



### **This week**

We have enjoyed another busy and purposeful week of learning at St Augustine's this week. As you can see from the class news the children are showing the attributes of a learner that we expect across the curriculum. This week staff benefitted from a Teacher Meeting led by the Mental Health Schools Team (MHST). We learnt about how to recognise signs and symptoms that children may display when children are feeling anxious. Please see the dates section of this Newsletter for the 'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' Workshops led by MHST. If you wish to attend, please let the office know by the 14th October 2024. To benefit fully from the course both sessions should be attended.

### **Car Parking**

The school is still receiving complaints regarding inconsiderate car parking on Hardy Avenue. There have also been complaints about the speed of cars down Hardy Avenue. Please could I ask that you give some thought as the safety of our children is paramount.

Concerns have also been raised in regard to cars moving in the school car park while children are also using the car park. In particular, we have also had some parents moving the cones. Due to this we will be closing the school gates from this coming Monday. Please be aware of this if you are intending to turn around using the school car park.

I would also like to give a reminder for permit holders that you must be in the car park by 0835 and there must not be any movement of cars until there are no children in the car park and a member of staff has opened the school gates. This is likely to be around 0910.

At the end of the day please ensure that you are in the car park by 1500 and again, no movement of cars until a member of staff has opened the school gates. Any contravention of this will result in permits being removed. I hope you understand the safety of the children must be the priority in this circumstance.

As this is an ongoing issue it will be something we will be discussing with the Governing Body. It would be useful to us if you could share issues you are facing or ideas that would improve the situation by completing the simple form linked below.

[Link to form](#)


In the meantime, can I also ask that unless you have a parking permit for the school car park, please can I ask that you do not use the school car park.

## Catholic Life

This week the themes of our Collective Worship have been service and humility. Our gospel reading focused on the way Jesus taught us to put others before ourselves. In our class prayers throughout the week we have been saying thank you prayers to God and have been learning about Jesus, our Servant King. Our Mini Vinnies have been serving others as they have given up their time to lead play activities with our youngest children at playtimes and lunchtimes. They have also taken time to start planning our Harvest Mass which we will celebrate at school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The children have agreed that we will continue to give our Harvest donations to Weymouth Foodbank this year.

## News from across the school

<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<p>This week the children in Reception have loved exploring the book Hair Love. They have been busy role-playing hairdressers and customers in our role play area and developed their fine motor skill through threading beads and braiding. We have also been working on identifying one more and one less in Maths and have recapped the sounds we have learnt so far in phonics through fun games. The children also enjoyed making nature art with flowers and petals.</p>
<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p>The children in Year 1 have continued to work hard this week. In our English work, we have looked at the characters in the story of Goldilocks and have written speech bubbles. We are now learning about the story settings and are writing descriptive sentences. In PSHE we have been learning about keeping clean and healthy and in Music, we have been learning about musical timbre and have listened to music from The Carnival of the Animals. We have used glockenspiels to help us learn about rhythm and pitch.</p>

<p><b>Year 2</b></p>	<p>The children in Year 2 have been fantastic mathematicians, writers, artists and historians this week. In History, we have been learning about the life of Mary Anning. The children have really enjoyed looking closely at the fossils Mary found. In English, the children have been learning about how to write questions and we have finished our class book, 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. Our next book will be, 'Invisible Stanley' from the Flat Stanley series.</p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>This week in art, the children used natural resources like wood, coal and berries to create colour and pattern. In History, we have been learning about Skara Brae and what this tells us about life in the stone age. The children have been really enjoying our History lessons. We are nearing the end of our first class reading text and the children have been really enjoying the story of The Stone Age Boy. They have been fab at making predictions and understanding the language in the text. We have also come to the end of our first Maths unit this week and we were so impressed with how the children did on their place value end of unit check. Another fabulous week in year 3!</p> 
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p>We've had another great week in Year 4, and the children are increasingly showing behaviours that are expected in Year 4. In particular, we have been focusing on respectful listening skills in the classroom, and respectful and safe play skills when outside. This week, we have finished our first English unit on narrative writing and the children have written some brilliant stories. In Maths, we have continued our work on place value in 4-digit numbers and in RE we have continued to explore God's covenant to Abraham. We have set up an investigation into the evaporation speed of water which we are gathering results for until next Tuesday's science lesson, it will be interesting to see what we can tell from our results! We had our second samba session with Mr Whitmarsh on Wednesday, and I think we're going to be able to rehearse and prepare a very good performance!</p>



