



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

17th December 2021



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



It has been a wonderful week, at St Augustine's, celebrating the Christmas season. This newsletter is packed full of photographs of our celebrations so please take the time to enjoy reading through.

Our magical Winterland Wonderland, delicious Christmas dinner, virtual St Albans Cathedral tour, heart-warming pupil-led Christmas service, festive Christmas parties and exciting raffles (which raised £169 for the school), all helped to make it a very special week. Kaysie-Mae in Year 2 said of the Christmas Wonderland, "This is the best day of my life."

On behalf of all of us here at St Augustine's, we wish you a happy, healthy Christmas.

Best wishes - Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Vocabulary Velociraptors

This term, the whole school have enjoyed being Vocabulary Velociraptors, learning new words and taking part in some exciting activities and experiences.

There will be lots of new words that children will encounter during Christmas and we look forward to continuing with our vocabulary learning when we all return to school on Tuesday 4th January.



Christmas Service



This year, our Christmas Service was led, in its entirety, by our pupil worship leaders. The whole school listened to the Nativity, sang Unto Us a Child is Born and joined in with discussion, prayer and reflection. We would like to thank our worship leaders for hosting such a beautiful service and we look forward, with anticipation, to the next one.

Christmas Raffles



Well done to all our raffle winners this year and a huge congratulations to the winner of our special raffle prize pictured above. The names of every child in the school were put into a special spinning wheel; it was so exciting to watch the needle stop and see who our winner was.

'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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CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

✠ Christian Values ✠

Reception – Harriet
Year 1 – Eliezer
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Brian
Year 4 – Alan
Year 5 – Ruby
Year 6 – Carlos

🇬🇧 British Values 🇬🇧

Reception – Alfie-Lee
Year 1 – Ellie-May
Year 2 – Harmannat
Year 3 – Saoirse
Year 4 – Stephen
Year 5 – Isabelle
Year 6 – Summer-May

✱ Effort ✱

Reception – Elina-Maria
Year 1 – Jada
Year 2 – Kaysie-Mae
Year 3 – Cody
Year 4 – Sophia
Year 5 – Isabelle
Year 6 – Summer-May

✍ Handwriting ✍

Reception – Bobbie-Lee
Year 1 – Kelly
Year 2 – Samantha
Year 3 – Oscar
Year 4 – Logan
Year 5 – McKenzie
Year 6 – Yasmin

📖 100 Reads 📖

Year 1 – David, Orion, Ella-Louise
Year 2 – Sabina, George
Year 3 – Saoirse, Isabella, Alessia
Year 4 – Stephen, Sophia
Year 5 – Vanessa
Year 6 – Ciaran

✖ Times Tables 2, 5 and 10 ✖

! – Harmannat, Roman, Diana, Riley, Noah, Riley,
Lily and Lili

✖ Times Tables to 12 ✖

Year 4 – Bathujan, Sophia, Stephen

★ Star of the Week ★

Year 1 – Kevin
Year 2 – Harmannat
Year 3 – Alexander
Year 4 – Lena
Year 5 – Ethan
Year 6 – Jack

👤 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 👤

Year 1 – Kajetan
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Elis
Year 4 – Amelia
Year 5 – Ceana
Year 6 – Jamie

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Year 1 – Hannah
Year 2 – Amy
Year 3 – Alessia
Year 4 – Sophia
Year 5 – Christopher
Year 6 – Hope

The House Point totals for this term are...



Years 5 are our
attendance winners for
this week with
attendance of
94.88%.

Value of the Half Term - Generosity



Diary Dates

Tue. 4 th Jan.	Children Back to School
Thu. 20 th Jan.	Pantomime (Years 1 – 6)
Fri. 11 th Feb.	Last Day of the Half Term

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.

Christmas Dinner Day



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Christmas Bauble Competition Winners



CONGRATULATIONS
to

**Evelyn, Charlie, Diana, Megan,
Stephen, Amelia and Jacob.**

Computing Curriculum



From the start of September we have been using 'Teach Computing'. In the pictures above, you can see Year 5 pupils with the Christmas cards they made with Google Drawings, using a variety of tools to create, move, resize and rotate objects.

You can also see Year 3 enjoying watching the stop motion animations that they created, in pairs, using the tablets.

Bling-A-Bauble



Well done Year 6 for being the runners-up in the Bedfordshire Police Bling-a-bauble competition. We all admired your wonderful community themed idea.



Santa Challenge Scooter Winner



We are delighted to announce that 5,525 miles were travelled actively during the Santa Challenge. This means that we made the 'journey' to Lapland (and further). Across the school, 101 children travelled actively on all 10 days. Well done everyone!

The winner of our scooter is pictured above. Congratulations! This will definitely help you continue travelling actively to school next year!

Christmas Wonderland



Thank you to Mr Smart for making our Winter Wonderland so magical, to Father Christmas for coming along to visit our children and to Dunelm and their customers for their generous Christmas donations

Santa Challenge 2021



Rising to the challenge of travelling actively to school.

St Augustine's Academy

Target: Lapland 2,027 miles

Miles recorded: 5,525 miles

Congratulations from everyone at Sustrans





Holiday Vaccination clinics

The NHS have asked us to pass on the following information regarding vaccination clinics during the school holidays:

Covid vaccines (drop in) - please drop in between **12 - 2pm**
(for children aged 12-15 year olds only)

Flu vaccines (appointment only) - please call the vaccination team on **0300 790 0594** to book in for an appointment.
(for children in years Reception – year 11 only)

Clinic locations-

Week commencing 20th December 2021 - Icknield High School , Riddy Lane , Luton LU3 2AH
and Dallow Community Centre LU1 1TB

Week commencing 27th December 2021 - Parkside hall , Ampthill MK45 2HX
and Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way MK43 9AU

Have a safe Christmas



Support and Advice Contact Details

If you feel that you need someone to talk to over Christmas, there are a range of support services that you can access for help and advice. It is normal to feel overwhelmed and to need a little bit of help and support. Please use these services, if necessary.



If you are concerned about a child or young person please call 0300 300 8585
Out of hours: 0300 300 8123



The NSPCC are available for adults if they have any concerns about a child. This could be your own child's mental health, for example.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 800 5000**



If you are struggling to cope and have concerns over your own mental wellbeing, Mind offer information and advice.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> Telephone: **0300 123 3393**



The Samaritans offer a listening ear.

<https://www.samaritans.org/> Telephone: **116 123**



The Salvation Army offer a church and services to support those in need.
Telephone: 01582 606031



If you are unsure whether an app or game is suitable for your child, National Online Safety provide highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



Refuge are available to offer support to any woman experiencing Domestic Abuse.

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 2000 247**



A confidential service for men experiencing domestic Abuse.

<https://mensadvice.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 8010327**



LGBT+ Domestic Abuse helpline

<https://galop.org.uk/> Telephone: **0800 999 5428**



Child Line is a free and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> Telephone: **0800 1111**

Rev. Ricky For prayer and general help and support.

Dunstable rickyturner@ntlworld.com or PrayDunstable@gmail.com Telephone: **01582 528485**

Team Vicars