



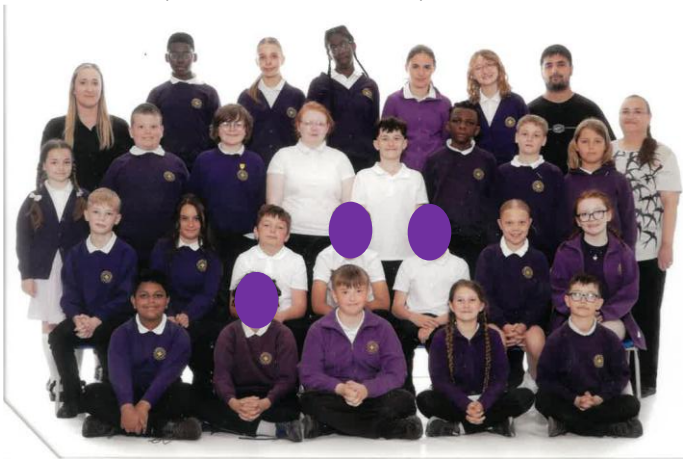
St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

17th July 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



This week has been filled with celebration as we look back fondly on the year gone by and look forward to the exciting future ahead. It is always sad to say goodbye to the children and staff moving on from our school but we are excited that they are stepping into a world full of new adventures and opportunities.

Firstly, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. You have achieved so much and we hope that you will keep on shining as you move to your next schools. You will always be a part of our family.

A few of our families, from other year groups, are moving to new areas and schools during the summer and we wish them all the very best as they begin new chapters in their lives.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Bricknell, Mrs Dryden and Mrs Salter who are moving onto new opportunities. We will miss them very much and thank them for their dedication to our school.

At the end of every year, we create a special PowerPoint of our favourite memories. This will be uploaded to the homepage of the school website very soon. We hope you enjoy looking back at all the wonderful moments we shared in 2026.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for all of your support during the year. We wish you all a safe, fun and happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 3rd September.

Best wishes, Amanda Howes - Headteacher

Year 6 Trophy Winners



We would like to say a huge congratulations to the winners of our Bamford Academic Achievement shield and our Gina-Bates – Kindness and Caring trophy. Both children have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and we know that they will continue to shine wherever life takes them. We are so proud of you!

Staff Farewell



Today we bid a fond farewell to 3 wonderful members of staff who are going to be greatly missed by us all. Mrs Bricknell, Mrs Dryden and Mrs Salter have, between them, given many years of dedicated service to St Augustine's and we are excited to think that they are all moving onto new ventures that we hope will bring them much happiness and fulfilment. Please join with us in thanking them for all they have given to our school and wishing them all the very best for the future.

'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.

✦ Christian Values ✦

Reception – Wyatt, Year 1 – Agnes, Year 2 – Lacie-Mae, Year 3 – Alfie, Year 4 – Maximillian, Year 5 – Andreas, Year 6 – Olly

📖 British Values 📖

Reception – Frankie, Year 1 – Millie, Year 2 – Gwen, Year 3 – Zayyan, Year 4 – Leo, Year 5 – Ellie, Year 6 – Samiksh

✨Effort ✨

Reception – Austin, Year 1 – Frank, Year 2 – Vrishank, Year 3 – Esfir, Year 4 – Calum, Year 5 – Jhanea, Year 6 – Dollie-May

✍️ Handwriting ✍️

Reception – Leon, Year 1 – George, Year 2 – Octavia, Year 3 – Arika, Year 4 – Frankie, Year 5 – Ella-Louise, Year 6 – Jesse

📖 Challenge 📖

Rodrigo, Thomas, Lois, Lacie-Mai

📖 100 Reads 📖

Frankie, Rehaan, Wyatt, Rose, Oluwafirefunmi, Rodrigo, Vrishank, Alesha, Esfir, Natalie, Thomas, Jesse, Arika, Addis, KC, Emmett, Natalie, Harmony, Leo, GGracie-Mae, Maximillian, Abigail, Kajetan, David

