



This week

This week the children have become familiar with the routines in their new year group. The children have approached their learning with enthusiasm, and we have seen numerous examples of the children living out of Gospel Value of Compassion. There is a purposeful buzz around the school, and all the children are focused on showing that they are,

'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

Catholic Life

This week we joined other schools in our Academy for an online Liturgy via zoom. It was a spiritual experience and it was special to feel part of a worshipping community of around 3000 children.

On Thursday we had a lovely Welcome Mass led by our Year 6 children. It was so uplifting and we thank the adults who attended for supporting us.

We also thank Father Anthony and Mrs Ayles for worshipping with us.

Student Contact Details

Please be reminded to notify the School Office if your child's contact details change throughout the year to ensure they are up-to-date and complete a new Student Contact Form. Student Contact Forms are also available on school website:

https://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk/web/school_forms/393072

News from across the school

Reception	In Reception this week we have had another great week! We have learnt how to make the sign of the cross and talk to God through prayers. We have also learnt the sounds m, a and s in phonics and have been practicing writing the letters. In computing we have enjoyed exploring and playing with different types of technology such as keyboards, laptops, headphones and remote controls. In their play, the children have enjoyed making obstacle courses in the garden and trying out some of our new bikes and trikes.
Year 1	It's been another really good week in Year 1. The children have continued to learn about Creation in RE and have produced some lovely art work to show their thanks for the world we've been given.

	<p>In History the children have been learning about the past and the present and have learned to compare toys and their similarities and differences.</p> <p>In Science the children have learned about flowering plants and have been learning the names and jobs of each part of a plant.</p> <p>In Computing the children have been learning to log on and have learned to find programs. We're so proud of the way the children are embracing their learning.</p>
Year 2	<p>Our Year 2 children have been busy being artists this week. We are learning about the artist Lowry and all of the children used watercolours to paint a background this week and we will add detail to our artwork next week. The children should have brought home their reading books and the children are familiar with the routine of their RWI and Guided Reading sessions that take place after Early Bird each morning.</p>
Year 3	<p>We have been busy starting our foundation subjects this week and getting into the swing of our new timetable! The children really enjoyed their first PE session with Mr Lawes and a lovely art lesson looking at cave art. In Science, we have been learning about light. The children have been thinking about what they already know and coming up with questions they have. History this week was continuing looking at the stone age and different images of artefacts and thinking about what they could have been used for. We are enjoying our whole class reading text called 'Stone Age Boy' and the children have been reading beautifully- a successful week!</p>
Year 4	<p>We've had a really lovely week in Year 4, and thank you to all of you who were able to make the Meet the Teacher session. The slides will be on the website if you were unable to make it. This week we have continued to look at multiplication skills. Your child will now have been introduced to all times tables up to 12x. Next week, we will be beginning our Power Maths learning, starting with place value in 4-digit numbers. In English, we've been looking at using adjectives to make our writing more descriptive, and more interesting to read. Next week, we begin our Samba sessions in Music run by Dorset Music Service, these will be really good fun and we're hoping we will be able to include a performance in our class assembly on 27th November.</p>
Year 5	<p>Once again, the children have had a great week and we've been able to fully immerse ourselves in our learning. We have continued reading our class text 'Pig Heart Boy' and discuss in class the pros and cons of transplanted in relation to the story. In Maths we have been investigating place value in numbers and in English looking at when, how and why we use parenthesis. We have continued in RE to consider the very special talents and qualities that we all possess, and finally in History the children have enjoyed greatly learning about crime and punishment in the Middle Ages.</p>

Year 6	Another very productive week has come to an end in Year 6. Aside from leading the Welcome Mass in a calm, dignified manner, we have continued working hard within our lessons. Our class reading book, 'Darwin's Dragons', is starting to gather pace and the children are enjoying concocting their own theories on what they think is going to happen next. We are continuing to build up our arithmetic skills in Maths, while in English we are now ready to plan and write a short story, following work on setting and character description. All of our topic lessons have also got underway, with many of the class showing a particular aptitude to solving codes in computing!
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Meet the Teacher

It has been lovely to welcome you into school for our annual 'Meet the Teacher'. The PowerPoints shown will be uploaded onto the website for reference and for those unable to make the session. The following 'Meet the Teacher' session will take place next week.

Year 2	Thursday 19 th September
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Message from Mrs Derrien

As we come to end of the second week of the new school year, I just wanted to say **Thank You** for the warm welcome that I been given upon joining the team at St Augustine's. I am getting to know your children and I look forward to getting to know the whole school community in the coming weeks.

Parking Reminder

We have had requests from our local neighbourhood to remind parents/carers not to park across driveways and in inappropriate places in our local community. Many Thanks.

Useful Dates

Thu 19 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y2
Friday 4 th October	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
28 th Oct to 1 st Nov	Autumn half term
4 th Nov	Training Day - no children in school
5 th Nov	Children back to school
Thursday 7 th November	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Thursday 5 th December	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Mon 23 rd Dec to Friday 3 rd Jan 25	Christmas holidays
Mon 6 th Jan 25	Children back to school

Mon 7 th Apr 25 to Mon 21 st Apr 25	Easter holiday
Tue 2 nd Apr 25	Children back to school
Mon 5 th May 25	Bank Holiday
Mon 26 th May to Fri 30 th May	Half Term
Mon 2 nd Jun 25	Training Day – no children in school
Tues 22 nd July 25	School Closes 3.15pm
Wed 23 rd July	Training Day – No children in school