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End of Summer Term 1May 2025
'To experience life in all its fullness'

Message from the Principal

Well, what can I say! This half-term has been short, but jam packed! The staff team continue to work incredibly hard to ensure school is engaging and learning is fun for all our pupils. There have been some exciting developments in school including a new sensory room which is now fondly known as the 'Bee Haven'. This has been designed by our very own Mrs Hunter. We are also hoping to soon open our new library space.
The children continue to go from strength to strength, and we are very proud of them all.
I am pleased to say that I will be staying at St Augustine's for the following year and I am looking forward to continuing this journey with you all.

Mrs Dilworth

Celebrations and events

This half term...

Thank you to Y1, Y2 and Y5 for their fabulous showcase of learning assemblies.

As part of local history week Y4 visited Orsdall Hall and Y1 visited Salford Museum and Peel Park.

Our eco-refill shop continues to be a great success. We thank you for your continued support.

The VE day celebrations were very heartwarming. It was great to eat lunch altogether.

EYFS visited RHS Bridgewater for a fun filled day learning about plants and different habitats.

The netball team are going from strength to strength and Y3 and 4 played their first football match.

Y6 have visited Bolton Magistrates Court.



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Nursery

Our topic this half term was 'Let's play outside' where we explored the outside areas including, a trip to RHS Bridgewater. We planted some flowers and gained an understanding of what they need to grow. We ended our unit with a lovely picnic in the sun!

During Maths we focused on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as, subitising up to 5.

The children continue to excel in phonics, especially in 'segmenting and blending' giving them the confidence to progress in RWI.



Reception

This half term we have been looking at under the sea and the different creatures that we find in the ocean.
We have done lots of different art-work and creative lessons and worked on different skills.
We took a trip to RHS Bridgewater, and the children really enjoyed exploring their surroundings.



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Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been studying the unit 'Green Fingers' for science.
The children have learned all the different parts of a flower, conducted an experiment to test how the quantity of water influences the growth of plants and guessed a mystery plant by using their senses to make observations.
They have also been studying holidays from the past and present as a part of their topic 'Hooray Let's go on Holiday'.
We have learned about Victorian seaside holidays and compared them to seaside holidays today.

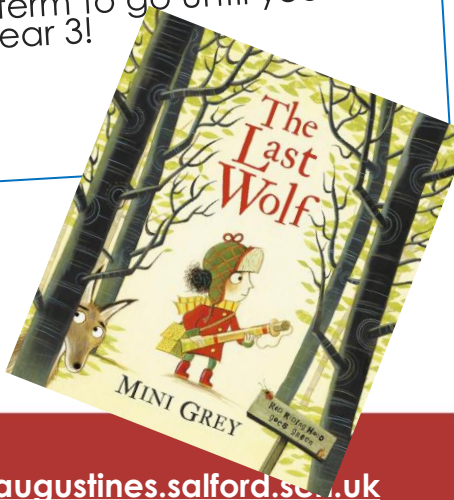
Year 2

In year 2 we have been reading a book called The Last Wolf. the children have been comparing the text to the traditional tale Red Riding Hood. They have written some amazing letters, diary entries and character descriptions.

We have also began our unit Treasure Island with a fab Entry Point where we all dressed as pirates! The children have been creating maps, reading maps and comparing pirates from the past and present.

In science we have been looking at plants and have even planted our own seeds. We have started to learn about fractions and are now a lot better at finding halves and quarters.

One more term to go until you are ready for Year 3!



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Year 3

This half term we have started our new topics 'Vanishing Rainforest's' and 'Let's Plant It'.
We have planted our own sunflower seeds and conducted a fair test to see if the
seeds can grow when you take away one essential element for them to survive. We have created our own class rainforest and also learnt what we use that is grown in the rainforest. He have located different rainforests from around the world.
In maths we have looked at fractions and have moved on to money. We have collaborated with year four and developed our own maths games.
We have learnt all about the Tudors during history week. Such a short half term but lots of learning completed.
We have also had the pleasure of working with Miss
Redfern our student teacher who has been amazing but leaves us on the last day of this half term.



Year 4

In maths we've looked at decimals, money and lots and lots of times tables. We've played lots of times table games and continue to compete for the #1 spot of the leaderboard. Our most recent book in English is a nonfiction text about the Daintree forest in Australia, we've looked at different types of adverbials and how to organise nonfiction information texts with features likes subheadings and paragraphs. In science we enjoyed developing an understanding of circuits and programmed our own games on microbits.

