



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026



## Headteacher's Message



## Lyfta and Our School Our World

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Gardening Club have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the Dunstable in Bloom judging next week. Vegetables are growing well; the garden is neat and tidy and our scarecrow is cheerily supporting the England football team.

On Wednesday, we had our school Transition Day where the children found out who their teacher is going to be for next year. As a reminder, the teachers for next year will be:

- Reception - Mrs Rickman
- Year 1 – Miss Clarke
- Year 2 – Mrs Dawkins
- Year 3 – Mrs Foskett
- Year 4 – Mrs Wykes
- Year 5 – Mr Byass
- Year 6 – Ms Ellis

The next 2 weeks are going to be incredibly exciting with lots of special events and activities taking place. The swimming pool is now set up and ready for lessons to take place next week. Remember to send your children in with their swimming essentials on their timetabled days.

Please look carefully at the diary on page 3 of this newsletter so that you know what is taking place in school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes,

**Amanda Howes**  
Headteacher



This week we met Jasmin from Somaliland. Jasmin has spent much of her life living in Finland and we meet her as she prepares to move back to Somaliland with her family.

We saw how life in Somaliland is very different to the life she has led in Finland. Everything from the landscape, the animals, the buildings, the weather and everyday routines are different.

To begin with, Jasmin's new home felt big and scary to her but eventually she began to get used to some of the changes. When she started her new school, Jasmin began to make friends. She still missed her friends from Finland but she was able to keep in contact with them by phone. The fear she initially felt is now melting away.

Many of our Year 6 children visited their High Schools this week. They met their classmates and teachers, took part in some lessons, learnt about various rules and routines and began to orientate themselves in their new environment.

Even though there are a few nerves, we know that our Year 6 children feel more prepared for their new schools and are looking forward to the change with excitement.



## Free School Meals and Universal Credit

From September, every child whose parents/carers are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the below link for more information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/>

**'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 1's Trip to Whipsnade Zoo



What a wonderful time our Year 1 children had on their trip to Whipsnade this week! The sun was shining and the children were able to see a wide range of animals and take part in activities such as a train ride and a visit to the butterfly house. The children's behaviour was exemplary and was commented on by visitors to the park. We would like to say a huge, "Thank you!" to all the staff and volunteers who helped to make the trip a very special and memorable day.

## Celebration

### CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Elif  
Year 2 – Tejiri  
Year 3 – Leonardo  
Year 4 – Chloe  
Year 5 – David  
Year 6 – Eddie

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

Year 1 – Greyson  
Year 2 – Gwen  
Year 3 – Alma  
Year 4 – Calum  
Year 5 – Ella-Louise  
Year 6 – Lili



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...

Year 1 – Millie  
Year 2 – Philip  
Year 3 – Johan  
Year 4 – Gaunik  
Year 5 – Skye  
Year 6 – Tymon



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...



The House Point totals this week are...



212

218

222

248

## Vocabulary Velociraptors

1  England Harry Kane	2  Switzerland Granit Xhaka	 Germany Joshua Kimmich	4  Spain Álvaro Morata
5  France Kylian Mbappe	6  Mexico Edson Alvarez	7  Brazil Marquinhos	8  United States Tyler Adams
9  Egypt Mohamed Salah	10  Netherlands Virgil van Dijk	11  Argentina Lionel Messi	12  Colombia James Rodriguez

Fifa World Cup fever hit our school this week as we learnt the flags and team captains of 12 countries in the event. Can you learn them all too?

## Diary Dates

WB. 6th Jul.	SWIMMING LESSONS IN SCHOOL FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS  Vocabulary Velociraptors – Swimming Week  Lyfta – Jasmin in Somaliland – Finland to Somaliland (Week 2)
Tue. 7th Jul.	9:00am – Health Clinic (See poster on next page)  2:45pm – Year 3 JSax Performance to Parents and Carers
Wed. 8th Jul.	End of year Reports out
Fri. 10th Jul.	EYFS Visit to St Augustine's Church  End of Year Discos
WB. 13th Jul.	SWIMMING LESSONS IN SCHOOL FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS
Mon. 13th Jul.	10:00am – Year 4 Samba Drumming Performance to Parents and Carers  2:30pm – Year 5 Assembly to Parents and Carers
Tue. 14th Jul.	2:30pm - Year 5 Assembly to Parents and Carers
Thu. 16th Jul.	6:00pm – Year 6 Leavers Event
Fri. 17th Jul.	Last Day of Term! Happy Holidays!