<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p>Another week of hard work finished and as a class we have covered a great deal. In RE we finished our first unit week with a wonderful class liturgy that the children planned and wrote the majority of themselves. In Maths we have moved on to looking at solving problems using mental methods and in English have written a story linked to our Whole Class Text, 'Pig Heart Boy'. We have continued to develop our skills in both French and Music. In History, we studied an illustration by Hogarth and in computing, we looked at how to be safe when using search engines online.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p>In Year 6 this week, the children have continued to display a superb work ethic. They have produced some excellent writing; a balanced argument on whether or not homework should be banned in schools and worked together to plan a lovely liturgy. We are continuing our buildup of skills in Maths and enjoyed constructing both series and parallel circuits in Science. In computing, we looked at the development of computers over time and will be moving on to put this into a presentation, while we researched the importance of religion in Ancient Greece.</p>

**Useful Dates**

<p>1<sup>st</sup> October</p>	<p>Parent Consultations 1-6pm – YR, Y1, Y4 &amp; Y6</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> October</p>	<p>Parent Consultations 1-6pm – Y2, Y3 &amp; Y5</p>
<p>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>Jules Arcscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-9am</p>

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Guardian Tour for children starting school in 2025 at 9.30am
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Class Assembly at 2.30pm – Y3 Parents welcome
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Guardian Tour for Children starting school in 2025 at 11am.
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Class Assembly at 2.40pm – Y1 Parents welcome
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Class Assembly at 2.40pm - Y5 Parents welcome
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Reception Class Assembly at 2.40pm – YR Parents welcome
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' Workshop led by MHST
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct to 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Autumn half term
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Training Day - no children in school
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children back to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' Workshop led by MHST
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2.40pm – Year 6 Parents welcome
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Fraser Portraits visit – Individual & Sibling Photos
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2.40pm – Y4 Parents welcome
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 25	Christmas holidays
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25	Children back to school
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.40pm - Year 2 Parents welcome
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 25 to Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr 25	Easter holiday
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 25	Children back to school
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Bank Holiday
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 25	Training Day – no children in school
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Fraser Portraits – Class & Y6 Leavers' photographs
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 25	School Closes 3.15pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Training Day – No children in school

**Masses and Liturgical Events 2024-25**  
**All masses to take place at 9.30am in the hall at school**

Please be aware when your child's class is leading a Mass, you are very welcome to attend. Please come to the office 5 minutes before the Mass is due to start.

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Welcome Mass 9.30-Year 6 to lead
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Harvest Mass 9.30- Mini Vinnies to lead
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Remembrance Mass 9.30-Year 5 to lead
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Advent Mass 9.30-Year 4 to lead
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service and Readings (TBC) 2pm Led by Mini Vinnies
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Epiphany Mass 9.30-9th Year 3 to lead
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Candlemas Mass 9.30-6th Year 6 to lead
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Service 2.30-Mini Vinnies to read
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Penitential Service 2pm followed by confessions
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Holy Thursday Service 2.30-Mini Vinnies
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Mass 9.30-Year 5 to lead
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mary Procession 2.15-Mini Vinnies
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Pentecost Mass 9.30-Year 4 to lead

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School St. Peter and St. Paul and First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9.30-Year 3 to lead
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Mass 9.30-Year 6 to lead