📖 200 Reads 📖

Emily, Rose, Aaron, Kamsi, Sara, Semehal, Maximillian

📖 300 Reads 📖

Lily, Zayyan, Archie, Orion

📖 400 Reads 📖

Orion, Archie

📖 1 Million Reads 📖

Sabina

✖ 2, 5 and 10 Times Tables ✖

Arianne, Denis, Eron, Kaeon, Beau, Zane

✖ Up to 12 Times Tables ✖

Leo, Paige-Anthony, Gracie-Mae

★Star of the Week ★

Year 1 – George, Year 2 – Vrishank, Year 3 – Akila, Year 4 – Gracie-Mae, Year 5 – David, Year 6 – Lily Fo.

🌟 'Lyfta' Pupil of the Week 🌟

Year 1 – Greyson, Year 2 – Eron, Year 3 – Thomas, Year 4 – Roman, Year 5 – Ellie, Year 6 – Kacper

🦖 Vocabulary Velociraptor of the Week 🦖

Year 1 – Phobe, Year 2 – Jedrzej, Year 3 – Jojo, Year 4 – Mason, Year 5 – Skye, Year 6 – Lena

Overall Attendance Winners



Year 3
95.45%

Overall House Point Winners



9031

8549

8455

8850

Archbishop of York's Young Leaders' Award



We are thrilled that, for the seventh year running, our Year 2 children have achieved the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders' Award. Throughout the year, they have taken part in activities which have focused on kindness, perseverance, teamwork and action, and they should be hugely proud of this achievement. Well done Year 2!

Year 5 Linking Schools Network



The Linking Network



This week, Year 5 enjoyed the final part of their Linking Schools Network journey as children and staff from Hadrian Academy visited our school. The children enjoyed a range of activities relating to the World Cup including a scavenger hunt and a forest school activity. It has been a great experience for the children and one day they may even meet up again at high school.

Diary Dates

Thu. 3 rd Sep.	Back to school for Years 1 - 6
Tue. 8 th Sep.	Reception children start school (Mornings)

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

Water Safety Wild Worship



Our Wild Worships are some of the biggest highlights of the year with everyone coming together in our forest school.

Our Wild Worship this week was planned by our pupil worship leaders who chose the theme of 'Water Safety'. They looked at the Bible story of Jesus calming the storm (Luke 8:22-25), asked the children to create water safety freeze frames and asked a range of questions about how to stay safe near rivers, on the beach and in swimming pools. It was a lot of fun but there was also a serious message to what they shared with us.

Our pupil worship leaders have done a wonderful job this year and we would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to their roles. A huge well done to all of you!

End of Year Disco and Thank You!



The school discos are very popular with the children and even in the hot weather they never seem to shy away from the dance floor.

The fact that we have school discos is all down to the wonderful parent representatives on the PTFA. The 3 lovely ladies in the photograph at the top of this column, are stepping down this summer after some incredible service. Moira has been the chair of the PTFA for more than 10 years which is an amazing achievement.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Moira and the other PTFA members for all they have done for our children. They have shown incredible passion and commitment to our school and we are sure that you join with us in thanking them.

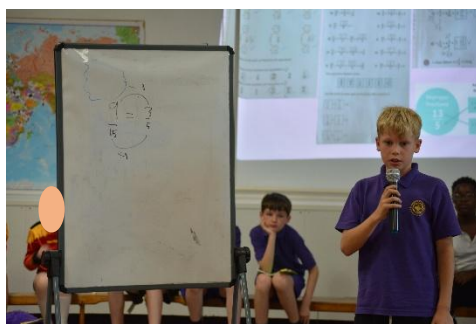
Remember, new PTFA members are needed to keep these events running so please consider whether you can help and let the school office know. Thank you.

