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End of the academic year 2025
'To experience life in all its fullness'

Message from the Principal

I can't believe the year has finished! When I started in September I was very nervous and I didn't know anyone's name and I now feel like I have been here for ever. It has been wonderful seeing how each and every pupil has grown and developed over the year. I have loved hearing about the children's achievements and supporting the staff team in creating the best possible start for our pupils.

I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for entrusting us with educating and caring for your children. It is an absolute privilege, and I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

Have a wonderful summer and please keep safe.

Mrs Dilworth

Celebrations and events

This half term...

Fathers' Day darts, dominoes and donuts celebration.

Y6 visit to Manchester and visiting Manchester Cathedral.

Y3 family visit to Clifton Park.

Sports Days for all year groups.

A mental health and wellbeing workshop.

Hatching our very own chicks.

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

Y3 and Y4 tree planting.

Y5 attended the Mosque.

Y1 and Y2 attended rock climbing.

MAPAS and our Y6 performed a concert for us all.

The colour run event was a great way to celebrate a fantastic year.

These things don't happen by magic so a huge thank you to the staff team for always going above and beyond.

Special thanks to Mr Corrall for organizing the minibus to help keep costs down for everyone.

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It's all about Y6!!!!!

Y6

We are very proud of all that you have achieved. You have grown not only in height but in wisdom. We will miss you lots but please remember you will always have a special place in the St A family.

Moving On Well sessions

We were very lucky that one of our school governors, Mrs Hardwidge, brought her team of transition experts to work with our year 6 children and parents over a series of sessions to make the journey to High School as smooth as possible. We know that this was invaluable and a great support to our children and families. Thank you!



Fantastic SATS results!!!!

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Messages from the classes:

Nursery

What an exciting term we've experienced around 'Animal Rescue!' We encountered some stick insects and cared for them in our classroom. We also investigated various habitats of animals from across the globe, including the Arctic, Savannah, and desert regions.

In mathematics, the students continued exploring shapes and sizes, revisiting concepts of weight, length, and capacity. We practiced addition and subtraction (one more, one less) and engaged in problem-solving activities.

We examined the significance of nutritious e ating and how this support our bodies' growth and supply us with the energy needed for exploration and learning.

The children have put in tremendous effort into letter writing in preparation for RWI and understanding their sounds to form words. We are immensely proud of their dedication, commitment, and perseverance. They are truly little superstars!

Reception

This half term, Reception have been working really hard getting year 1 ready. We have been going over lots of our learning and embedding it, ready for going up to year 1. During our IEYC time, we have been designing and building our own junk modelling cars, sending the naughty bus on its own adventure through school and going on an adventure through the jungle and spotting different animals. We also had a fantastic sports day. An excellent term to end the year on 🙂

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Year 1

This half term, in science, we have been studying the unit 'Green Fingers'. We learned all about plants and flowers, and even got to plant a bean seed which we have now taken home. We also got to go rock climbing at the Rock Over Climbing Center.. The children had a fantastic time and represented the school brilliantly with their superb behaviour. In 'Hooray! Let's go on Holiday', we have used the computer to find different places on Google Earth and thought about how we might travel to different places.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have built up the quantity of writing we can produce and the children have been writing leaflets and stories! We have tried hard to learn time and word problems in maths which has been a challenge for lots of children but they have all showed amazing resilience. We have been spending a lot of time practising handwriting in preparation for Year 3 as well as comprehension skills!

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Year 3

This half term in English we have focused on a fiction story based around a true story about the first ever giraffe in Paris France called Zeraffa Giraffa. A great story to end the year. Maths we have looked at time, money, shape and angles. IPC we have learnt a lot about deforestation and the impacts we as humans have on them. Science we have looked at the different functions of leaves and why leaves are shaped differently. We have had a wonderful family picnic at Clifton Country Park and also been to Silverdale to maintain the trees and area where we planted trees back in November. Overall an amazing half term but also an amazing year of learning and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning how to create circuits in science alongside programme games in computing. We've been learning about Blue John Caverns and the fiction book linked to them. In maths we've focused on geometry and statistics and reinforced some timetables ready for next year.

