



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

10th July 2026



Headteacher's Message



Dunstable in Bloom

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



How brilliant to have the swimming pool on site for the last 2 weeks of term, especially with the weather being so warm. Children throughout the school, from Reception to Year 6 have been taking part in swimming lessons and learning essential skills to help them keep safe in the water. It is a wonderful experience for them and they are thoroughly enjoying it.



We would also like to congratulate our 2 Walk To School winners who received an amazing prize of a scooter each. A big well done them and to everyone who does their best to walk, scoot or bike to school.

We hope you enjoy this penultimate newsletter. Can you believe that next week is the last week of term? Where has this year gone?

Best wishes,
Amanda Howes - Headteacher



This week saw the judging of our school garden and Winnie the Pooh themed wheelbarrow for the Dunstable in Bloom competition. Mrs Babiak and the Gardening Club, as usual, have worked incredibly hard to nurture our garden and prepare for the competition. They deserve to do incredibly well but whatever the outcome, they are definitely winners in our eyes. Thank you Gardening Club and Well Done!



Vocabulary Velociraptors – Swimming Week

1 lifeguard	2 whistle	3 ladder	4 swim cap
5 goggles	6 noodle	7 kickboard	8 front crawl
9 backstroke	10 breaststroke	11 butterfly stroke	12 treading water

This week, we learnt 12 words, pictures and definitions relating to swimming. Can you learn them all too?

'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 3's JSax Performance



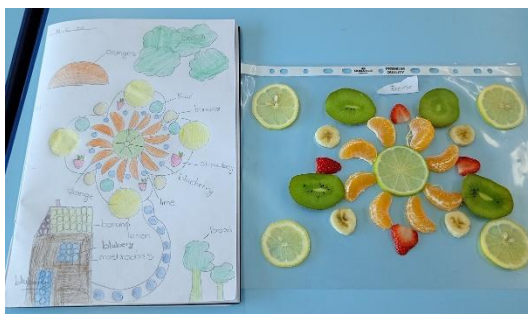
During the past term, Year 3 have been taking JSax lessons with a specialist Inspiring Music teacher. Their learning culminated this week by giving a rousing performance to their families. The children performed exceptionally well and surprised us all with how much they have learnt in just a few weeks. You are a talented bunch Year 3! Well done!

Year 4 Art – Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers

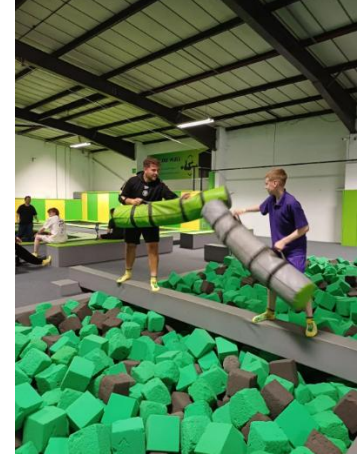
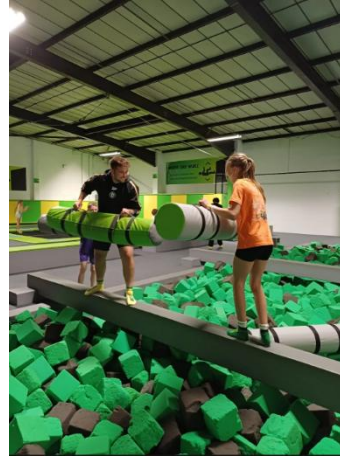
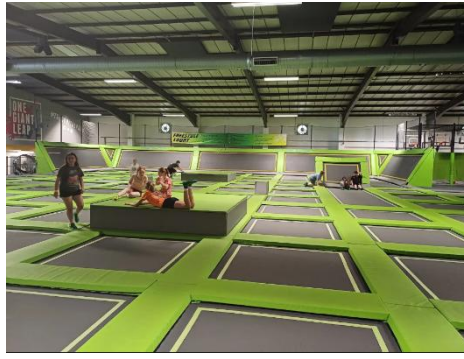


Year 4 created some beautiful fruit art work inspired by Italian painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They followed their designs carefully to produce their edible delights.

Superb work
Year 4!



Year 6's Trip to Orbital



Orbital is a very popular venue where children can enjoy a range of activities such as Trampoline and Battle Beams. Last Friday, Year 6 visited Orbital for their end of year trip. As well as enjoying the activities, they enjoyed a delicious pizza meal together and had fun creating some lasting memories with their friends.



Year 5's Linking Schools Network Trip to Hadrian Academy



The Linking Network



Year 5 recently visited Hadrian Academy as part of the Linking Schools Network. Following a brisk morning walk, they arrived at the school to a hearty welcome. The children re-established the friendships they had previously made and took part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities where they worked and played together.

Next week, Hadrian Academy will be visiting our school and we look forward to giving them a warm welcome too.

Celebration

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Phoebe
Year 2 – Gwen
Year 3 – Alfie
Year 4 – Josh
Year 5 – Thalifa
Year 6 – Dollie-May



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

Year 1 – Frank
Year 2 – Kamsi
Year 3 – Esfir
Year 4 – Roman
Year 5 – Denzel
Year 6 – Lena



Our Vocabulary Velociraptors are...