Year 4 Samba Drumming Performance



What a rousing performance our Year 4 samba drummers gave to their parents and carers this week. In 8 short weeks, the children have learnt to play a range of percussion instruments, read musical notation and perform to an audience. It was an absolute delight to watch them play. Well done Year 4!

Year 5's End of Year Performance



Year 5 took their parents and carers on an exciting journey through their year at St Augustine's.

From Henry VIII to fractions, Writing about 'The Viewer' and Cheerleading, the children delighted us with all they had learnt.

It was a delight to watch them perform and we look forward to seeing all they go on to achieve as they prepare to begin Year 6 in a few weeks' time. Well done Year 5!





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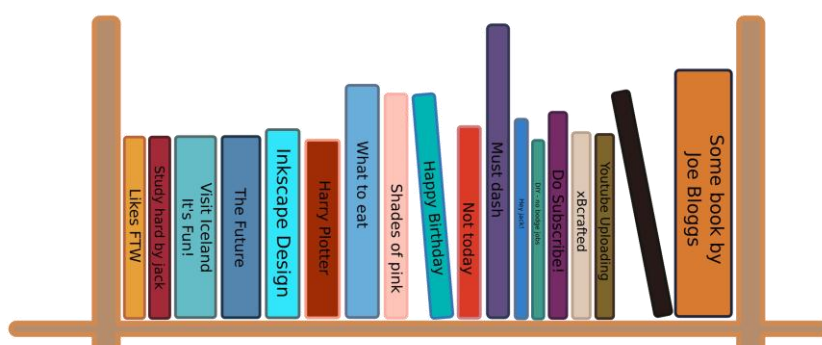




On Thursday 10th July, Dunstable Children's Centre were excited to be able to launch a Book Nook! This was after a successful bid from Dunstable Library in conjunction with Raising Readers. This is Hachette's urgent and long-term campaign to raise awareness of the decline in the number of children reading for fun and encourage everyone to make reading for enjoyment part of children's daily lives. As part of [Hachette's 200th Anniversary](#) they have created a £200,000 fund to boost children's access to books and encourage a reading for fun daily habit. This fund will be used to create 200 Book Nooks in community spaces across the UK where there is currently no access to books. They have partnered with [Peters Library Suppliers](#) to design, build and distribute these bespoke reading spaces. Dunstable Children's Centre were among the lucky 200!

Dunstable Children's Centre invited children from St Augustine's Academy and local families to attend the launch and it was a lovely afternoon with children of all ages enjoying books, reading together and using their imagination.

Dunstable Children's Centre have partnered with Dunstable Library and during the summer are holding sessions for children 0-10 years to come along with their families and enjoy the Book Nook, in the hope they can contribute to the increase in Raising Readers!



Support and Advice



If you are concerned about a child or young person please call 0300 300 8585
Out of hours: 0300 300 8123



The NSPCC are available for adults if they have any concerns about a child. This could be your own child's mental health, for example.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 800 5000**



If you are struggling to cope and have concerns over your own mental wellbeing, Mind offer information and advice.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> Telephone: **0300 123 3393**



The Samaritans offer a listening ear.

<https://www.samaritans.org/> Telephone: **116 123**



The Salvation Army offer a church and services to support those in need.
Telephone: 01582 606031



If you are unsure whether an app or game is suitable for your child, National Online Safety provide highly visual and informative Online Safety posters for parents, carers and children.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



Refuge are available to offer support to any woman experiencing Domestic Abuse.

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 2000 247**



A confidential service for men experiencing domestic Abuse.

<https://mensadvice.org.uk/> Telephone: **0808 8010327**



LGBT+ Domestic Abuse helpline

<https://galop.org.uk/> Telephone: **0800 999 5428**



Child Line is a free and confidential service where young people can talk about anything. Support is available online, on the phone, anytime.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> Telephone: **0800 1111**

Rev. Ricky

For prayer and general help and support.

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Team Vicars