St Augustine's
Church of England Primary School

St Augustine's C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Date: February 2025

End of Spring Half Term February 2025

Message from the Principal

I can't quite believe how fast time is going. We have had a great half term at St Augustine's. From the snowy days in January to signs of spring sprouting now in February. The children are making great progress and enjoying their learning. There is always a warm atmosphere in school.

Mrs Dilworth





75% of Key Stage 2 are now walking to school. Thank you for your support.

Celebrations

This half term we have celebrated Chinese New Year and learnt about the importance of E Safety.

The whole school took part in a STEM Day organized by Miss Woolfenden and supported by Network Rail.

The Eco Committee organized their first Eco Refill Shop and will be back better than ever next term so please keep saving your bottles.

Amco Giffen visited Y5 and Y6 to explain how the filing in of Clifton Tunnel is happening.

Archie organized a fundraising day in memory of his baby brother, Ozzie. The school community showed their support and raised £350 that will be donated to Bolton Nicu Hospital.

Year 2 visited the local Church

Year 5 are taking part in a Dragon's Den event with Manchester United.

Our choir took part in 'Young Voices' at the arena in Manchester.

KS2 took part in a resilience challenge.

We held our first Valentine Movie Night.



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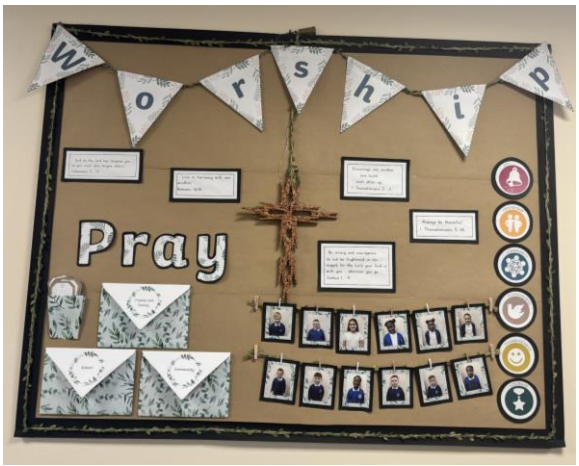
Message from Y3



Our learning as all been about the Stone Age Era. We have read Stone Age Boy and learnt what life was like during the Stone Age. We have developed our research skills. In science we have been fascinated learning how the human body works. We recreated a model to learn how the digestive system works.

Thank you to everyone who attended our amazing assembly.

We have a new worship display in school. Children and families are able to write prayers to read during our worship. Please feel free to write a prayer and send it into school.



ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
Bolton Road, Pendlebury M27 8UX



BREAKFAST CLUB
EVRY FRIDAY MORNING
9AM TO 11AM
DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME



EVERYONE WELCOME

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Message from Y4

We've been learning about fractions and perimeter/area in maths. Our English topic revolves around the famous Pompeii eruption and writing 1st person narratives based on a fiction book. We've learnt about island formation the earths layers and the water cycle in IPC and science.



Well done to our Netball Team for playing their first match of the season.

Attendance for Spring 1

20 children have achieved 100% attendance from the start of the year. And **60** children have achieved 100% this half term. As school we having a target of 95% . We are currently **94.45%** so we are just behind. Let's try and catch up in spring 2.

Year group	Percentage in school
Reception	92.15%
Y1	93%
Y2	94.78%
Y3	95.57%
Y4	95.18%
Y5	94.06%
Y6	93.96%

Y3 have won an extra playtime for having the highest attendance.

Message from Y2

In year 2 we are saying goodbye to the lovely Miss Ramsden. We have had a great start to their IPC unit - Time Travellers! The children have become expert examiners of photographs and historian detectives.

We have put together timelines of our own lives and have also created our own family tree. The next focus is the history of our school and local area. The children have really enjoyed this and can't wait to find out more when we return.

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th February ~ First day back

Tuesday 25th February~ Y2 visit to the Mosque

Wednesday 26th February~ Bonanza CO2 Workshop Y2 and Y3

Thursday 27th February ~ Y5 taking part in Dragon's Den event at Swinton Co-Op Academy

Friday 28th February~ Bonanza CO2 Workshop Y5 and Y6

Thursday 27th February ~ Reception parents invited to a Shine Event

Friday 28th February~ Nursery Parent Phonic Workshop

Wednesday 5h March~ Y6 residential

Thursday 6th March ~ World Book Day *The children are asked to come dressed as an adjective. Ideas are included later in the newsletter.*

