



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

13th September 2019



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



It is now the end of the second week back at school and we are happy to see our new Reception children settling well.

The weather has been lovely and the children

have enjoyed making the most of our outdoor learning environment. The pictures you can see show you just some of the activities that the children have been able to enjoy.



We are continuing to enhance our outdoor provision and you will see new outdoor matting and play equipment being introduced to the Early Years and Forest

School as the term goes on.

We have also been able to welcome Caroline Jenkins, the Headteacher from Kingsmoor Lower School to our school for a visit. She commented that, "Every class was warm and welcoming, behaviour was excellent with all children focussed on their lesson." It is always a privilege to show our school to others.



On Thursday 19th September, St Augustine's will be remembering the 7th anniversary of its dedication by the Bishop of St Albans and next week we are also looking forward to welcoming more visitors to our school.

The weekend is set to be warm and sunny so we hope you all have a lovely couple of days.

Amanda Howes – Headteacher

Aldi Stickers



Our school is collecting the stickers that are being given out to Aldi shoppers who spend £30 or more on their shopping.

The stickers will go onto the big sticker chart that is displayed in our dining hall and we hope to be able to fill the chart which will then allow us to receive free sports kits for our school.

Please remember to collect your stickers and pop them in the bucket in Reception. Many thanks.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year is...



96.83%



Raising attendance continues to be a top priority at our school. We aim to continue to beat the National Average and achieve a minimum of 96% attendance.

The whole school community is working hard to maintain good attendance levels; we value every second our children spend learning and understand the impact it has on their achievement.

Our class attendance figures for this year are:

Year 1 – 93.45%	Year 2 – 97.41%
Year 3 – 99.43%	Year 4 – 98.21%
Year 5 – 95.83%	Year 6 – 95.67%

Year 3 received a Mufti Day for 99%+ attendance this week. Well Done!

'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16



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Newspapers and Magazines



We are desperately in need of old newspapers and magazines to use for some of our activities in school. If you have any that you no longer need, please could you send them into school with your child so that we can reuse and recycle them. Thank you.

Celebrations

**Well Done
to the following children.**

★Star of the Week★

Year 1 – Kenzie
Year 2 – Sophia
Year 3 – Noah
Year 4 – Ciaran
Year 5 – Lillie-Mai
Year 6 – Lewis

☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Year 1 – Jorja
Year 2 – Alan
Year 3 – Ruby
Year 4 – Xander
Year 5 – Zak
Year 6 – Ellie

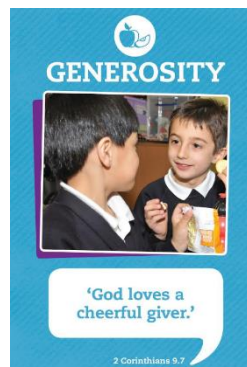
📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Year 1 – Riley
Year 2 – Maliscia-Mai
Year 3 – Bobby Lee
Year 4 – Cameron
Year 5 – Kianna
Year 6 – Kacie

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 315
Mars - 328
Earth - 372
Venus - 323

Value of the Half Term



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Sharing with others shows our kindness and generosity. Try to share with others this week.

SELF Question of the Week

How would I describe myself and how would others describe me?



Word of the Week



Iridescent



Iridescent means 'producing a display of rainbow like colours.'

Look to see if you can see something iridescent this week and use the word iridescent in your speaking and writing.

Diary Dates

Fri. 20 th Sep.	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Morning
Mon. 23 rd Sep.	BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK
Thu. 26 th Sep.	European Day of Languages – Mufti Day
Fri. 27 th Sep.	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Morning
Tue. 1 st Oct.	3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 2 nd Oct.	4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Evening
Thu. 3 rd Oct.	3:30pm - PTFA Annual General Meeting
Tue. 8 th Oct.	2:15pm – Year 3 and 4 Service at St Augustine's Church (Parents Welcome)

Please check the school website or App for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.

Please note that dates sometimes need to change. We will notify you if this happens.

