



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



### Headteacher's Message – Celebrating Bees



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a wonderful bee-themed week we have had in school! To celebrate World Bee Day, we held a special Wild Worship, focusing on what bees can teach us about friendship and community. Just like a hive, our school works best when everyone plays their part.



The children had a great time participating in some unique activities. Together, we created a beehive orchestra where the children used combinations of humming and buzzing to recreate the sounds of the bees. To understand how we work as a team, children passed a 'pollen' tennis ball to each other without using their hands. It was tricky but also a lot of fun. To end our worship, our pupil worship leaders scattered wildflower seeds in our Forest School. We can't wait to watch them grow and welcome some real bees to our Forest School garden soon.

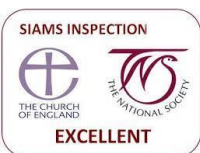
It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to our school for a Stay and Play session with our Early Years children. The sun shone and Forest School was a buzz of activity as the children gathered flowers and leaves to make beautiful pictures. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Finally, today we say goodbye to our highly valued teaching assistant, Mrs Gambier. We would like to say a special thank you to her for all she has done for our school and wish her all the very best for wherever the future takes her.

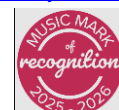
We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday.

**Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

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



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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

- Year 1 – Mersana
- Year 2 – Arabella
- Year 3 – Sara
- Year 4 – Anaya
- Year 5 – Jhanae
- Year 6 – Year 6



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

- Year 1 – Aaron
- Year 2 – Oakley
- Year 3 – Elijah
- Year 4 – Maximillian
- Year 5 – Abigail
- Year 6 – Kaysie-Mae



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...

- Year 1 – Yemaryam
- Year 2 – Kamsi
- Year 3 – Elior
- Year 4 – Taliyah-Blossom
- Year 5 – Archie
- Year 6 – Mason



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...



The House Point totals this week are...



**314**

**319**

**294**

**336**



**Diary Dates**

Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun.	Children Back To School  Vocabulary Velociraptors – Geography Week  Lyfta – Paula in Spain – Marine Biologist
Thu. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	First Aid Training (Years 2 – 6)
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	1:30pm – Year 1 RE Active Church  2:20pm – Year 4 RE Active Church
WB. Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – Disciples Week  Lyfta – Chen Fung in Indonesia – What's in a name?

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

# POP PENTECOST

The story of Pentecost  
told through pop  
songs!



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at 3pm**



Songs from Zootropolis,  
The Greatest Showman & Trolls!

**Fun for all ages – everyone welcome.**



**ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH**

Oakwood Ave, Dunstable, LU5 4AR



Bennett's  
Splash



**Open daily**

**10 am to 6 pm**

FOOD  
AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE  
FROM INSIDE  
BENNETT'S  
CAFÉ

We look forward to  
seeing you!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the splash park and café  
may be closed. Please check our social media for updates.

**FREE endless fun**



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SPLASH PARK FOR YOUR VISIT  
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**DUNSTABLE  
TOWN COUNCIL**



Dunstable  
Fire Station

Brewers Hill Rd  
LU61AA

# SEND FRIENDLY FAMILY OPEN DAY

Saturday, 23rd May 2026

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

A fantastic afternoon including a robot arm building block challenge, raffle, dress up as a fire fighter, aerial platform on display, a designated quiet room, look around the fire trucks, inflatable Tonka toys, meet the firefighters, refreshments and more!



Refreshments  
and Activities



Tours and  
Demonstrations



Fire Safety  
Advice



Open day is for families with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) age 5 – 15

Parking available



# Bedfordshire

## Fire & Rescue Service

🌐 [bedsfire.gov.uk](http://bedsfire.gov.uk)  
📍 Southfields Road  
Kempston, Bedford  
MK42 7NR  
📞 [bedsfirealert.co.uk](http://bedsfirealert.co.uk)  
📱 @bedsfire

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Important water safety message – please read

As the school holidays approach and the weather becomes warmer, we want to share some vital information about **water safety**. Many young people enjoy spending time near rivers, lakes, and other open water, but these environments can be very dangerous—even for strong swimmers.

