

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Week ending Friday 22 January 2016

Attendance Matters!

This week's attendance (last week's in brackets)	Number of days missed	Number of lates
Rec: 94.00% (98.00%)	9	0
Y1: 90.67% (91.67%)	14	1
Y2: 92.76% (92.76%)	10½	1
Y3: 93.33% (96.67%)	10	6
Y4: 94.67% (97.00%)	8	2
Y5: 88.21% (90.36%)	16½	3
Y6: 94.81% (99.63%)	7	1



ATTENDANCE – 92.65%
A very poor week this week. We have some children on unauthorised holidays and this has had a huge effect on our weekly percentage as well as affecting their education.



PUNCTUALITY –14 lates
A much better week this week. Keep up the good work, Mums and Dads, making sure your children are on time every day.



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS – Year 6
The Champions' Cup is staying in Year 6 this week, even though their attendance has dropped by almost 5%. Let's see a big improvement next week in everyone's attendance!

☆ Stars of the Week ☆

Rec: Jozef Belica	Sandra Dobrzanski
Y2: Nathan Ebanks	Anna Rozewska
Y3: Leon Factor	Lovejeet Malliya
Y4: Chevontay Smith	Jan Muno
Y5: Joshua Tran	Tram Nguyen
Y6: Erice Macarulay	Vuong Nguyen

Fact of the Week

Rec'n	Two halves make one whole.
Year 1	There are 168 hours in one week.
Year 2	Division is the inverse of multiplication.
Year 3	The inverse of X is $\frac{1}{X}$.
Year 4	You can use the grid method to multiply larger numbers
Year 5	In Ancient Greece, children were given a special vase when they were 3 to symbolise the end of their childhood.
Year 6	There are just five regular polyhedra.

Work of the Week: Year 6

Thursday 21st January

Baptism and Confirmation

S.C.

I can understand that Baptism celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit
I can recognise similarities between baptism and confirmation.

Confirmation

What is confirmation?
Confirmation is when you get to be confirmed. When you're confirmed the Holy Spirit is sealed within you to guide you through your life and it protects you from bad people and bad things. Confirmation is the 3rd sacrament and it is an important one.

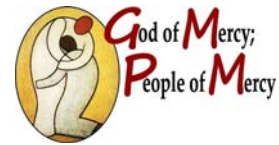
Why do we take Confirmation?
We take Confirmation because we can join God and we can make our own decisions. We also take confirmation because we can now speak for ourselves and not our parents. Also we're strengthened and protected when we are confirmed.

What are your Baptismal promises?
Your promises are made by your parents and Godparents. When you are baptised your parents and Godparents answer them but when you are confirmed you answer them yourself.

P.S. I will do my best to write a small book about Confirmation. Next time use simpler words. Eg. Decision - Choice. (Miss)

Pupils in Year 6 have been comparing the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Vuong has written a very clear explanation in response to the three questions asked in his piece of work.

THE YEAR OF MERCY



"May the Lord bless your journey
towards the Holy Door.
I pray that the Holy Spirit
will guide your steps and enlighten you."
Message from Pope Francis to young people

In Case of Snow



In case of **really bad weather**, please check radio stations - Free Radio, Radio WM, Heart FM or you can Google 'school closures'. Click on disruption.birmingham.gov.uk/list-of-birmingham-schools. It will pull up all schools in the city in alphabetical order and each school name has 'open' or 'closed' typed next to it.

Please do not telephone school; we only close if the situation is extreme!!!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NEWS

School will close at 14:15 on Monday 01 February due to essential maintenance work.

- † Good luck to our Y5/Y6 Hockey Teams next Tuesday. Remember to bring your packed lunch.
- † We are looking forward to hearing from other children in Y5 & Y6 all about the special script-writing workshop at Welford School. Remember to bring your packed lunch as well!
- † Clubs have now started in full. Have fun!
- † Fees for Football Clubs and Y5/Y6 flute sessions should now have been paid. Please see Mrs Figgins as soon as possible if you still need to pay.
- † Tennis Club has now re-started. Remember to hand in your £3 EACH THURSDAY MORNING.
- † Special meeting for parents of Y6 pupils - after school Thursday 04 February.
- † Special meeting for parents of Y3 pupils - after school Tuesday 09 February.
- † If you require a letter from the office or a passport form to be verified, please give one week's notice. These cannot be processed on the same day that you request them.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Special word of the week is "GOOD NEWS" -

The word **Gospel** means **God's good story**. This is where we get the term, "The Good News." The Gospels are the story of Jesus and his life and ministry. They tell an important message that the kingdom of God is coming and the good news is - we are all invited to be a part of it.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We have bought some wonderful new benches for the playgrounds. These will be installed in the coming weeks, ready to be used at playtimes and dinnertimes.



SAFEGUARDING: Be "safety aware"



The 3 W's!

Even as children get older, make sure you know **who** they are going out with, **where** they are going and **when** they'll be back. Whenever possible have a phone number to make contact too.



Talk to your children about what they love to do online and discuss their online experiences.

READING EVERY DAY!

What is your favourite book? Bring it to school to share with your teacher and the rest of your class.



Shared Lunch



Congratulations to **Alexandra DC, Ishmael, Katie H, Jamie, Sandra K, Bartosz K, Andrea, Bryan, Olivia L, Randul, Annaliese and Oliwia S** who all shared lunch with Miss McGrath and Mrs Porter. Children are selected for showing acts of kindness, hard work, enthusiasm and sensible behaviour this week.

Class Information

Rec: Please practise your numbers, counting and number spotting when you are out and about.

Year 1: Please keep learning your X2 and X5 tables.

Year 2: We've been working hard on adding and subtracting 9 by bridging 10.

Year 3: We have explored the Old and New Testaments this week, sharing different stories.

Year 4: Please remember to complete all homework given - marked on Thursdays.

Year 5: We have been working hard on multiplication this week. Please keep practising the methods we have learnt. Please could we have some tissues?

Year 6: We still **NEED** tissues for the classroom please? Please remember to complete all homework,