



St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus



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LOVING GOD

Like Mary, let us to rise up and share the Good News that Christ is Alive!

Let us overflow with your love and joy so that we may bring hope and light to all we meet.

Amen.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you all so much for your wonderful donations to our Children In Need cake sale, and for all of the donations for your children to come to school in their SPOTacular clothes today - what a wonderful array of spotty clothes! We hope to see you all after school in the playground - please come along and indulge in some delicious cakes!

We know that things are tough for everyone right now; your generosity at this time means so very much to the charities that we help and to us, the school community.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX, HEADTEACHER

We have had another wonderful and busy week at St Augustine's!

We are ending the school week with a very exciting SPOTacular non-uniform day for Children In Need! Wonderful creativity from our children and families has been very apparent in the children's spotty clothes! We can't wait to see you all after school for the cake sale.

Today is also World Youth Fun Day, and all of our classes have interacted at some point today through a special livestream with ten's of thousands of young people across the country, which reminds us all how we are connected on a larger scale to our global Catholic family. This year, the theme is "Rise Up", which signifies a special calling to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength and help others to rise too. As I reflect on this theme, I am struck by the realisation that actually, every child in this school and all of my staff members embody this message every single day, and I am unbelievably proud of you all for doing so without question.

World Youth Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, 20th November - please click [here](#) if you would like to access resources for your family.

Next week will see us starting to prepare for Advent, and we have some lovely events to start the run up to Christmas - please see below for some diary dates, with further information coming out to you very soon!

As always, please log in to your Seesaw app to see what your child's class have been learning about this week - wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Cox



STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK - MRS LUCY MASON!



It's fabulous to be back at St. Augustine's as a Teaching Assistant! I enjoy seeing all the children and love to see how much they love being here at school.

I have two children, one who is still here at St Augustine's and one who is at secondary school now; it's been lovely to be able to share St. Augustine's with my own children as I was also a student here and it makes being here that extra bit special.

Everyone is friendly and has a smile on their faces! A fab place to be.

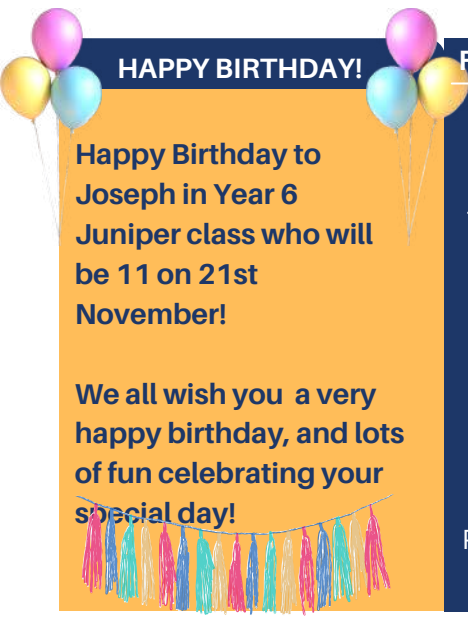
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King - 20th November



On Sunday, we celebrate the great solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the last Sunday of the Church's year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving friend would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over to Him. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.

"Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Joseph in Year 6 Juniper class who will be 11 on 21st November!

We all wish you a very happy birthday, and lots of fun celebrating your special day!

F.O.S.A - BAGS2SCHOOL - TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Once again we are collecting clothes and shoes to raise money for St Augustine's CVA. As always, the more you can donate, the more money we can use for our lovely school. Items you can include are: All clothes (suitable for re-use), paired shoes, hats, scarves and ties, handbags, jewellery, socks, belts, curtains, linen and bedding. Soft toys and school uniform **cannot** be donated.



Please bring your donations to school for collection on **TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER** - thank you!

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance this week was 91.67%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

- Cedar - 90.91%
- Sycamore - 88.89%
- Acacia - 91.71%
- Willow - 89.39%
- Juniper - 97.66%

75 of our pupils had 100% attendance at school this week.

Please click [here](#) to link to the gov.uk website for more information on attendance and absence.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP, JUNIPER CLASS

On Wednesday we had Collective Worship assembly with a liturgy led by Mrs Oliver and our Year 6 Jupiter class. The children spoke to the whole school about the subject of 'hope', and the difference between waiting for happy and good things, and waiting for not-so-good things! The children worked in groups to role play various scenarios, such as the excitement of waiting for Christmas, and the nervousness of waiting for a dental appointment! The Collective Worship was received with great humour by our younger pupils! Well done to our Juniper class - we are so proud of them all for their hard work and planning.



ADVENT - JESSE TREE

Next Sunday, 27th November, will see the arrival of Advent, and continuing with the theme of 'hope', we prepare to reflect and think about how the arrival of our Lord, Jesus Christ, brought great hope to people of the time, and how that hope remains with us and carries us through our day-to-day lives.

Mrs Kaczmarek has created a beautiful advent display in our school reception foyer which explains the meaning behind the different coloured candles in the advent wreath, and a Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by going on a journey through the stories on Jesus's family tree. On each day of Advent, we read a story from the Bible about one of Jesus's family members, and hang an ornament to symbolise the story.

As the tree fills up with decorations, we can see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations. If you would like to download and print your own Jesse Tree ornaments to colour and display at home, please click [here](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We have lots of lovely events coming up as we move into December! More detailed information will be sent out to you very soon, but here are the dates in brief:

Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Production - whole school - 2pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Lunch!

Thursday 8th December - F.O.S.A Christmas Fair!



There will also be two non-uniform days coming up in return for tombola prizes and wine for our bottle stall at the Christmas Fair - details to follow soon!