



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



### Deputy Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Whilst the weather has not been particularly favourable, we have enjoyed another busy week at school. On Friday, we had to put our lock down procedures into action due to the police helicopter hovering over our school field. The children responded sensibly and we were able to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff.



Years 1 and 2 visited St Augustine's Church for fun Active Church sessions. They learned to answer the question 'Who is Jesus?' through a series of fun activities. Thanks to Rev. Ricky and his team for making sure that our children had a wonderful time.



We hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend. It looks like it might stay dry and we can enjoy some time outside!

**Best wishes,  
Justine Fourmy – Deputy Headteacher**

### Lyfta and Our School Our World

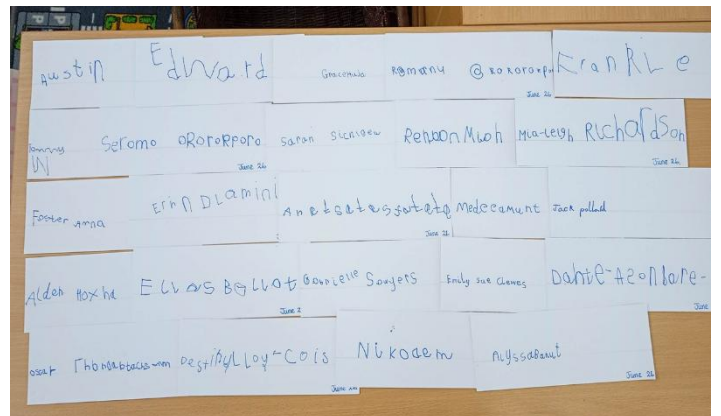


This week in Lyfta, we met Chen Fung Yin from Indonesia and learnt about how names are really important. 'Fung' means Phoenix and 'Yin' means 'Silver'. How beautiful to have a name that means 'Silver Phoenix'.



Our names are part of our uniqueness and they distinguish us from other people. When people use our names, it makes us feel valued.

In Early Years, the children have practised writing their names every day and they can now write them beautifully.



**'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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## Celebration

### CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Frank  
Year 2 – Kyren  
Year 3 – Aria  
Year 4 – Paige  
Year 5 – Tovi  
Year 6 – Tayla



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

Year 1 – Jessica  
Year 2 – Lacie-Mai  
Year 3 – Cameron  
Year 4 – Maximillian  
Year 5 – Andreas  
Year 6 – Samiksh



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...

Year 1 – Aaron  
Year 2 – Eron  
Year 3 – Natalie  
Year 4 – Abel  
Year 5 – Ronny  
Year 6 – Dollie-May



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...



Year 3  
96.9%

The House Point totals this week are...















## Value of the Half Term - Respect

This week we learnt that respect is:

Readiness to listen  
Everyone being valued  
Showing appreciation  
Praying for people  
Expressing opinions sensitively  
Caring for our environment  
Treating property carefully



## Vocabulary Velociraptors

1  Mrs Howes	2  Mrs Fourmy	3  Mr Mead	4  Mr Smart
5  Mrs Medhurst	6  Mrs Holloway	7  Mrs Smart	8  Mr Clarke
9  Miss Mitchell	10  Revd Ricky Turner	11  Cllr Carole Hegley	12  Mrs Woolhead

In Vocabulary Velociraptors, we learnt the names and roles of 12 staff and governors that work for our school. Do you know who they all are and how they help us?

## Diary Dates

WB. Mon. 15th Jun.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – Emotions Week Lyfta – Kristos in Greece – High School
Mon. 15th Jun.	Year 3 to Caddington Grove
Thu. 18th Jun.	EYFS to Mead Open Farm
Fri. 19th Jun.	1:30pm – Year 3 RE Active Church 2:20pm – Year 6 RE Active Church
WB. 22nd Jun.	Vocabulary Velociraptors – PE Week Lyfta – Catherine in Uganda - Boxer
Fri. 26th Jun.	SPORTS DAY
Tues. 7th July	School Nursing Team Health Clinic

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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Community  
Health Services



## Primary School Health Clinics

### Supporting the health and wellbeing of your child

We are pleased to share that the **School Nursing Service** is now offering **Primary School Health Clinics** for parents and carers of primary-aged children on a **termly** basis.

