



This week

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer break. We are looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces and getting to know the children new to St Augustine's.

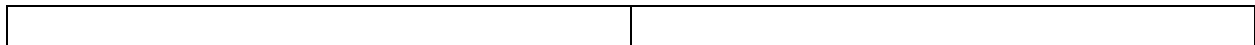
We are pleased to announce that we have many new children and staff this year. We hope that everyone feels a warm welcome as they become part of our St. Augustine's family.

New parents

We would like to welcome you and your child to St Augustine's. We are proud of our school and we are looking forward to working with you and your child.

Wonderful News

We are delighted to share some super news with you. Mrs Gray gave birth to little Isla on 1st September. Everyone is doing very well, and we wish the Gray family all our very best. We are excited to meet Isla soon.



Attendance

The DfE are keen for all school this year to have a focus on attendance. We will be reporting weekly attendance as part of our newsletter each week.

Knowledge Organisers

Following feedback from the questionnaire we carried out in the early Summer Term we have put together some 'Knowledge Organisers'. These give the Key knowledge of what your child will be learning alongside some of the vocabulary that they will be introduced to. The idea is that it will give you a clear idea of the content of their learning. They are still being finalised but I thought I would share them with you at the beginning of term. Reception information will be following soon.

[Years 1 – 6 can be found here](#) or individual years can be found by clicking the relevant link below.

[Year 1 Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 2 Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 3 Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 4 Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 5 Knowledge Organiser](#)

[Year 6 Knowledge Organiser](#)

Catholic Life

This week it was a joy to see the children come to our first Celebration of the Word with such reverence. We heard all about Jesus's rule of love and reflected upon the way that we can show compassion and give hope to others in our words and actions. The Mini Vinnies led our Collective Worship and are keen to start planning charitable works for the coming year. It will be super to welcome our new Year 5's to our Mini Vinnie Group.

Gospel Values Compassion

Presented to _____ for showing empathy this week.

How can you show compassion this week and spread hope?

Everyone is special

Let's Save the Planet

Human Dignity

Catholic Social Teaching-September 2024
Let's think about Human Dignity this month.

Pope Francis asks that In September, we pray that we may listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth, and to the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis; may each of us make a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" – Laudato Si' 42

Catholic Social Teaching

Reminder about the First Holy Communion Programme

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June 2025, we are starting preparation classes in the parish in October at St. Joseph's Church, Weymouth.

We ask that you let us know as soon as possible by contacting the office. We will then put you in touch with the parish so that you can complete the necessary paperwork.

Meet The Teacher

We would like to invite you to 'Meet the Teacher' on the following dates. Please collect your child as usual and then come in, through the main entrance, to the classroom, straight after school. Your children are welcome too. For those of you who are unable to make this, the Powerpoint will be uploaded onto the website after the meeting. Many thanks as always for your support.

Year 1	Monday 9 th September
Year 2	Thursday 19 th September
Year 3	Wednesday 11 th September
Year 4	Thursday 12 th September
Year 5	Tuesday 10 th September
Year 6	Friday 13 th September

Read, Write Inc. Parent Information Session – Yr R, Y1, Y2

We would like to invite new Reception parents and carers to a meeting on Tuesday 10th September at 3.30pm where we will explain how we teach phonics (early reading) at St Augustine's. We will discuss what your child's reading journey with us will look like and what you can do at home to support them. There will also be time at the end to ask any questions. Please collect your child from school as normal at 3.15pm and then go to the office if you would like to attend.

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 doing Read, Write Inc. and you missed the previous meeting or you would like a refresher, then please feel free to join us.

PE Kits

We would like to remind you that we are now asking you to send your child to school in their school PE kit on their PE days. Your child's PE days are listed below:

Reception	Monday and Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Asda have started a cashpot for schools. If you go on the Asda rewards app. Go to 'Introducing cashpot for school'. Press it. Then choose the school by using the postcode (DT4 0RH). Click on the name of the school.

So far the school has already received £126.48. This will go to FOSA. If you could support us with this it would be appreciated.

News from across the school

Reception	We have had a fantastic week getting to know the children in Reception and can't wait to continue getting to know them over the next few weeks. We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into school life and have taken on changes and learnt new routines. We were particularly impressed with their tidying skills!! The children have enjoyed meeting new friends and exploring
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	<p>the classroom. They have drawn self-portraits and learnt the Creation story. We're looking forward to seeing you all again next week!</p> <p>Please note: your child will have brought home a book bag this week with a reading diary. This is for you to record each time your child reads with you at home. The reads are then counted each week and children can earn badges and certificates. They also brought home two books. These are books for them to enjoy with you – not phonics books – and they will be changed each week.</p>
Year 1	<p>What a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled into their new routines beautifully and have made an excellent start on their learning. They've started to learn about pace and rhythm in Music, have started to share the story of Goldilocks in English and in RE have been learning about the Creation story. It's been great fun!</p>
Year 2	<p>The children in Year 2 have returned to school full of enthusiasm for learning . Already we have seen many examples of children showing compassion to each other. We have enjoyed sharing the story, "The Green Ship" together and the children have impressed us with their maths skills.</p>
Year 3	<p>We have had a really lovely first week back! It has been wonderful getting to know the children and spending time with them. We have begun to look at the Stone Age in our History lessons which the children are really excited about. This week, the children have written a story using a picture stimulus. This is their first piece of writing for year 3 and something we will look back on in the months to come! In Maths, we have started getting our brains working again and practicing our tables as well as thinking about place value. We are really excited for the term and looking forward to all the learning that is to come!</p>
Year 4	<p>We have had a lovely start to Year 4 and it has been great getting to know your children. In Maths, we have spent some time revising and consolidating our known times tables from Year 3. Next week, we will begin looking at the Year 4 times tables. We have been looking at writing stories in English and we have been continuing to develop our understanding of cyberbullying in PSHE. Our History topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians and this will spread across several subject areas, we have already read the story of the Egyptian Cinderella in Whole Class Reading and we have looked at Ancient Egyptian paintings, sculpture and jewelry in Art.</p>
Year 5	<p>It has been very pleasing to see how enthusiastically and maturely the children have started Year 5. We have dived headlong into our exciting curriculum for this Autumn half term and the children have really enjoyed reading our class text 'Pig-Heart Boy'. We are beginning to learn about crime and punishment through the ages in our history</p>

	lessons and in RE we have been identifying the talents and qualities that make us unique.
Year 6	We have had a wonderful and hardworking beginning to the year. The children have hit the ground running and shown, even in these few days, a superb work ethic. They have settled comfortably into the Year 6 routines and have enjoyed the start of their topics. It has been a stellar start, and I thoroughly look forward to the rest of the year.

Useful Dates

Mon 9 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y1
Thu 19 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y2
Wed 11 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y3
Thu 12 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y4
Tue 10 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y5
Fri 13 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y6
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
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
Wed 23 rd July	Training Day
Thu 24 th	Summer Holiday Starts!