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



## 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**

# 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.





Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

We are working with Coram Beanstalk, a charity that recruits and trains volunteer reading helpers who can commit to an afternoon a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you will support at least 3 children on a one-to-one basis outside of the classroom environment. You will be sharing and talking about books, helping them to grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of reading.

For more information or if you wish to apply, visit the website at [www.corambeanstalk.org.uk/register-now](http://www.corambeanstalk.org.uk/register-now) or call 0207 729 4087.

J&R's Summer of Football

**J&R'S SUMMER OF FOOTBALL**

20TH-25TH JULY, 27TH-31ST JULY, 3RD-7TH AUGUST, 9TH-13TH AUGUST, 16TH-20TH AUGUST, 23RD-27TH AUGUST

9AM-3PM | AGES 5-14 | VENUE 360

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

EARLY/LATE PICKUP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

EARLY BIRD OFFER - ENDS SUN 12TH JULY

**£21.60** PER DAY      **£100** PER WEEK

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# SUMMER

# HAF



## PERFORMING ARTS CAMP



DANCE



SINGING



DRAMA



ARTS &  
CRAFTS



GAMES



A HOT  
LUNCH



HEALTHY  
SNACKS

*& LOTS OF FUN!!*

VENUE



Watling Lower School  
Dunstable  
Central Bedfordshire

DATES

Monday 27th - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

TIME



10am-2pm

Individual day  
booking available

**FREE SPACES**  
FOR CHILDREN  
ELIGIBLE FOR  
BENEFIT-RELATED  
FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Paid spaces  
also  
available ✨

# BOOK NOW!

CLICK THE BUTTON  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE!



**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





## 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

# New UK online safety measures - What's covered?

	<p><b>Social media</b></p>	<p>Restrictions on access to major social media platforms for under-16s. Platforms named by the Government which may include are TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, X and YouTube.</p> <p>✔ YouTube Kids is not currently included in the ban.</p>	
	<p><b>Communicating with strangers</b></p>	<p>Features that allow under-16s to communicate with strangers would be restricted across relevant online services, including gaming platforms.</p>	
	<p><b>Livestreaming</b></p>	<p>Under-16s would not be able to create or host livestreams.</p>	
	<p><b>AI chatbots</b></p>	<p>Romantic or sexual AI chatbots will be banned for under-18s. All AI tools must also switch off similar features for anyone under 18.</p>	
	<p><b>16-17-year-olds</b></p>	<p>Livestreaming and stranger-contact protections would be switched on by default. Additional protections are under consideration.</p>	
	<p><b>Platform design</b></p>	<p>The Government is considering measures such as overnight curfews, breaks in infinite scrolling and other design changes to support children's wellbeing online.</p>	
	<p><b>Age verification</b></p>	<p>Simply asking children to enter their date of birth will no longer be enough. Platforms will need to introduce robust checks, the exact methods are still being decided.</p>	

## Scouting Needs You!



We have a growing number of Young People wanting to take part in Scouting across Dunstable, but we need more adult help to give youngsters Fun, Adventure and learn #SkillsForLife

We Need - more than 25 new volunteers, to help with

- Opening more Squirrel Dreys (4 to 6yrs)
- Our expanding Beaver Colonies (6 to 8)
- LOTS more help with the Cub Packs (8 to 10)
- Help with our ever growing Scout troops (10 to 14)
- We also need: Gardeners, tea makers, minute takers, fundraisers, media managers, cleaners, DIY'ers, trustee members, treasurers, smilers & laughers, administrators.

If you would like to help or learn more please contact us :

[Dunstabledc@gmail.com](mailto:Dunstabledc@gmail.com)

Or visit <https://dunstable.scoutsonline.co.uk>



**They make all the difference. So could you.**

Help young people in Dunstable, Houghton Regis and all the Surrounding Villages

scouts.org.uk/Volunteer  
#SkillsForLife





HOUGHTON HALL PARK

# Open Air Cinema



Wed  
29th  
July  
2026

2pm GOAT (PG)

Run Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

4.00pm Wicked (PG)

Run Time: 2 hours 40 minutes

Book Free  
Tickets via  
Eventbrite



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