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Year 5

This half-term year 5 have thrived in PE! We have learnt how to street dance, strengthened our swimming skills and played cricket with the sports coach. Year 5 love PE and they have built both resilience and co-operation with their peers.

We have learnt all about Jean-Michel Basquiat in English, and we have written an informative text about him. The children shared their opinions of his art and thought about the meanings behind it.

We have also learnt about: decimals and negative numbers in maths; weather and climate in IPC and baked bread in science. It's been a busy half-term!

Year 6

This half term has seen year 6 learning a lot about transition. They have their high school taster days and had lots of sessions on transitions from life skills. We have also been working on pieces of writing to create great evidence for their assessments and spent a lot of time looking at globalisation in geography.

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Bestie Bee Update

We have all been striving for excellence and we have been award with a Social Impact award. A huge well done to all the staff and children for making a difference.







The winning hive for summer 1 was Bumble Bees. Their leader chose to celebrate with ice creams and extra playtime.

Dates or your Diary (all possibly subject to change)

School opens for children: Thursday 4th September
Bikeability for Y6 – Monday 8th September-Thursday 11th
Wetlands geography trip Y5&Y6 Wednesday 17th September
School photos Wednesday 8th October
Flu Vaccinations offer – Monday 20th October
Thursday 23rd October – End of Term
Monday 3rd November – school reopens

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STARS OF THE HALF TERM

Nursery	**Ameila**	The star of this term is Amelia. She has flourished this year in numerous ways. Amel ia actively engages in all aspects of learning. She has particularly focused on enhancing her social and emotional skills, mastering the art of sharing, collaborating with others, and learning to self-regulate her emotions by expressing her feelings and finding constructive ways to a ddress any conflicts. I am incredibly proud of your development, Amelia, and the sig nificant impact you've made in our nursery. Thank you.
Reception	**Harley**	For being amazing all year! Harleys confidence has increased greatly over the year and he works so hard with everything he does. Keep being fantastic Harley!
Year 1	**Neve**	She is a kind and considerate friend to her peers, he always follows classroom expectations, and she always tries her hardest with her work and is not afraid to take on a new challenge.
Year 2	**Nathan**	Nathan has tried this term and all year. He is determined to complete any task he has been set and shows and love of learning in every subject. He is just beginning to gain more independence when working and this has always been a challenge for him in the past! Well done Nathan!
Year 3	**Mohamm ad**	Mohammad has shown great resilience and commitment throughout year three. He has worked so hard with all his work and tried hard building solid friendships. Mo has shown great determination throughout and has grown in to an amazing young man who is loved by all his classmates and staff alike. We are really proud of Mo's achievements and can't wait to see him develop further in year four.
Year 4	**Dani**	Dani has really thrived in the last half term completely switching his attitude towards learning and others around, I'm now proud of the way he conducts himself in lessons and his intelligent contributions in class.
Year 5	**Minnie**	Minnie is an inquisitive student, who asks lots of interesting and thought-provoking questions. She has a thirst for knowledge and is an active participant in classroom discussion. Minnie is also caring, compassionate and a credit to our school. Well done Minnie!
Year 6	**Aycer**	His behaviour and attitude have been amazing all year and has maintained those high standards for the final half term in primary school. He has a great attitude for learning and always asks interesting questions about the topics we are covering.

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Exciting New Plans

We are launching a brand new curriculum to help our pupils be even more engaged in their learning and become knowledge rich. We will share more information in September.

We will also be opening our new library space! We can't wait for you to see it and for the children to enjoy the wide range of books that are available.

St Augustine's Church

The Summer Fair was a huge success. Thank you to your donations.

The next event with be for the Heritage Open Days in September and the plan is to open Church from Friday 12th September to Sunday 14th September. .

Bee Haven

We have opened our new and improved sensory room that provides a much needed space and resources for our pupils who require a sensory diet.



We welcome Aaron Holleran as parent representative on our Local Advisory Board. We are looking forward to his support in leading St Augustine's.

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Staff Information

We wish goodbye and good luck to Mr Turner as he travels the world. We will miss him and are very thankful for all he did to support us.
Mrs Hanlon- Jones will start her new role as our learning mentor and has many exciting things planned.
We welcome new staff Miss Dunn, Mrs Trehane and Mrs Hardy. We know you will give them a warm welcome as they settle into life at St Augustine's.