#### **Who are we?**

Your allocated **School Nursing Team** supports your child's health and wellbeing throughout their school journey. These clinics are delivered **in school**, making it easier for families to access support.

#### **What the clinics offer**

Bookable appointments where you can receive:

- ✓ Health advice and guidance
- ✓ Early intervention support
- ✓ Signposting or referrals to other services

Our aim is to work with you to support your child's **health, wellbeing, and development**, helping them reach their full potential.

#### **Next Clinic Information**

Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 9am

Location: St Augustine's Academy

#### **How to book**

Appointments can be made:

- Through your child's school **or**
- By contacting the **School Nursing Service** directly

Please click the following link to view an animation explaining our service offer and how to contact us  
<https://vimeo.com/840387234/0a3c6c32db?fl=pl&fe=sh>

**School Nursing Team**

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

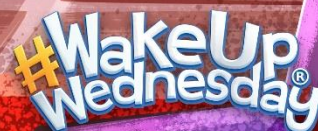
### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

## Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

# Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



**FREE** one hour online session for parents  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm - 8pm**

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your  
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Parent/carer drop-in support for child to parent aggression



## Free online parent/carer drop-in support

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**12:30-1.30pm (GMT)**

A safe, welcoming space for parents and carers  
experiencing child to parent aggression and/or harm



SCAN ME

To book  
your place



Join our live  
Q&A

An opportunity to ask  
questions and think about  
what might be the drivers  
behind the behaviours you  
are experiencing at home.

# Grove Corner

## Youth and Community Centre

### Sessions FREE to attend!

FREE WiFi

76A High Street North  
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



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



Term time only

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**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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### Thorn Turn Reuse Shop

NEW

You can now buy PAT-tested used electrical items at Thorn Turn Reuse Shop. Great bargains. **Less waste.** Donations welcomed.



Central Bedfordshire  
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services

Card payments accepted

Stock changes regularly. Visit often to see what's new!



## Watt a bargain!

No booking required. Open 7 days a week

**ADVENTURE**  
**DISCOVER**  
**PLAY**  
**CREATE**

**HOLIDAY HQ**

Junior Adventures Group

**A SUMMER FULL OF STORIES**

**STARTS HERE**

**NEW THEMES EACH WEEK!**

STEM SCIENCE & DISCOVERY  
SUMMER SPLASH  
URBAN SPORTS  
ULTIMATE SPORTS  
WORLD DISCOVERY & CULTURE  
ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

**Multi-Activity Summer Holiday Camp**

Free Summer Holiday HAF Spaces  
Secure your child's spot

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## A Summer Full of Stories Starts Here!

JAG Summer Camp is a multi-activity holiday experience designed for primary-aged children, packed with variety, energy and creativity. With new themes each week, every day brings something different from high-energy games and team challenges to hands-on making and creative activities.



### EACH DAY IS DIFFERENT!

A mix of fun, creative and active experiences designed around choice and variety:



#### MAKE & TAKE

Craft your own unique creation and take it home as a Holiday HQ souvenir! Get hands-on in our Craft Zone activities, designed to unlock creativity and imagination.



#### ARTS & CRAFTS



#### THEMED ACTIVITIES

Dive into a new adventure every day with our exciting daily themed activities!



#### SKILL ZONE

Skill Zone is a daily session designed to build confidence, curiosity, and teamwork through themed challenges and purposeful play.

### BOOK NOW!

We understand that flexibility and affordability matter. That's why we offer a range of options to help make summer work for you.

- ✓ 48-hour cancellation policy
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted
- ✓ Weekly booking discounts
- ✓ Flexible bookings
- ✓ Childcare Vouchers accepted
- ✓ 10% sibling discount



# AGES 18 TO 55 BRUNCH CLUB

**FREE  
TO  
JOIN**



*Love brunch? (So do we!)*

We're starting a new local project, called the Dunstable Brunch Club. It is a chance to meet new people and discover great local cafés and restaurants in Dunstable.

Monthly brunch meet-ups hosted at different venues in Dunstable.

Are you interested? We want to know!  
We are gauging interest before launching this exciting new project.



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