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Year 5

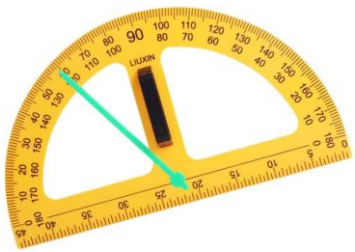
This half-term, year 5 have worked very hard. In English and reading lessons, we learnt all about pollution and its effects. Pupils were excellent at suggesting alternatives and solutions!

In math's, we have focused on geometry and pupils have learnt how to use a protractor correctly.

This was quite tricky at first, but the children made excellent progress.

Our science unit is called 'Bake It' in which we are learning about chemical reactions, and our IPC unit is called 'Weather and Climate.'

We are excited to continue both after half-term.



Year 6

This half term Y6 have been focussing on preparation for their SATs. We covered the whole Maths curriculum through revision to give them the knowledge for the assessments, with a particular focus on arithmetic to give them the confidence to answer the questions. We have done lots of work on comprehension and covered all areas of Grammar and punctuation ready for their tests. We have also had trips to the park to provide a reward for all their hard work. In the final week we have taken part in local history lessons to give the children a better understanding of their local area and we are finishing the week with a trip to the Bolton Courthouse museum to learn more about the history of the court system in the UK.

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63 % of children earned their walk to school badge. Well done, everyone!



Dates or your Diary

9th June till 13th June- **Y1** Phonic screening check.
9th June till 13th June- **Y4** multiplication check.
12th,19th, 26th June and 3rd and 10th July- **Y5** swimming
12th June- **Y3** and **Y4** money workshop
13th June – **Y3** visit to Clifton Park
13th June- **EYFS** Darts, Dominoes and Donuts @ 2.15pm
16th June- **KS1** Darts, Dominoes and Donuts @2.15pm
17th June- Coop Swinton visiting **Y5 and Y6**
17th June- **Y5 and Y6** Darts, Dominoes and Donuts @2.15pm
18th June- **Y4** class assembly
18th June- **Y5** and **6** money workshop
18th June- Mining disaster memorial
19th June- **Y6** bowling and Manchester Cathedral
20th June- Parent meeting focusing on Y7 transition.
23rd June- **EYFS** Sports Day @9:15
24th June – **Ks1** Sports Day @ 2:15
25th June- **Reception** visit to Pizza Express
25th June – **KS2** Sports Day @13:30
27th June- Mental Health workshops throughout school
30th June – changing bodies workshop in **Y6**
1st July- Governors visit to school
9th July- Moving up Day
11th July- **Year 3 and 4** tree planning a Silverdale
14th July- **Y1** rock climbing
15th July – **Y2** rock climbing
16th July – **Y5** visit to the mosque
17th July- **Y6** ukulele concert
18th July- **whole school** colour run
21st July- **Y6 l**eavers assembly
22nd July- All pupils last day

*Please remember that all dates are subject to changes.



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Bestie Bee Update

Lots of children tried the challenge to eat a healthy rainbow. A huge thank you to Mellors for supporting us with this.

We have introduced zones at lunchtimes and the children have loved the new resources. Mrs Bayley has trained play leaders to support everyone and they are doing a fantastic job.

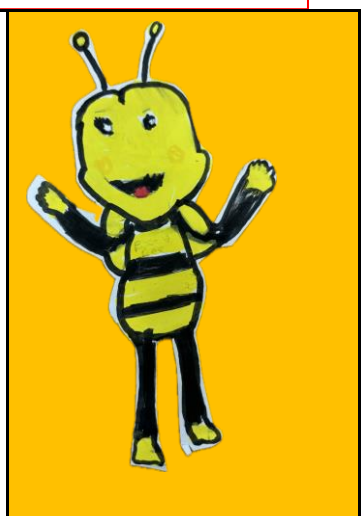






Bestie Bee Challenge 3
Local History Challenge.

Children to research what our local area was like in the past and share their findings with their class. Dojo points will be awarded.



The winning hive for spring 2 was Honey Bees. Their leader chose to celebrate with a snacks and games on the field. I wonder who will win this term?