Year 1 – Lily
Year 2 – Rodrigo
Year 3 – Sara
Year 4 – Harley
Year 5 – Antoni
Year 6 – Rehmell



Our Attendance Bear Winner is...



Year 6
99.6%

Our House Point totals this week are...



218



225



230



227

Awards and Prizes



It is always lovely to see children receiving prizes and rewards for their good behaviour and effort with their learning. In the top photo, you can see the children who received our special ice-cream award and in the bottom photo you can see children from Year 1 choosing prizes from the prize box.

Well done to all the children who have received prizes!

Diary Dates

WB. 13 th Jul.	SWIMMING LESSONS IN SCHOOL FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS
Mon. 13 th Jul.	10:00am – Year 4 Samba Drumming Performance to Parents and Carers 2:30pm – Year 5 Assembly to Parents and Carers
Wed. 15 th Jul.	Year 5 Linking Schools event – Hadrian Academy's Year 5 to visit our school
Thu. 16 th Jul.	6:00pm – Year 6 Leavers Event
Fri. 17 th 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ACADEMY

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SCHOOL EVENTS ARE AT RISK!

HELP SAVE OUR DISCOS & MORE!



THE KIDS' FAVOURITES ARE AT RISK!

If no-one steps up, your children could miss out on School Discos, Christmas Fayre, subsidised trips and more.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP STEPPING DOWN



Their kids have moved on, and new, refreshed volunteers are urgently needed to build on their legacy and keep things running! But before they go, a HUGE THANK YOU TO MOIRA AND EMMA FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF AMAZING SUPPORT!

JOIN US NOW! →

YOUR IDEAS!
YOUR ENERGY!
WE NEED YOU!

Interested?
Contact the school office.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Central
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Libraries

READ to the BEAT

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Summer Reading Challenge 2026 Newsletter

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the challenge is Read to the Beat, all about being musical and ties in with the National Year of Reading 2026.

It runs Friday 17th July to Saturday 5th September 2026.



Children are encouraged to read whatever they choose for the challenge, recognising the importance of reading for pleasure in increasing empathy and improving well-being, as well as in children's educational success. The theme this year is all about music! Children will be able to find books linked to their favourite creative arts, and access activities at the library.

The Challenge

- Children must be members of the library service. Join the library [here](#) or go to your local library.
- The challenge invites children to read six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- Children can borrow books or read our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available on our BorrowBox and PressReader app. [More about e-resources](#)
- Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 17th July.
- Children are awarded a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- Children completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a £40 voucher for The Works to buy arts, crafts and books.

Struggle with reading? We can help!



- For dyslexia, we have collections of shorter books, with special fonts and paper – and great stories.
- The BorrowBox app has special accessibility features, which allow customers to select font, background and fontsize.
- Picture books aren't just for toddlers! Libraries have collections of older picture books for young readers.

- Get hooked on graphic novels (comic style books).
- Learning to read? Select from beginning to read or short chapter books
- Booklists with lots of ideas available on our [Virtual Library](#).
- Some children (especially boys) prefer non-fiction. Dinosaurs, transport and space are particularly popular.
- Enjoy stories through audiobooks. Free to borrow on CD or download with [BorrowBox](#).



All libraries will have activities for children available throughout the summer.
All libraries offer a Treasure Hunt to children when they complete the reading challenge

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.





FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS

SUMMER CAMP

4 WEEKS OF FUN



FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL

DODGEBALL

DART



FOOTBALL



BASKETBALL



ATHLETICS



DODGEBALL



DART & MORE!

WEEK 2 MON 27TH JULY 2026 - THU 30TH JULY 2026

WEEK 3 MON 3RD AUGUST 2026 - THU 6TH AUGUST 2026

WEEK 4 MON 17TH AUGUST 2026 - THU 20TH AUGUST 2026

WEEK 5 MON 24TH AUGUST 2026 - THU 27TH AUGUST 2026



TIME

10AM - 3PM

NO EARLY DROP OFF



WHO

BOYS & GIRLS
ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME!



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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 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

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£21.60 PER DAY **£100** PER WEEK

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VENUE



Watling Lower School
Dunstable
Central Bedfordshire

DATES

Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Monday 10th - Friday 14th Aug

Monday 17th - Friday 21st Aug

TIME



10am-2pm

Individual day
booking available

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



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also
available ✨

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PLAY
CREATE

HOLIDAY HQ

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A SUMMER FULL OF STORIES

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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
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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

New UK online safety measures - What's covered?

	<p>Social media</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>Communicating with strangers</p>	<p>Features that allow under-16s to communicate with strangers would be restricted across relevant online services, including gaming platforms.</p>	
	<p>Livestreaming</p>	<p>Under-16s would not be able to create or host livestreams.</p>	
	<p>AI chatbots</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>16-17-year-olds</p>	<p>Livestreaming and stranger-contact protections would be switched on by default. Additional protections are under consideration.</p>	
	<p>Platform design</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>Age verification</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

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



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July
2026

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4.00pm Wicked (PG)

Run Time: 2 hours 40 minutes

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