



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

March's Value is **Patience and Tolerance**
Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout March

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for today 10th March 2023 go to ...



	Shining Light	Value (Patience and Tolerance)	Dojo
Blossom	James	Aaminah	M-Ishaq and Namareq
Willow	Mokshith	Hanna	Adam Yousef
Sycamore	Alveera	Atiyyah	Ih'Saan
Beech	Andromeda	Salma	Andromeda
Year 3	Zuzanna	Malieka	Ebrahim
Year 3/4	Aamina Y	Sarah	Aaminah T
Year 4/5	Aiden	Stevie	Areebah
Year 5/6	Abram	Skylar	Juana and Abram
Year 6	Ifra	Mati	Khadijah

SCHOOL
Attendance

	23 rd - 27 th Jan	30 th - 3 rd Feb	6 th - 10 th Feb	21 st - 24 th Feb	27 th Feb - 3 rd March	6 th March- 10 th March
Blossom	97.24%	95.73%	95.52%	93.97%	96.54%	95.17%
Willow	94.14%	99.57%	97.86%	87.98%	96.79%	94.64%
Sycamore	97.04%	92.79%	98.52%	91.67%	93.00%	94.67%
Beech	95.00%	93.00%	93.10%	96.98%	96.55%	91.72%
Year 3	97.50%	93.36%	88.75%	95.31%	95.63%	97.19%
Year 3/4	96.56%	91.86%	93.44%	96.88%	96.25%	95.31%
Year 4/5	98.13%	95.31%	96.88%	92.19%	98.13%	92.50%
Year 5/6	90.31%	92.58%	90.63%	97.66%	95.63%	93.75%
Year 6	96.88%	91.09%	94.69%	96.48%	97.19%	95.31%



NEU teacher union strike days

Message from Mr Entwistle

You may be aware from the news that there are two more NEU teacher union strike days proposed for next Wednesday and Thursday the 15th and 16th March 2023.

Please note that staff are not under any obligation to notify me in advance and reserve the right to strike and can do so right up to the day.

At present, I have been advised by our school teaching staff that they do not plan to take part in the strike action this time.

Therefore, based on this information, school will be **open as normal** on Wednesday and Thursday the 15th and 16th March 2023.

In the unlikely event that there are any changes to this, I will notify you as soon as possible.



Sponsorship

The PE department are appealing to businesses within our school community that may be interested in sponsoring our new sports kit for use at external sporting events.

Please contact the school office if you can support this project.



Easter Holiday Club

Absolute Sports Coaching are a company working to create a supportive and fun environment where all children can participate and excel in their sport or activity of choice. Absolute will be running a holiday club at our school during the Easter Holiday. The club will run 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April 2023 from 8am- 12noon.

Please refer to the information sent out last week or contact the school office for details.

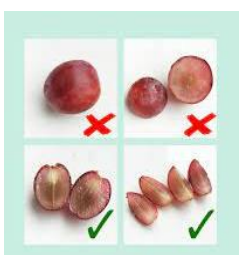


Easter Egg Raffle

Pupils will have the option to purchase tickets for our annual Easter Egg Raffle from Monday 13th March 2023. Tickets will be sold at 50p per strip. Proceeds from the sales will go towards our school fund.

The draw will take place on Friday 31st March 2023.

If you are able to donate an Easter Egg it would be much appreciated.



Grapes

If you include grapes in your child's packed lunch/ break time snack, please remember to always cut them lengthwise to prevent a choking hazard.



This Sunday, 12th March 2023 is the Third Sunday of Lent

In this week's gospel we hear a story about Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminds us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water."

The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life."

"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

"I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. "My Samaritan ancestors worshipped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

Many more believed because of his message, and they said to the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world."