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STARS OF THE HALF TERM

Nursery	**Jayden**	Jayden has flourished, constantly adapting and striving to succeed. His confidence continues to build, enabling him to be more independent and establish friendships. We are all really proud of the growth he has shown!
Reception	**Violet**	For being an always child and being so helpful in all aspects of reception life. She is the best tidier in reception and is always there to look after her friends and help grown ups out when we need it. Well done, Violet!
Year 1	**Bella**	She always comes into school with a positive attitude and approaches her work with enthusiasm and resilience. She is a kind and helpful friend to everybody in her class
Year 2	**Rory**	Rory has been shining this half term. He has been speaking up more in class and working well with his partner. He is sharing his ideas more and his cheeky little smile is a joy to see in the morning!
Year 3	**Reid**	Reid is a beautiful young man who has grown so much this past year. His confidence has flourished as the year has gone on. Reid is now working more independently and is proud of what is achieving. He is also a great friend to his peers and a popular member of our class. Reid has made us all super happy with how much he has progressed this year.
Year 4	**Amir**	For improved behaviour and attitude to learning.
Year 5	**Esmay H**	Esmay is such a kind and considerate member of year 5. She has a very caring nature and always tries her best to help others. Esmay is a great friend to every member of year 5 and an excellent role model to the rest of the school. Esmay has been amazing this year, always trying her best in everything she does.
Year 6	**Aycer**	This half term I have chosen Aycer. He represents our schools personal learning goals brilliantly. He has great morality and always makes the right choices in school, he works incredibly hard and demonstrates fantastic resilience and is a superb cooperator when working with others. He is a great role model to his peers and a superb representative of our school.

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Shout out to Y6!

We were all very impressed with how Y6 prepared for their sats and the effort they demonstrated during sats week. If you take this determination and mindset with you into Y7 you will thrive.



Attendance

The whole school attendance is **93.71%**. Our target is **95%**. Let's try our best to reach our target.

#Everyminutematters

Class	Percentage
Reception	91.92%
Y1	90.34%
Y2	93.45%
Y3	95.48%
Y4	94.34%
Y5	93.65%
Y6	93.82%

St Augustine's Church

Cream tea in church on Saturday 7th June
12.00 till 2.00pm
Ten pounds a ticket.

Breakfast Club returns after the holidays on 13th June 9.00 till 11.00am.

Gentle Reminders:

Coming in or leaving via the office

For safety and security reasons, please remember to sign your child in and out at the school office whenever entering or leaving the school during the day. This helps us keep accurate records and ensure the safety of all students.

Absences

Please remember to notify the school office if your child will be absent from school. We kindly ask that you contact us before 8:45 AM on the day of their absence. This helps us ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Thank you for your cooperation

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Staff Information

We wish our beloved Mrs Taylor farewell and good luck in her new role. Over the years her support, love and dedication have impacted lots of us and she will be missed.



We are welcoming 2 new teaching assistants in summer 2. They are called Miss Cunnigham and Mrs Clark.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hanlon Jones will be our new learning mentor from September. She has worked as part of our EYFS team for 3 years and is very excited about her new role. She is looking forward to getting to know you all and we know she will be a positive force for us all.

Worship

This (very short!) half term we have thought about friendship. How love and friendship, in Jesus' eyes, are not ranked according to who is closest to you deserving the most, but that kindness and generosity of spirit is spread to all and everyone, regardless of faith, boundaries, distance or borders.
You cannot ever have too many friends!

Prayer from Father Al

Dear Father, we ask you to bless us as we begin our school holidays.
keep us safe and free from harm.

Let us remember to still help others where we can, help our parents at
home with any small task so that as a family we can all enjoy these holidays
more.
We ask this in Jesus's name Amen.

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Pupil Uniform

We are changing our uniform provider. St Augustine's school uniform will be available to buy from Whittakers. It will be in the store from the 1st July. They have a store in Swinton precinct and online. We have some jumpers available in the school office and we will share what sizes these are when we return.

Primary and High School Uniforms - Whittakers Schoolwear



A message from Mrs Taylor

As I reflect on my 8 years serving at St Augustine's & 5 years as the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Learning Mentor at our school in Salford, I feel incredibly grateful for the journey we've shared. It's been a privilege to support our children, you as families, and the wider school community during times of both challenge and growth, especially through Covid & dark days!

I want to express heartfelt thanks to my work buddy's past and present—whose collaboration, trust, and unwavering dedication have made this school what it is today! Together, we've created a safe, nurturing environment where every child has the chance to feel heard, valued, and supported and more importantly loved! Salford has certainly captured my heart.

To you all(children) thank you for your resilience, your honesty, and your strength. You've taught me just as much as I've ever hoped to teach you. Believe in yourself- you've got this! A bright future awaits & I can't wait to read about you in the future.

To the families, thank you for allowing me to walk alongside you in some of life's most important moments. I will never forget the pain & dedication some of you have endured.

This role has not just been a job—it's been a calling. I leave with deep pride, countless memories, and a continued commitment to every single of one of you, within the St Augustine's family. I love you all ❤️



Be good & look after each other.
Mrs Taylor x

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