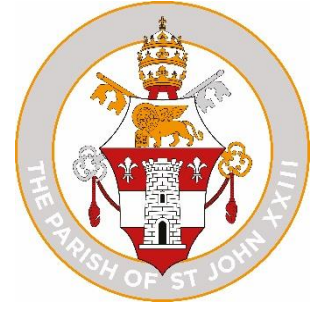




St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mr John Entwistle

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 25th November 2022

Welcome to this week's newsletter

November's Value is Care & Compassion

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

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for 25th November 2022 go to



	Shining Light	Value (Care & Compassion)	Dojo
Blossom	Adam Y & Saarah	Khadijah & Zak	Musa
Willow	Maryam	Mokshith	Eesa
Sycamore	Yahya	Umaymah	Erin
Beech	Saffiyah	Matthew	Umair
Year 3	Sienna	Patryk	Matthew
Year 3/4	Asiyah	Liam	Asiyah
Year 4/5	Orion	Alisa	Henry
Year 5/6	Yasan	Mariam	Aaminah
Year 6	Alina	Romie	Hannah & Zakariyya

Artist of the Month – November 2022



Blossom	Asiya	Year 3	Zuzanna
Willow	Aaminah	Year 3/4	Savvy
Sycamore	Rayyan	Year 4/5	Aleenah
Beech	Davian	Year 5/6	Maariyah
		Year 6	Jamie

SCHOOL
Attendance

	10 th – 14 th Oct	17 th – 20 th Oct	31 st Oct – 4 th Nov	7 th – 11 th Nov	14 th – 18 th Nov	21 st – 25 th Nov
Blossom	94.83%	86.21%	97.24%	92.76%	86.55%	92.41%
Willow	93.62%	70.54%	95.36%	94.29%	92.14%	92.41%
Sycamore	82.59%	80.09%	88.46%	87.41%	87.04%	87.04%
Beech	87.33%	83.33%	97.33%	96.33%	90.00%	78.67%
Year 3	97.50%	93.36%	92.50%	96.56%	96.56%	91.56%
Year 3/4	91.72%	96.55%	95.21%	97.00%	97.74%	96.25%
Year 4/5	98.44%	98.05%	94.69%	96.56%	91.56%	90.31%
Year 5/6	95.16%	92.34%	91.25%	97.81%	91.88%	90.00%
Year 6	94.00%	84.58%	90.67%	89.67%	97.00%	93.67%



Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust – update from Mr Entwistle

As you know we have been going through the academisation process for the last year or so and the conversion day has finally arrived – next Thursday, 1st December 2022.

A couple of years ago Bishop Paul requested that all Catholic schools in the diocese convert to an academy by 2026. Our Governors decided that it was important for our school to be in the first round of conversions to help form the Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church) Multi Academy Trust for all the schools in the Preston area. Eventually there will be 23 schools in the MAT with seven schools joining in the first year and helping to set it up: St Clare's, The Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady and St Edward's, St Joseph's, St Teresa's, St Bernard's and our school.

This is a real landmark. Although the day to day running of the school will remain the same, we have a great opportunity for collaboration amongst the schools. We will also have greater economies of scale and hope, as we grow, to be able to make our budgets go further which will be a great benefit to the schools and the children.

To mark the day we will be having special assemblies. We were hoping to convert on the 1st November 2022 and had our celebrations on this day which included a party for the children, a bouncy castle and a group of Year 6 pupils went to Lancaster to have their photograph taken with the Bishop and the other schools.



Silly Hair Day – Thursday, 1st December 2022

This is a message/request from our 'One World-ers' (children who attend our One World After School Club)

Hello Parents,

We are the One World-ers and we would like to tell you about our fund raising event for the Shalom Academy in Irovo – Kenya.

We are planning to do a Silly Hair Day. This will be on the 1st December and we would like a £1 donation (or 50p if you have more children in your family).

The money we raise is for the children of the Shalom Academy to have the things they need to learn (it costs £51 for a term).

During that week, we will also be selling raffle tickets for some excellent prizes. We will tell you about the prizes soon.

Thank you for listening to our message.

