



St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

7th September 2018



Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to our new staff and families; it is great to have you with us. It has been lovely to see all the children return this week and the school has a calm, purposeful and happy feel.

During the holiday, our school was still a hub of business. Fun-filled transition days for Reception pupils were held along with the Pre-School and Children's Centre; we were delighted to receive a certificate from 'Develop' for our efforts in providing work experience for young people, and our 'Healthy School' self-review was acknowledged.

Much was also done to improve our learning facilities and create a healthier school environment. Children in Years 3-6 are enjoying new locker facilities which have relieved downstairs congestion; Early Years have a newly decorated and carpeted classroom; new curtains hang in the school hall and new library and office facilities are underway. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make all these things possible.

We are off to a flying start!
Have a good weekend everyone.

Amanda Howes - Headteacher



School Vision

Our school vision reflects the values and goals of our school; it is the heartbeat of all we do. Today, each pupil has been given a 'St. Augustine's Box' containing items which reflect our vision. We hope it will remind every pupil how special they are and how much we value and care for each one of them.

At St. Augustine's Academy:



Safety Pin - The safety and well-being of our pupils is our top priority.



Cross - Our ethos is built on Christian values with 'love' at the core.



Balloon - We have high expectations and strive for the highest academic standards.



Sunflower Seed - We grow and flourish in a happy, stimulating and treasured environment.



Stretchy Person - We stretch ourselves and each other to achieve our full potential.



Crayon - We inspire creativity, innovation and self-belief.



Jigsaw Piece - We value relationships and work together to make a difference.



Child - Our pupils are at the heart of all we do.

Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

96.88%

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority in our School Improvement Plan for this year. We know that if children are not in school then they are not learning. Let's work together to raise attendance and give our children the best possible life chances for the future.

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 92.59%	Year 2 – 96.55%
Year 3 – 97.32%	Year 4 – 97.73%
Year 5 – 98.08%	Year 6 – 100%

Year 6 attained 100% attendance this week and receive a Mufti Day. Well Done!

Learning Journals and Curriculum Overviews

To help children with their learning at home, each child has been given an exciting, new Learning Journal and a Curriculum Overview.

The Learning Journal contains information pages to help children with their homework, puzzle pages, a reading guide for parents and more!

There is also a 'Challenge Page' full of things to do with your child at home. When your child completes a challenge, please sign the page and your child will then receive a sticker. Any child who completes all the challenges will receive a special certificate.

We hope you enjoy the new journals and find them useful.



Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

😊 'SELF' Pupil of the Week 😊

Year 1 – Jamie
Year 2 – Ethan
Year 3 – Amelie
Year 4 – Zak
Year 5 – Ellie
Year 6 – Regan

📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Year 1 – Alfie
Year 2 – Jason
Year 3 – Billy
Year 4 – Alfie
Year 5 – Filip
Year 6 – Mia

★ Star of the Week ★

Year 1 – Poppy
Year 2 – Riley
Year 3 – Cameron
Year 4 – Hussein
Year 5 – Sasha
Year 6 – Angel

🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 43
Mars - 84
Earth - 60
Venus - 63

Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

Exhilarating

Exhilarating means to feel very happy, excited or thrilled.

Can you use the word 'exhilarating' in your speaking and writing this week?

School Uniform

Please remember that our school uniform colour for trousers, skirts, pinafores and shorts is **black**. Please ensure that grey items are not worn. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Tue. 18 th Sep.	9:00am – Parent Forum
Tue. 25 th Sep.	9:00am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm – Phonics Workshops
Wed. 26 th Sep.	European Day of Languages Mufti Day
Thu. 27 th Sep.	3:30pm – PTFA Annual General Meeting
Fri. 28 th Sep.	9:15am – KS2 Service at St. Augustine's Church (Parents/Carers Welcome)
Tue. 2 nd Oct.	3:30pm – Parents' Evening
Wed. 3 rd Oct.	4:30pm – Parents' Evening
Tue. 9 th Oct.	9:00am – Reading Workshop
Fri. 12 th Oct.	PTFA Movie Night
Fri. 19 th Oct.	Last Day of Half Term
Tue. 30 th Oct.	Children Back to School

Please check the school website for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy. You can also download the amazing 'School Jotter' App to Android and Apple devices to receive information to your phone or tablet.



Please note that dates sometimes have to change and we will notify you if this happens.

'SELF' Question for next Week

What is self-awareness?



Our Value for this half term is...

THANKFULNESS



'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

Alice Morse Earle

Try to think of at least one good thing that has happened in your day today.

Celebration Assemblies take place at 9:00am every Thursday morning in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

