



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

11th September 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children and families this week. They are already beginning to settle into their new classroom routines and have enjoyed eating their lunch in the dining room and playing with the other children on the playground.



Year 5 have had a particularly good week. Today, the class were able to come to school in mufti as a result of achieving 100% attendance last week. That is a real achievement and we look forward to everyone, across the school, trying their best to be in school.



Year 5 also received their first melodica lesson which was taught by the St Albans Cathedral organist, Mr Rees. St Augustine's is the first school to take part in this new initiative and we can't wait to see the children perform at the cathedral at the end of the project. The children were incredibly focused during the lesson and we are sure they are going to learn so much.

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Best Wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Lyfta

This week we learnt about the entrepreneurial community of Awra Amba in Ethiopia and met Enaney who lives and works there.



The provocation for this week was to think about Enaney's words, "In Awra Amba we say 'we are confident'. If we work hard, the gold is in our hands."

We asked our children what they thought her words meant. Kamsi in Year 3 thought her words meant that if you work hard then you can make the world a better place.

This week, our Reception children started school. They have now joined our school community and are learning about the rules and values that help to keep us all safe and happy at school.

In these photographs, you can see children holding our rule buddies: Respectful Rhino, Kindness Koala and Try Your Best Ted. Each class has a set of rule buddies which children hold or put on their desks as a sign that they have followed our school's 'Golden Rules'.

Well done all of you!



'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

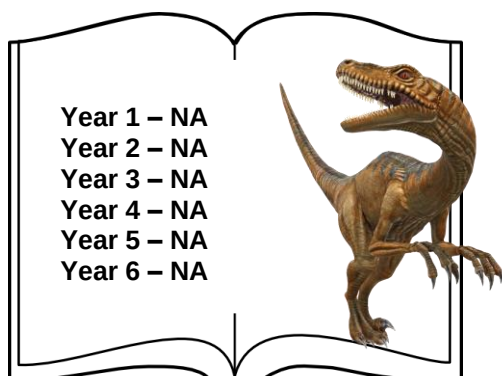
Year 1 – Phoebe
Year 2 – Gwen
Year 3 – Alfie
Year 4 – Josh
Year 5 – Thalifa
Year 6 – Dollie-May

Our 'Lyfta' Pupils of the Week are...

Year 1 – NA
Year 2 – NA
Year 3 – NA
Year 4 – NA
Year 5 – NA
Year 6 – NA



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...

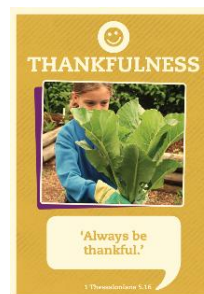


Our House Point totals this week are...



Value of the Half Term

Rev. Ricky came into school this week to lead us in our first 'Roots and fruits' collective worship of the year.



Rev. Ricky is a frequent visitor to our school and the we work closely with St Augustine's Church to provide a range of events and activities throughout the year. We look forward to a fun-packed year ahead.

Vocabulary Velociraptors

1 Praise	2 Reminder	3 House points	4 Reflection
5 Stickers	6 Restore	7 Prizes	8 Review
9 Certificates	10 Suspension/ Exclusion	11 Awards	12 The Golden Rules

In Vocabulary Velociraptors, the children learnt the various symbols that are found on 'the St Augustine's Way'. By repeating them everyday they have been able to memorise them well.

Diary Dates

WB 14th Sep.	Reception children begin full-time Vocabulary Velociraptors - Musical Instruments Week Lyfta – Izandra in Brazil – Classical violinist
Fri. 18th Sep.	Year 3 trip to Ashridge
WB 21st Sep.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – European food Week Lyfta – Ilonka and Erzsebet in Hungary - Sisterhood
Wed. 23rd Sep.	SEND Coffee Morning
Fri. 25th Sep.	European Day of Languages – Children may wear European dress or flag colours

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.



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WE URGENTLY NEED YOU!

HELP US KEEP OUR FUN EVENTS ALIVE!

ALL OUR
AMAZING
EVENTS...

...WILL
NOT GO
AHEAD!



(Discos, Christmas
Fayre, Fundraising)

Without a functional PTFA Team,
these events cannot happen.
We **MUST** recruit new
members **NOW!**

**JOIN
US!**

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PTFA requires
enthusiastic parents
to join.

Every bit of help
makes a difference



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!



Interested in joining our PTFA team? Contact the school office
or email office@staugustinesacademy.co.uk by 25th September.