



# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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Good morning everyone

It has been a very busy couple of weeks again! There have been lots of sports events where our children took part in competitions and did very well - more information will be in our Sports News section.

I would also like to thank the parents who attended the Phonics and Reading workshop. Click on the link at the bottom of the page for the resources.

Reading is a big focus at St Augustines' and, with your generous contributions at the Summer Fair, we have been able to buy lots of engaging books for the KS2 children for home reading. The children are very excited to read these books and I know they will be keen to read them with you at home. I have included an article link below (from the BBC) on how to support your child to read at home.

The Macmillan Cancer Support bake sale has been a huge success! Thankyou to all the parents who have donated cakes and savouries, taken part in the baking completion, came to support the cause and spent your money. The PTFA have surpassed themselves in their efforts for this brilliant cause. With all this effort, St Augustines' has raised a whopping £816 (and a bucket full of 5p's)! I would also like to mention and thank CHAI STOP for their continued support and help in our community. Have a brilliant weekend everyone!

Resources for Phonics

<https://www.staugustinespreston.co.uk/early-reading-and-phonics/>

BBC Article

BBC link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9qt>



### Catholic Life:

Harvest and Family fast day is next week. Friday 4th October. We are inviting your children to come to school with Silly Hair! For a donation of your choosing but no less than £1 per child. Here's what we are collecting for: Waré, a farmer and mother, was pregnant when severe drought hit her village:

"We tried to plan, because we knew the dry season was coming, and I was going to give birth to my child, we tried to collect enough hay in storage for the livestock. But then the drought was so much more severe than we expected. We lost everything." – Waré The major challenge Waré faced was water. She would wake up at 5 am every day and walk six hours to find water in the extreme heat whilst pregnant. Sometimes she would find the water source empty, so she'd have to keep walking, exhausted. Waré had a plan – to build life-changing water tanks in her village. Our local water engineers, alongside Waré and her neighbours, constructed an underground water tank. These tanks are like a reservoir – collecting rain to store to use when drought hits.

When asked about the support from our local experts, Waré said: "They were always very close to us. They didn't just supervise us remotely, they came to our site and worked with us, practically. We shared everything together!" These tanks hold 1,000 bathtubs worth of water and serve 300 families. You can make sure more of these tanks are built in drought-hit areas like Waré's. Your support can help more women like Waré to build life-changing water tanks. You'll be helping families not just to survive but to thrive.



### Sports News

September has been awesome! A strong start from the mini skills team from Y5-6 who came second in the opening Sports event of the year! Only one single point separated us from the team that was the overall winner so fine margins and healthy competition! Mr Evans, who led the team added " Our team's dedication and spirit were inspiring. Second place is a well-deserved reward for all their training and teamwork!"

Onto Hockey League, despite a defeat in the opening game vs St Josephs, I felt the team were very competitive and it was a result that didn't really reflect the story of the game, without getting down beat and having a strong mindset, we did kick into a higher gear to defeat Kennington 4-0. This week we conclude our hockey fixtures and our updates will be posted on Dojo!

Upcoming we have The Dick Kerr Ladies Trophy (Girls Football) round one tie vs Barton St Lawrence and The Harold Slater Shield (Boys Football) round one tie vs St Ignatius. Training takes place on Monday mornings for the boys and Wednesday mornings for the girls – pre booked via Arbor please. The boys Football League is also approaching after half term! Tuesday 30th we have the Kids Football Cup at Play Football in the afternoon at Play Football, Mr Evans has been in contact with the parents of the children selected, please make sure you provide consent to him if you would like your child to take part and represent school.

Y6 parents: Don't forget that the deadline for applying for high school places is on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

here is the link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/how-to-apply>