

# St Augustine's CE School Weekly Beacon

'Our School is a Beacon of Hope'

Monday 13th July 2026

Living out our values of CARE, FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT AND HONESTY

It's the last week and its looking sunny but a bit cooler! Some important things for this week and some good news!



We look forward to seeing our Y6 parents at our Leaver's Performance and Leaver's Worship on Tuesday at the start of the day. Come with your child and come and watch the photo slide show of their time at St Augustine's as well as watch the performance and watch the awards ceremony.

**WEDNESDAY** before and after school - Lost Property will be in the playground for you to come and see if anything is yours. We have some pre-loved uniform so if you need anything, please come and help yourselves from the main entrance area. If you have any uniform that is still good quality but your child has grown out of, please consider donating it to help it have a new life in a new home!

**GREAT NEWS!** We had confirmation last week that we have been awarded the **GOLD** level School Games Mark for our PE, clubs and sports provision in school. These awards need lots of evidence and we are delighted to achieve such a high level on our first attempt at gaining the award. Thank you to Miss Atkins for collating all the evidence needed to submit our application! The certificate will be proudly displayed in the school entrance area.

## Last Week's Attendances

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| Hedgehogs | 92.78 % |
| Rabbits   | 82.92 % |
| Badgers   | 94.12 % |
| Foxes     | 92.97 % |
| Squirrels | 92.43 % |
| Bats      | 97.27 % |

Mrs Lee's end of term Attendance Treat is nearly here! Will you have got the number of attendances to visit it???

THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH TO EVERYONE FOR CONTRIBUTING CHOCOLATE AND TEDDIES FOR THE SUMMER FAYRE LAST THURSDAY. IT WAS COOLER IN THE MORNING AND THERE IS LOTS OF SHADE IN THE PLAYGROUND FIRST THING SO WE COULD HAVE IT SAFELY OUTSIDE. THE CHILDREN BEHAVED PERFECTLY AND REALLY ENJOYED VISITING ALL THE STALLS AND SPENDING THEIR MONEY. WE KEEP EVERYTHING AT 20P SO THAT THEY CAN GET AS MUCH FOR THEIR MONEY AS THEY CAN! THANK YOU TO MRS AKRAM FOR COUNTING ALL THE CHANGE. WE RAISED A FANTASTIC £360!

## This week's Award Winners are . . .

Headteacher's Awards - Ivan, Isaac, Patrick, Rehaan, Pesend, Roohi

Pride Awards - Aniqah, Alayna N, Rubab, Chuan, Inaaya, Fabian

Reader Awards - Justin, Alex, Ayza, Rijja, Hadiqa, Amaya, Jessica, David, Wania

TEAM POINTS - Cockcroft = 292 Lister = 377, Shaw = 378, Mahmood - 307

CONGRATULATIONS TO AYEZA IN HEDGEHOGS FOR HER VALUES AWARD THIS WEEK. AYEZA WAS SHOWING CARE FOR OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND REMINDING HER FRIENDS TO PUT THEIR RUBBISH IN THE BIN WHILST THEY WERE AT THE SUMMER FAYRE. THANK YOU AYEZA!

Thank you to all the children who brought in their photos of their Nasturtium plants. Growing is an important part of the curriculum for Science and a great way to link between home and school. Here are just a couple of photos!



## **ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR AND LOOKING FORWARDS**

We have had several comments recently regarding attendance and the focus on attendance in school. We would rather not have to invest the number of hours, cost of texts, phone calls and staff time doing home visits in this area as we could spend the money elsewhere. However, whilst attendance remains low, the Government Department for Education are visiting school to focus on this area.

- Our Whole School Attendance this year is 92.1% which is an increase on last year but not quite reaching our Government Target.
- Our Persistent Absence is 32.7% which again is a decrease on last year but is more than double the amount it should be.
- Term Time Holidays have had a big impact during the summer term. We have to fine for these for pupils who are already persistently absent and who have a number of absences in line with Working Together to Improve Attendance and the MAT Attendance Policies. Ofsted and the Department of Education monitor all of these requests for Leave of Absence to ensure that parents are taking responsibility for their child's education.
- NEXT YEAR, please support us in school by making sure that your child is in school every day. If your child has a lot of sickness absence, please see Mrs Lee or Mrs Bibi for support and we can refer to the School Nursing Team if this is appropriate.

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT US IN OUR AIM TO REDUCE PERSISTANT ABSENCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU.**