Yours sincerely,

Aaminah, Alisa, Abdullah and Muhammad

Members of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School's One World Club



Christmas Jumper Donations

On **Thursday, 1st December 2022**, we are collecting donations of good condition Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your child.

Any donations that we receive will be shared with pupils across school which they can then wear on our Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday, 15th December 2022.



After School Clubs

After School Clubs end on **Thursday, 1st December 2022** and will recommence in the New Year



Inset Day

Please remember that school is closed on **Friday, 2nd December 2022** for a staff Inset Day.



Father Christmas visit

On **Monday, 12th December 2022**, Father Christmas will be visiting our school grotto and our Infant and Junior children will have the opportunity to meet him and receive a small gift.

If you would like your child to meet Father Christmas please make a payment of £3.00 via ParentPay by **9am on Monday, 5th December 2022**.



Children in Need Day

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported our 'Great Spotacular' event last week.

We raised £185 for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal and our children had a great day!



Parent View

As our Ofsted inspection is imminent please can you complete the questionnaire on the Ofsted website and place comments and give feedback on the performance of our school. This is the link to the questionnaire: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.



School Admissions for September 2023

Applications are now open for children who are due to start primary school in September 2023.

If you have a child who is due to start primary school next year the deadline date is the **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via the link below.

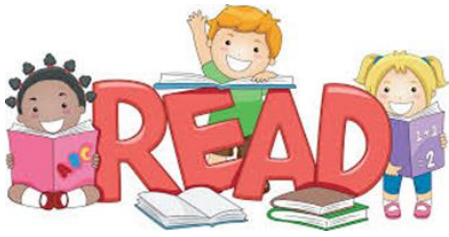
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>



Handle with Care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please message me or your child's class teacher via DoJo simply saying "Handle with Care". You can also send a text message to Lynn, our Family Support Worker. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Regards Mr J Entwistle (Headteacher)



Importance of reading

It is extremely important that your child is able to read well. Reading supports all other curriculum areas and in school we definitely see that those with a better reading ability do better in all the other subjects.

Reading only improves with practice.

In school we put great emphasis on helping our children develop their reading ability and comprehension skills but they need to practice and this needs to happen at home.

If they do no other homework they need to read at home and preferably with an adult there to support them. We always hope for a minimum of 3 times a week, but the more the better.

If you would like help to support your child's reading please contact their class teacher and they will be more than happy to help.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN



Class/Pupils	Event	Day	Date	Time
All	Parish Advent Service – St Joseph’s	Wednesday	30 th November 2022	6:00pm – 7:30pm
School	Academy Conversion	Thursday	1 st December 2022	All day
All	Silly Hair Day & Raffle	Thursday	1 st December 2022	All day
All	After School Clubs End	Thursday	1 st December 2022	4:00
All	School closed – Staff Inset Day	Friday	2 nd December 2022	All day
Sycamore & Beech pupils	Muppets Christmas Carol film - Vue Cinema	Tuesday	6 th December 2022	9:15 – 12:00
All	Advent Mass	Wednesday	7 th December 2022	9:30 – 10:30
Junior pupils	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime	Thursday	8 th December 2022	12:30 – 3:30
All	Father Christmas visit	Monday	12 th December 2022	All day
Infants	Nativity	Monday	12 th December 2022	1:50 – 2:40
Infants	Nativity	Tuesday	13 th December 2022	9:40 – 10:20 1:50 – 2:40
All	Christmas Dinner	Thursday	15 th December 2022	11:30 – 1:00
All	Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday	15 th December 2022	All day
All	Celebration Assembly	Friday	16 th December 2022	9:15 – 10:15
All	Christmas Parties	Monday	19 th December 2022	1:00 – 3:00
Junior pupils	Carol Service	Tuesday	20 th December 2022	9:30 – 10:45
All	School finishes for the Christmas break	Tuesday	20 th December 2022	1:30pm

This Sunday, 27th November 2022, is the First Sunday of Advent



This week's Gospel tells us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again. We must be ready at all times as we cannot be sure when this will be.

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realise what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind.

Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him."