This message is supported by **Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service** and local partners, including the **Police**, the **East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)**, **RLSS** and **local authorities**, who often respond to water-related incidents during the summer.

Open water areas may look inviting, but they can hide serious hazards such as:

- **Cold water shock** – sudden immersion can cause gasping, panic and breathing difficulties
- **Hidden dangers** – weeds, debris, strong currents and sudden changes in depth
- **Risk of injury** – jumping or diving into unknown water can cause serious harm

### Emergency Advice

If someone is in trouble in the water:

- **Do not enter the water yourself**

### Phone – Float – Throw

If you see someone struggling in the water, remember **Phone – Float – Throw**. It is a simple way to act quickly while keeping everyone safe.

- **Phone** – call 999. Ask for the **Fire Service** for inland water (rivers, lakes, canals) or the **Coastguard** at the coast.
- **Float** – Encourage the person to **float on their back** with their ears in the water, relax their breathing, and call for help. Once they feel calmer, encourage them to swim to safety if they can.
- **Throw** – help them to float in the water by throwing something that floats (a lifebuoy, throwline, football, or even a bottle) and encourage them to hold on. Keep talking to them until help arrives.

More information about water safety is available on the **Respect the Water** website:

[www.respectthewater.com](http://www.respectthewater.com) and the **Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service** website: [www.bedsfire.gov.uk](http://www.bedsfire.gov.uk)

The **RLSS water Safety Code video** is also easy to understand for young people

Please take a moment to talk with your child about these key messages to help keep them safe and ensure everyone enjoys the warmer months.

Kind Regards

Stacey Moore  
Community Safety Officer  
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service





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## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

### STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



### STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

### CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.



### FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)




# MOTORSPORT UK GIRLS KARTING ACADEMY TASTER DAY

FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK NOW AT  
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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

Supporting  
Your Neurodiverse  
Child/Young Person



Written for parents,  
by parents



## SUPPORTING YOUR NEURODIVERSE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON DIGITAL BOOKLET

**FREE**

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When you first realise that your child experiences the world in a different way, it can feel overwhelming. But once you begin to understand their way of thinking it can be rewarding and you can learn so much from your child/young person. This free digital booklet will support you on this journey.

Download your free digital booklet now by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://www.snappcf.org.uk/supporting-your-neurodiverse-child/>

# SNAP PCF SEND ROADSHOW 13/06/2026



No need to book in advance this year – just pay at the door. Make sure your MAX card is valid and bring it with you to get the discounted zoo entry.



Use your  
Max Card  
**ADULT £6**  
**CHILDREN £3**  
6 TICKETS PER  
MAX CARD

## About Us

Our Roadshows bring together services that support children/young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families, all in one place.

## When and Where?

**Saturday 13/06/2026**

**Entry from 9am**

SNAP PCF Roadshow open:

9:30am to 12:30pm

Whipsnade Zoo

The River Room (Education Hub)

LU6 2LF

**Booking not required**

## Chat with ...

- 0-19 Children and Family Service
- Autism Beds
- Blue Sky Carer Support
- CAMHS
- Children's Centre
- CWD (Children with Disabilities Service)
- EHC Team
- Fostering and Adoption Service
- FUN (Families United Network)
- HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme)
- Health Deputy DCO (Designated Clinical Officer) for SEND
- Oral Health Improvement (Dental) Team
- Physiotherapy
- SEND Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Shared lives
- Yes We Can
- Youth Support Service



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM  
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Help us to accurately reflect what life is like navigating SEND in Central Bedfordshire in readiness for an imminent OFSTED and CQC SEND Inspection.

**Please complete the Parent & Carer Survey**

- ✓ **Quick and easy to complete**
- ✓ **Share your experiences**
- ✓ **Help improve SEND services**
- ✓ **Make your voice heard to Ofsted**



**FEEDBACK!**



Please give us just 3 minutes of your time, scan the QR code or click on the link below and complete our survey.

THANK YOU!

**SNAP PCF – OFSTED Ready Survey**

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**Inspectors need to hear about:**

- Education support
- Health services
- Social care support
- Communication with families
- Outcomes for children and young people with SEND

**We cannot do this work without your feedback**