Friday 14th March ~ Y6 visit to Crucial Crew

Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April ~ Parents' Evening

Friday 4th April ~ KS1 visit to Salford Museum

Monday 7th April ~ Y3 and Y4 visit to Manchester Airport

Tuesday 8th April ~ Family Easter Bingo

Thursday 10th April~ Easter Eggstravganza Day

*** Please note that these dates may be subject to change.**

Stars of the half-term

N	Opheila	Ophelia has flourished this term, constantly striving to do better and making positive choices. Her ability to face challenges during phonics has been outstanding. Well done, Ophelia!
R	Okopi	He has made fantastic progress is phonics. He has come on so much and worked so hard! Well done, Okopi!
Y1	Logan Si	He's a fantastic student who always tries hard with his work. He loves to help people and often helps adults and other children who need it.
Y2	Oliva C	Olivia has grown in confidence. She works hard everyday and her effort is always 100%. This is paying off through the great progress in every area this half term! Keep it up Olivia!
Y2	Olivia H	Olivia is a smiley member of the class. She is very positive and works hard in every lesson. Her behaviour is now exemplary. Well done, Olivia.
Y3	Sano	Sano is a quiet member of year three but always answers questions and tries hard in everything she does. Sano has grown in confidence especially in English and this shows with the work she produces. Sano has the most beautiful smile that is infectious. She is a kind, caring and considerate member of the class and always puts others before herself. We are so proud of the progression Sano is making not just academically but also as a young person.
Y4	Archie W	Archie is reliable and trustworthy. He always applies maximum effort consistently. Well done, Archie.
Y5	Nichita	Nichita is a kind and considerate member of year 5. He is a great friend to all members of the class and goes out of his way to help his friends. Nichita is a very talented mathematician, and he also tries hard in every lesson. I can always count on him to carefully listen to instructions and put 100% effort into his work. He is a pleasure to teach. Well done!
Y6	Lexie Q	Lexi has been amazing this half term, she has made amazing progress in all areas and create high quality pieces of work. She demonstrates amazing resilience and will always take on a challenge.

Message from Nursery

This half term the children have continued to expand their knowledge in Phase 1 phonics by learning about, rhyme and rhythm, alliteration and voice sounds. In Maths we have been learning how to subitise numbers' four and five and consolidated that knowledge before moving on to number six.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their IEYC topic of 'Once Upon a Time' and delved into a variety of stories from 'The Gigantic Turnip' to ''The Gingerbread Man'. Here they explored all kinds of vegetables, tried different type of porridge and made their own Gingerbread Man biscuit.





WORLD BOOK DAY IDEAS

Sporty~ Sports Clothes
Cool ~ weekend clothes
Clever ~ School uniform
Fluffy ~ fluffy pyjamas







Message from Y1

In English, Year 1 have been looking at The Lion Inside. We have written our own journey adventure and some of us even invented new animal characters.
In IPC, we have been looking at People of the Past. We have learned about Mary Seacole, Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Marie Curie and Queen Elizabeth I. We have done lots of role play and acting to recreate historical events and had lots of fun doing it

Message from Y6

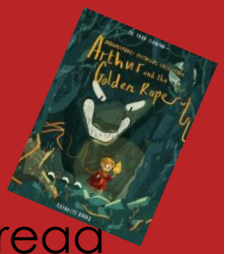
In Year 6 we are learning about journalistic writing in English - we are learning how to use organisational devices, use passive verbs and build cohesion within writing. In Maths, we will continue to follow Power Maths in our curriculum alongside arithmetic and fluency skills - the units we will be learning next half term are algebra, decimals, percentages and measure.
We will continue to learn about living things within Science. We will be learning about classification, food chains and micro-organisms. In IPC we will still be focussing on History and Geography - learning about the skills a historian needs like accessing primary sources and also how Geography can help historians.
In guided reading our new book will be Goldfish Boy and we will be learning about the characters and improving our inference skills.

Message from Reception



We have loved our unit of learning ' To the Rescue'. We have been very busy designing superhero costumes and vehicles. We used our sense to free Supertato and all the evil peas escaped all over the classroom. To celebrate all our learning we all got a certificate from the head of the Superheroes saying we are all superheroes.

Message from Y5



This half-term, we have read Arthur and the Golden Rope and Odd and the Frost Giant. The children have enjoyed exploring Norse mythology in both their writing lessons and reading lessons.
In IPC we are currently learning about Ancient Greece. A highlight of this unit so far has been the children acting out the story Orpheus and Eurydice. The children's drama performances were fantastic! We are looking forward to continuing this topic next half-term.

Our Christian Value this term has been

Courage!

This term we have been celebrating the Christian Value of courage.

We have talked about famous people that have shown courage in their public lives. Rosa Parks had the courage to stand up against racism; Great Thunberg has the courage to hold adults to account for climate change; Neil Armstrong had the courage in his colleagues to send him up to space and walk on the moon; and Terry Fox had the courage to run across Canada with a prosthetic leg to raise awareness for cancer.

We also celebrated the courage of local hero, Joseph Lister, who was honoured for outstanding bravery in WW1.

We spoke about how God is with us at all times to help carry the weight, but that he won't always hold our hand. He helps us to build our personal courage to live our lives as the positive and kind people we are and aspire to be.



Key Messages to share

At St Augustine's we feel it is important to support our teachers of the future so we have a number of students from different universities completing placements with us. Please provide them with the support and kindness that you do all our staff team.

RWI home reading books will now be changed on a Thursday. Please can you make sure that your children have their books in school.

Please can toys or belongings from home stay at home and not visit the classrooms. Please make sure that items are not hidden in children's bags. Thank you for your support.

Thank you in advanced for supporting any educational visits we plan. We really appreciate it. Costs have really gone up recently with a coach costing more than £400 for a day. We do everything we can to keep the costs down while still providing as many experiences for the children as possible.

Please make sure all your contact details are up to date on Arbor and we have the relevant information linked to medical needs and allergies.

Blessing and Prayer from Father Al

Dear Lord,

We ask you to look after us as we break up for our half term.

we ask you for sunshine so we can play

even snow so we can build a snow person.

We ask you to look after our Teacher's and everyone at our school.

help us to help our parents during the holidays, and for us to be kind.

Lord, please keep us safe while we are out playing, walking and seeing new things.

Lord, we ask you to bless our families, neighbours and friends.

help us not to fall out with each other to listen to each other,

and to love one another.

Amen

Fr Al wishes you all a happy and safe holiday, God Bless.

Have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing you all on the 24th February.

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