St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

October 2026

Half-term round up!

What a busy and wonderful start to the school year! This half term has been filled with exciting learning, new friendships and opportunities for our children to shine. We are proud of the enthusiasm and kindness they have shown, living out our Gospel values through their words and actions. As we continue to grow together as God's family, we give thanks for our school community and the gifts each child brings. Thank you to all our families for your continued support.

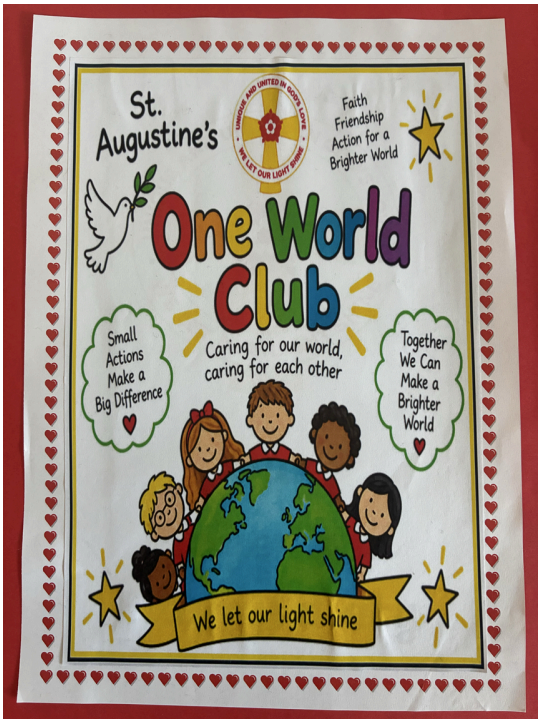
Our Lady & the Holy Rosary



October is dedicated to Mary and The Holy Rosary. For Catholics, the Rosary is a prayer in which we meditate on the life of Jesus. Because of the mission that Mary received from God, her life was closely tied to Jesus. When we pray the Rosary, we are asking Mary to pray for us that we might be more focused on the life of Jesus and follow in his footsteps.



One World Club



Our One World Club has been busy creating a fantastic video to encourage everyone to keep our school environment clean and tidy! The children have worked brilliantly together to share important messages about looking after our school and caring for God's wonderful world. We can't wait to show everyone their amazing work

School Council

Last week, our School Council met to review some of the initiatives taking place across school. The children discussed the progress of our recycling initiative and presented the posters they have designed to promote recycling throughout school.

The council also considered rewards for our school teams and agreed that an extra playtime for the winning team at the end of half term would be a lovely way to celebrate their achievement. Well done, St Mark!

Suggestion boxes have now been placed in classrooms, allowing all pupils to contribute their thoughts and ideas to School Council discussions.

Exciting Opportunity for Years 5 & 6!

We are delighted to share some exciting news! On November 16th, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be visiting The Vault in Preston to take part in a special BBC LIVE Assembly as part of Anti-Bullying Week. This fantastic event will give children the opportunity to join pupils from across the region in exploring important themes such as kindness, respect, inclusion and standing up against bullying. Through engaging activities and inspiring discussions, the assembly will encourage pupils to reflect on how they can make a positive difference in their communities and support one another. We are looking forward to what promises to be a memorable and meaningful experience for our pupils, and we can't wait to share more about the day after the event!

Thank you to Mrs Goulding for making this exciting opportunity possible!





Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you for your generosity and support for our charitable events so far this year. Together, we raised a fantastic £471 at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and £172 for YoungMinds through our Hello Yellow Day, alongside a wonderful collection of donated goods for our Harvest appeal. Your kindness reflects our Gospel values in action and makes a real difference to others in our community.









Autumn Dinner Menu

Our new autumn menu will begin on Tuesday 3rd November. The three-week menu cycle will be shared on Class Dojo so families can explore the new meals available.



Coming up...

Swimming for Year 4

Year 4 will take part in a two-week block of intensive swimming lessons from 9th-20th November as part of the National Curriculum. These sessions will help children develop their swimming skills, confidence and water safety awareness.



Jack & the Beanstalk

We are delighted that the children will be watching Jack and the Beanstalk on 9th December. Children will need a packed lunch to take to the venue. Families can either pre-order a school packed lunch or provide one from home. Further details will be confirmed nearer the time.



Poppy Appeal 2026

Poppies will be on sale from **Tuesday 3rd November**. Please send your child with some small change if they would like to buy one and support the Poppy Appeal.



Keep up to date

Take a look at our school website to find useful information, important dates and a glimpse of life in our school community. It's a great way to stay connected and celebrate the wonderful learning taking place! https://staugustines.mecmat.org/

Sporting News

What an incredible half term of sport we have had at St Augustine's! Our children have been busy representing our school in a range of exciting competitions, tournaments and league fixtures, showing fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship along the way!

We are delighted to celebrate some brilliant achievements! Our KS2 Mini Skills team secured an amazing 1st place, whilst our Year 3 and 4 Mini Skills team achieved a fantastic 2nd place! A huge congratulations to everyone involved – we are so proud of you!

Children from Years 5 and 6 also took part in a hockey tournament this week. Despite the challenging weather conditions, they showed wonderful resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. Well done to all our hockey players!

Our football league fixtures have also got off to a fantastic start! The children have shown great commitment and team spirit and we look forward to seeing how they progress throughout the season. Keep up the brilliant work!

Looking ahead, our Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in their very own Mini Skills competition when we return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**. We wish them the very best of luck and cannot wait to hear how they get on!

A huge WELL DONE to all our young athletes who have represented St Augustine's this half term. You have made us incredibly proud!

Go Team St Augustine's!



Talk Zone

Have Your Say: Lancashire Family Survey.
Lancashire's Children and Family Wellbeing Service would like to hear from children, young people and families—even if you have never used their services. Please share your views and encourage your child to contribute, helping to shape future support across Lancashire.
Follow the link to complete the survey:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/family-survey/



Thank you to all our children and families for a wonderful first half term and for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a restful break filled with family time and autumn adventures!
Please remember that **Friday 23rd October** and **Monday 2nd November** are INSET days, so school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming all children back on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Wishing you all a lovely half term, from everyone at St Augustine's.

