



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

6th March 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Today, 6 of our pupils visited MK Dons as a special reward for demonstrating the school's values in PE lessons. They met the First Team's players and manager, watched a training session in action, took part in a stadium tour and drank hot chocolate.

We would like to thank Mr Simpson, and all the staff at MK Dons for making this amazing trip happen and we look forward to rewarding more children for their sportsmanship and teamwork in the future.



The other highlight of the week was World Book Day! The children celebrated a love of books through a scavenger hunt created by Mrs Salter, paired reading with children from different classes and a range of other fun and interesting activities. You can see lots of photographs of the day on the next page of this newsletter.

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to carry on the World Book Day fun by spending some time visiting the library or reading books together as a family.

Best Wishes,
Amanda Howes – Headteacher



Lyfta and Our Schools Our World

This week in Lyfta we met Mohit in India.

Mohit does all he can to care for the rare hoolock gibbons that live in the trees around his village.

Being World Wildlife Day on Tuesday, it was fitting to watch this beautiful video and remind ourselves how important it is to care for our world and the wonderful creatures and plants that live in it.



Early Years have been caring for our Forest School this week and have given it a good tidy up by fixing the bug hotels and hedgehog house, and collecting rubbish.



'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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World Book Day

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Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Sofia
Year 2 – Lightecia
Year 3 – Uriel
Year 4 – Chloe
Year 5 – Ellie
Year 6 – Riley

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

Year 1 – Judah
Year 2 – Denis
Year 3 – Alfie
Year 4 – Maximillian
Year 5 – David
Year 6 – Kaysie-mae



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...

Year 1 – Gracie-Mai
Year 2 – Eleora
Year 3 – Zayyan
Year 4 – Emma
Year 5 – Ronnie
Year 6 – Stephen



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...



The House Point totals this week are...



Year 3 Doodle Art



Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their Doodle Art lessons. They have explored a range of doodle artists and most recently learnt about Sam Cox. They then created a pencil case and an iced biscuit decorated in his style. Well done to the whole of Year 3, your Art work was absolutely doodletastic!

Vocabulary Velociraptors

1  Eric Carle	2  Roald Dahl	3  Malorie Blackman	4  Julia Donaldson
5  Rick Riordan	6  Ade Apeitan	7  Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr Seuss)	8  Benjamin Zephaniah
9  Beatrix Potter	10  C. S. Lewis	11  Michael Morpurgo	12  Ibtihaj Muhammed

This week we learnt about 12 different authors (in the pictures above) as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Do you have a favourite author?

Diary Dates

Mon. 9 th Mar.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – Science Week Lyfta – Cathy in USA - Astronomer
Fri. 13 th Mar.	1:30pm – Year 1 RE Active Church 2:20pm – Year 4 RE Active Church
Mon. 16 th Mar.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – DT Week Lyfta – Asalif in Ethiopia – Reuse and Recycle
Fri. 20 th Mar.	1:30pm – Year 2 RE Active Church 2:20pm – Year 5 RE Active Church

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



Do You Have A Teenager?

Living with Teenagers is a free course for Central Bedfordshire mums, dads and carers of children aged 11 to 16 years. This interactive and informal programme is delivered online via Zoom. It is run over 8 weeks by trained parent group facilitators who have first-hand experience of the joys and challenges of being a parent of a teenager.

On the course, you will explore:

- What it is like to be a teenager today
- Practical communication skills to build up confidence
- How to reduce family conflict
- Support teenagers to make informed decisions
- How to better understand your teenager's feelings
- What are the secrets of spending shared time with teenagers.

By the end of the course, you will have:

- Increased confidence in your parenting
- Positive parenting skills to improve the quality of the interactions you have with your teenager.

Talk to us today to find out more and book your place on this free course.



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Supporting and Progressing Families (SPF)

Supporting & Progressing Families is a 4-week parenting programme aimed at parents and carers of children aged 9 years and above.

SPF is based on the philosophy of non-violent resistance (NVR), which focuses on strengthening family relationships and reducing conflict through calm, consistent responses. The programme offers parents and carers the chance to explore a range of practical tools and techniques to support more positive interactions with their child.

Throughout the sessions, parents and carers will explore parental self-care, develop their presence with their child or young person, and learn strategies for de-escalation. The programme provides a safe, supportive and non-judgemental space to reflect on challenges, identify support, and build stronger, more connected relationships.

The programme is delivered by trained facilitators and is free to attend for parents and carers within Central Bedfordshire. Sessions are held online via Microsoft Teams.

Please see the dates and how to book below. The programme consists of 4 sessions in total held at the same time and date each week.

Booking will close two weeks prior to the start date. You will receive an email approximately 24 hours before the start with links on how to join the online meeting.

Dates	Time	Registration (click link to book a place)
Wed 15 th April – Wed 6 th May 2026	12.30 -2.30pm	Register (April/May)
Tues 2 nd June – Tue 23 rd June 2026	5.00 -7.00pm	Register (June)
Tues 22 nd September – Tue 13 th October 2026	5.00 -7.00pm	Register (Sep/Oct)
Mon 9 th November – 30 th November 2026	10.00 -12.00pm	Register (November)