



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers,



It has been another busy week at St. Augustine's with lots of exciting events taking place. As you can see, our scarecrow was dressed in tartan in celebration of St. Andrew's Day. Pupils have taken part in Christmas Activity Days at St. Augustine's Church and Year 4 took part in an inter-school football afternoon.

Preparations are now taking place for Christmas and it is beginning to look very festive at school. Next week, our Christmas Fair will be taking place; please come along and enjoy!

We wish you all a peaceful and happy start to advent.

**Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Year 4 – Inter-school Football

This week, our Year 4 pupils took part in an inter-school football afternoon, along with pupils from Studham C of E Lower School and The King's School in Harpenden, where the event was held.



The children played a number of exciting games and were commended for their sense of sportsmanship and fair play.

It was lovely to be able to visit other schools and enjoy forming new relationships. We very much look forward to working with Studham and King's again in the future.

### Christmas Activity Days



This week, some of our pupils took part in a Christmas Activity days at St. Augustine's Church.

They engaged in a range of activities, which helped them to understand the Epiphany, and enjoyed learning about why giving gifts is such an important part of Christmas.

We would like to say a huge thank you to members of the church for arranging such a lovely, memorable morning.

### Attendance

Our attendance so far this year is...

**96.05%**

Raising attendance at our school is a top priority for this year. Our school target is 96%, which is the National Average; this is what we aim to achieve.

Our attendance is now in-line with the National Average. Well Done Everyone!

Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Year 1 – 90.71%	Year 2 – 95.00%
Year 3 – 97.50%	Year 4 – 96.00%
Year 5 – 93.45%	Year 6 – 96.67%

**Year 3 were our attendance winners this week. Well Done!**



## Celebrations

Well Done to the following children.

### ☺ 'SELF' Pupil of the Week ☺

Reception – Alexander  
 Year 1 – Tarebi  
 Year 2 – Mateen  
 Year 3 – Summer-May  
 Year 4 – Kamil  
 Year 5 – Riley-May  
 Year 6 – Regan

### 📖 Reader of the Week 📖

Reception – Izabella  
 Year 1 – Karla  
 Year 2 – Isabelle  
 Year 3 – Soraya  
 Year 4 – Jane  
 Year 5 – Kacie  
 Year 6 – Charlie

### ★ Star of the Week ★

Reception – Kenzie  
 Year 1 – Tyler  
 Year 2 – Elise  
 Year 3 – Jamie  
 Year 4 – Peyton  
 Year 5 – Kaitlyn  
 Year 6 – Mia

### 🏠 Housepoints 🏠

Neptune - 243  
 Mars - 221  
 Earth - 235  
 Venus - 238

## Word of the Week

Our word for the week is...

# Overwhelmed

Overwhelmed means 'to have a strong emotional effect'.

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

## Christmas Bauble Competition

We would like to decorate our Christmas tree with baubles made by the children. Baubles can be made from any medium including paper, fabric or salt dough and should be in school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

A prize will be awarded for the best Bauble from each class. Please make sure they are clearly named with your child's name and class.



## Diary Dates

Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	Pantomime – Peter Pan (At school)
Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tue. 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Yr4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm – Yr1, 2 and 3 Christmas Performance
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:15am – Reception Christmas Performance
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9:00am – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration Assembly 2:45pm – Years 3 – 6 Celebration Assembly
Tue. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Jumper Day and afternoon Christmas Parties LAST DAY OF TERM
Thu. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Children Back to School

Please check the school website or App for the whole year's diary and for more information about St. Augustine's Academy.

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



## 'SELF' Question for next Week

How can we work well together?



## Our Value for this half term is...

**TRUST**

'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalms 18:2

"For we live by faith, not by sight."  
 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith is having complete trust or confidence in someone or something, often without having proof. What or who do we put our faith in?

Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December next week. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.





### Christmas Fair Present Room– Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

This year we have a present room at St. Augustine's! Children can bring **£3.00** and can select a present to give to their chosen adult on Christmas Day.

There will be a selection of presents available for the children to pick, pre-wrapped. They will only need to write a label.

No parents/ carers allowed into the present room otherwise it will spoil the surprise! There will be a staff member to help children pick their present and write their label.

