items that we did not know about. Everyone thought that the Tabernacle was quite an unusual word!	Reading TTRS Spellings: brake break grate great wear where weight wait complete consider
Year 4	It's great to see everyone back in school, refreshed for another term of learning. This term is particularly busy for Year 4 as we have our class assembly at 14:30 on 18/11/25 and we are leading the advent mass at 09:30 on 04/12/25, Y4 families are invited to attend both of these events. This week we have begun our new English unit which is all based around Greek myths. Over the course of the term, we will develop skills and knowledge relevant to the genre and in our SPaG which will support the children to write their own myth before Christmas. In Science, we have begun thinking about electricity; what it is, how it is made and how we use it. The children had a go at identifying and sorting items into categories based on whether or not they use electricity.	<u>Home learning</u> Reading TTRS Spellings: irregular irresponsible irresistible irrelevant illegal illiterate illegible believe continue decide

	On Thursday, we completed our RHE lesson about changing bodies and the physical changes that will happen during puberty. We had a brilliant time at the Tutankhamun Exhibition on Tuesday. The children represented themselves beautifully and it was a fantastic way to round off our learning about Ancient Egypt. 	
Year 5	We've jumped straight back into the deep-end this week with our learning and the children have really applied themselves well. In maths we have been looking at multiplying by multiples of 10, a concept that the children have appeared to grasp well. In English, we have started to look at the composition of myths and legends and the class even had a go at writing their own. In Geography we have begun to look at Fairtrade and what natural resources are used for around the world. Our class text for the half term continues with 'Warhorse' and the children are excited to see what happens at the dramatic conclusion. Finally, in RE we have been reading and interpreting the Book of Samuel and how it relates to the wider bible and our own lives.	Please read at least 5 times a week and complete a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS. Spellings for test on 14/11/25 Aloud Allowed Herd Heard Here Hear Which Witch Aggressive Ancient
Year 6	It was great to see everyone back at school after the week off. Our new English book, based around the Windrush Generation, has already lots of discussion and generated lots of questions. We look forward to using this text to create different pieces of writing. In Maths, we have focused on multiplying mixed and proper fractions. After several days of practice, we have certainly grown in confidence with this. We are around halfway through our guided reading text, and it is really starting to progress. While we are enjoying the	Reading Maths Worksheets <u>Spellings</u> Suspicious Nutritious Fictitious Spacious Superstitious Gracious Repetitious Attached Community

	story, it is also providing us with an excellent opportunity to look at different types of questions that we will need to answer in the SATs. In R.E, our new topic has started by looking at the Book of Samuel. We have considered different people who appear in the Old Testament, while also picking out some key parts from the first book itself.	Competition
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Useful Dates

Autumn Term 2	
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 Arscott, 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