



# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle



## End of Term Newsletter: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023



*We wish all our families a  
very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.*

*From all the staff at St  
Augustine's*

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

### **Christmas message from Mr Entwistle**

Wow! – we are at the end of our first term this year and I am sure the children are ready for the break and a rest – I know the staff are!

It has been an amazing start to the school year and I would like to thank all the new parents, children and staff that have joined us this term for fitting so well into the St Augustine's family and helping us grow from strength to strength. I would also like to say a massive thank you for all your support and cooperation throughout this term. After Christmas we are going to focus on Parental Engagement to look at how we can liaise with you better and support you in helping your children's learning at home. This term we have had a group of Year 6 parents in school on a weekly basis looking at what their children are doing in class and learning about the strategies we now use in maths. We also hope to set up a parent focus group and restart the PTFA. Mrs Patel is leading on this so expect some communication from her after the holidays.

Over the last few weeks it has been lovely marking the build up to Christmas. It was lovely to see so many Infant parents attend the Nativity performances – we had packed audiences on both days! It was also great to see the children enjoying themselves at the Christmas Dinners, Parties and the Junior Carol Concert. We certainly know how to mark special occasions in school!

I do hope that over this Christmas holiday period you get the chance to relax and have some family time. For those of you who will be celebrating Christmas, I hope that you have a happy and holy time and that Santa is kind to you. See you in January - all refreshed!

December's Value is **Respect**

Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout December

Our Headteacher Award winners are ...



	Head Teacher's Award for Shining Light	Head Teacher's Award for Shining Star
Acorn	Umar	
Blossom	Aishah K	Aaminah
Willow	Antonia	Julia
Sycamore	Mahmmad	Adam
Beech	Safaa	Maryam
Year 3	Aadhya	Andromeda
Year 3/4	Muhammad D	Maariyah
Year 4/5	Leon	Dawid
Year 5/6	Alisa	Maleeha
Year 6	Elise	Mariam

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 go to ...

	Shining Light	Value (Respect)	Dojo
Acorn			
Blossom	Yahya	Faatimah	Yusuf
Willow	Aliza	Aaminah N	Rosie
Sycamore	Eliza	Zak	Maja
Beech	Daniel	Aaminah P	Daniel & Zayd
Year 3	Muhammad-Rayyaan	Liam	Cairo
Year 3/4	Muhammad Zayd	Mikaeel	Sienna & Muhammad D
Year 4/5	Patryk	Ebrahim	Zain
Year 5/6	Jesse	Lexi	Myah
Year 6	Adam	Ziyaad	Mariam & Muhammad-Zayyaan

	13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Autumn Term
Blossom	97.00%	90.00%	87.33%	96.00%	95.67%	94.58%	95.74%
Willow	97.86%	94.29%	94.29%	93.21%	92.55%	93.75%	95.39%
Sycamore	97.99%	96.33%	98.00%	92.28%	97.99%	94.17%	96.60%
Beech	93.67%	89.33%	92.00%	97.67%	92.67%	96.25%	94.71%
Year 3	94.19%	97.08%	94.52%	94.81%	91.23%	91.13%	94.27%
Year 3/4	95.76%	91.52%	90.61%	94.55%	95.15%	89.39%	94.87%
Year 4/5	98.71%	95.48%	93.87%	96.45%	96.45%	90.44%	95.91%
Year 5/6	98.44%	99.38%	97.81%	99.06%	96.88%	95.70%	97.26%
Year 6	95.48%	96.25%	93.75%	95.31%	95.94%	95.31%	94.99%

**SCHOOL**  
Attendance





### Nativity

Thank you for all your support at the Infant Nativity performances last week. We hope you agree that the children were amazing!

Mrs Thompson has done a very professional job of creating a video from several performances of 'A Bundle of Joy' which has been uploaded to our school website - you can access this via the link below

<https://st-augustines-catholic-primary-school-preston.primarysite.media/>

We hope you enjoy it!



### Help for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who donated items to support the local homeless charity, the Metanoia Project, which is based at St Wilfrid's Church and provides a warm and safe space for the homeless people of Preston as well as a meal and things that they need to keep warm and clean.

Your donations were collected today and will be distributed over the next few days.



### After School Clubs

After School Clubs re-start on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. If your child has been allocated a place you will receive a confirmation DoJo message from their class teacher.



### Toy Afternoon

On **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, children can bring a toy into school which they will be allowed to play with in the afternoon.

The toy should be something that can be played with other children and not contain lots of pieces some of which could potentially be lost. Also please do not let your children bring a toy that they treasure.

# This Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent



*This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent – a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory.*

**In this week's Gospel we hear how a special messenger came to visit Mary to tell her that she was going to have a baby.**

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!"

Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do."