St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

13th March 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

During the last few weeks, our Site Manager, Mr Smart has been working hard in all weathers to create a brand-new school office entrance gate. The project is now finished and Mr Smart's hard work has not only improved the look of our school but, more importantly, has significantly upgraded our security infrastructure. We are pleased to share that this school improvement also helps us to fulfil the requirements of "Martyn's Law" (the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025).

When you are visiting our school, please bear in mind the following.

- **Office Access Only:** This gate is strictly for those visiting the school office.
- **No Playground Access:** For the safety and security of our children, there is no access to the playground or classrooms through this entrance.
- **Drop-off & Collection:** Procedures for morning drop-offs and afternoon collections remain unchanged. Please continue to use the children's entrance gate located beside the hall.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

We hope you enjoy reading the rest of our packed newsletter and have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes. Amanda Howes – Headteacher

Lyfta and Our Schools Our World

This week in Lyfta we met Cathy who is an astronomer and space scientist at the Kennedy Space Centre in the USA. You can see her pictured above in the Space Centre's Rocket Garden. It was fascinating to hear about Cathy's work on the Lucy Mission to the trojan asteroids – asteroids that have never been visited before.

Through the Lucy Mission, Explorers are able to learn about the fossils of our solar system.

Have you ever looked up at the sky and stared in wonder at the stars, the moon and the clouds. Our Reception class have enjoyed being explorers this week. They have used cloud spotters to identify different types of clouds and even made their own rockets which they launched in the school hall. 3…2…1…Blast off!

'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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Year 5 Linking Schools Network

The Linking Network

Children in Year 5, this week met face-to-face with the Year 5 children from Hadrian Academy as part of 'The Linking network'. It is always a little bit nerve-wracking when you meet people for the first time but the children rose to the challenge of undertaking a vehicle making task where they collaborated in mixed school teams. We were incredibly proud of the way in which the children worked together and each team successfully completed the task. The photographs show the children enjoying the wonderful activities.

Years 4 and 5 – Priory Church Visit

Children from Year 4 and 5 visited priory Church today in a visit which combined Music, Science and Technology. They took part in choral singing and got a chance to play the Church organ. They were also able to use the Wooden One-octave Organ for Young Technologists (WOOFYT). Thank you to Priory Church for hosting this fantastic activity.

Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS
to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are…

Year 1 – Gracie-Mai
Year 2 – Iyla
Year 3 – Elior
Year 4 – Marco
Year 5 – Eliezer
Year 6 – Samantha

Our 'Lyfta' Pupils of the Week are…

Year 1 – Ariel
Year 2 – Eron
Year 3 – Sara
Year 4 – Calum
Year 5 – Abiail
Year 6 – Lena

Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are…

Year 1 – Phoebe
Year 2 – Vrishank
Year 3 – Harmony
Year 4 – Anaya
Year 5 – Archie
Year 6 – David

Our Attendance Bear Winner is…

The House Point totals this week are…

BEECH	WILLOW	MAPLE	OAK
247	261	221	249

Mothering Sunday

This weekend, many of you will be celebrating Mother's Day. We want to wish all women a special day and thank you all for the amazing contribution you make to the lives of others every single day. Our prayers are with you all.

Vocabulary Velociraptors

1 desert	2 rainforest	3 mountain	4 grassland
5 arctic	6 antarctic	7 ocean	8 coral reef
9 river	10 freshwater lake	11 wetland	12 urban

This week we learnt about 12 different types of habitat (in the pictures above) as part of our Science themed week. Have you ever seen any of these habitats?

Diary Dates

Mon. 16th Mar.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – DT Week Lyfta – Asalif in Ethiopia – Reuse and Recycle
Fri. 20th Mar.	1:30pm – Year 2 RE Active Church 2:20pm – Year 5 RE Active Church
Mon. 23rd Mar.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – Review Week Lyfta – Review Week 2:30pm Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance
Tue. 24th Mar.	2:30pm Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance

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

Big Walk And Wheel

For the next two weeks we will be participating in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge. It is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leader boards will receive an exclusive Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

There will also be prizes within school – pupils who travel actively will be put into a draw to win these.

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NHS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to share with you the first issue of our ***School Nursing Newsletter***, by the 0–19 School Nursing Team (Bedfordshire & Luton). This newsletter will be published each term and aims to keep you informed about key health messages, support available through our service, and information that promotes the wellbeing of children, young people, and families.

Please follow the link to view the newsletter: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/iVLyzYTlyEuk2oZn?ref=Link

The newsletter includes helpful updates on health topics relevant to school-aged children, as well as details of how our team can support your child's health and wellbeing throughout their schooling journey.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and that it helps you access health information and guidance when you need it. Information on how to contact our service can be found within the newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

School Nursing Team

Grove Corner

DETACHED YOUTH WORK

GOING WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE

Providing activites
Activities, events, and community projects.

Meaningful conversations
We're here to listen, not judge.

Support & Guidance
Help with school, or life challenges

WHEN YOU WILL SEE US

MONDAYS
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAYS
3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

THURSDAYS
4 pm to 6 pm

FIND OUT WHERE WILL BE ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR WHATSAPP US!

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Youth and Community Centre

Sessions FREE to attend!

FREE WiFi

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Dunstable, LU6 1JF

Mondays: Chill & Hang
(Ages 13 to 18)
3.45 to 5.15 pm

Tuesdays: Pokémon Club
(Ages 8 to 14)
5 pm to 6.30 pm
Term time only

Tuesdays: SEND Friendly Session
(Ages 15 to 18 / up to 25 SEND)
6.45 pm to 8.15 pm
Term time only

Wednesdays: School Transition Session
(Ages 10 to 12)
3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Fridays: Youth Choice
(Ages 13 to 18)
4 pm to 5.30 pm

Fridays: Junior Youth Club
(Ages 10 to 13)
6 pm to 7.45 pm

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Easter Multisport 4 Day Camp - Flitwick

Blues Foundation

Central Bedfordshire

EASTER MULTISPORT 4 DAY CAMP

JOIN US FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES & SPORTS!

Dates & Locations:

- Monday 30th March - Rufus Centre, Flitwick
- Tuesday 31st March - The Hub, Flitwick
- Wednesday 1st April - The Hub, Flitwick
- Thursday 2nd April - The Hub, Flitwick

Drop off time: 10am

Pick up time: 3pm

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Cost: £15 per day, or **FREE** if you qualify for Free School Meals.

FREE childs ticket to watch Bedford Blues for all participants!

Hot food options for attendess (pre book only)

SCAN TO BOOK

Book now: www.bluesfoundation.org.uk/holiday-provision