Worship

This term we have thought about our role as part of a community. We heard how Jesus perceived EVERYONE as his neighbour and didn't discriminate or have preferences. Your neighbour could be your family or another person on the other side of the world needing that small touch of kindness and understanding.



Prayer from Father Al

Dear Lord and Father
we ask for your blessing
as we begin our long holiday.
We ask you to walk with year six
as they move on to their new
schools.

Lord, please keep us safe, free harm
and let us enjoy this holiday.
We ask for sunshine but we know
that we have to have rain also.
We pray for our families and friends
and for us to return to school
full of our adventures of our
holidays. Amen.

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New Year = New Start

We didn't meet our target for attendance this year, so we ask for you to help support us with this next year. We want every child to have amazing attendance next year. Bestie Bee says 'Every minute matters!' So let's make sure we are in school so everyone can flourish.



Everyone starts on 100% attendance on September 4th!

Being on time

Why Being On Time Matters

Being on time for school is more important than many people realise – especially for young learners! When children arrive on time, they start the day calmly, settle into the classroom routine, and don't miss out on important learning and social time.



The first few minutes of the school day often include:

Saying hello to friends and teachers

Getting ready for the day ahead

Important instructions and learning starters

When children are late, they may feel rushed, unsettled, or miss key information – and that can make the rest of the day more difficult.



Arriving on time helps children to:

Feel more confident and prepared

Build good habits for life

Show respect for others' time

Be part of the class community from the very start

We know mornings can be busy, and we appreciate the effort families make each day to get children to school on time. A few extra minutes in the morning can make a big difference to a child's day!

Let's work together to build great routines and a positive start to every school day. 🏫✨

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Ideas to keep busy over summer

🌞 Outdoor Adventures

Nature Scavenger Hunt – Create a checklist of things to find (leaf, feather, rock, bug, etc.).

Backyard Camping – Pitch a tent, make s'mores, and tell stories under the stars.

Park Olympics – Organize races, jumping contests, and other games at a local park.

Bug Hotel Building – Use twigs, leaves, and cardboard to make a home for insects.

Bird Watching Journal – Watch birds and draw or write about them in a notebook.



📚 Reading & Writing

Summer Reading Bingo – Fill in a bingo card by reading in different places or genres.

Write a Short Story – Or a comic book, adventure tale, or fairytale.

Create a Daily Journal – Write or draw something each day of the summer.

Act Out a Story – Turn a favorite book into a mini play.

Make Your Own Book – Staple pages together and write/illustrate your own book.

🍽️ Cooking Fun

Make Ice Lollies – Blend fruit juice and freeze in moulds.

Create a Sandwich Bar – Try making creative sandwich shapes.

Bake a Simple Cake – Decorate it with a summer theme.

Make Fruit Kabobs – Thread fruit on sticks for a healthy snack.

Cook a Meal for the Family – With adult help, plan and cook dinner one night.

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School Council Members Alice and Jessica Reporting

What do you like about school?

Year 1:

Isabella m:" I like that the teachers help and support me."



Max: "I like playing with my friends and learning new things."

What are you proud of?

Year 2:
Ademola: " I am proud of my handwriting."
Olivia C : " I am proud of my maths and art."

What do you like about learning?

Year 3 :
Arlo:" I like having fun whilst learning and learning new things."

What are one of your favourite things about school?
Year 4:
Halimah :" you get to socialize at clubs."

Oliver:" I like doing science, especially when we do experiments."

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What are one of your dreams for year 6?
Year 5:
Lataya:"I want to get better spelling"
Nichita: "I want to get better at spelling and English."
Aoife:" I want to learn a lot more for my SATS."

What was your favorite part of the year?
Miss Snee:"My favorite part was seeing the progress my class has made."
What are you looking forward to next year?
Nursery:
Zach:"Im excited to learn about new stuff and get better at math."
Do you think Bestie bee has made an impact on the school?
Mr Turner:"Yes because the children in school are much happier and much more sensible."

Mr Hurst:"Yes definitely, I think the children want to earn more points to help their team and having clear rules help."

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