

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

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Week ending Friday 29 November 2024



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



Live, Love and Learn with Jesus

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Special word of the week is:

"ADVENT"

Jesus said to his disciples, "When you see the signs in the sun and the moon and the stars, you will know that the time has come for the son of God to return.

Do not be afraid when all these things happen, but be filled with joy to see the power and glory of God. Stay awake and be ready because only my heavenly father knows when this day will come."

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36



THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Guess how many sweets are in the jar. Only 20p a go. All proceeds are for the Parish Christmas Fayre.



We all learnt so much about keeping safe and looking after ourselves carefully.



Our visitors were great entertainers, teaching us how to use our voices.



Help to make Christmas a special time by donating toiletries. See p3 for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The office is open from 08:00 so you can call us if your child will be absent. Written evidence is needed for medical/dental appointments.



This week's attendance: **94%**



Be in school on time every day.



We are always ready to advise and help if you have any concerns.

MESSAGES FROM CLASS TEACHERS

Nursery	We have been learning lots of new songs for our Nativity play. We are looking forward to sharing this special story with our parents.
Reception	In Reception this week we had a visit from Harold the Giraffe who told us how to be healthy and how our body works! We learnt so much.
Year One	Year 1 were amazing with our special visitor this week- learning about healthy foods and a healthy packed lunch.
Year Two	We had a wonderful time learning with Harold the Giraffe about how to treat others and how to respect each others' feelings.
Year Three	We have been exploring and writing playscripts in Year 3. We also had a super session with our visitor from Life Education on Tuesday afternoon.
Year Four	Y4 pupils enjoyed learning about fractions and newspaper recounts this week. They also has a really interesting lesson about keeping healthy and safe with our special visitor.
Year Five	Year 5 had a wonderful time creating their own Installation Art! Everyone was so creative and imaginative. Swe also had two special visitors on Tuesday.
Year Six	We had some super sessions this week with the SCARF health education visitor and the opera singers from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Speed Sounds Set 2



Reception

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Year One

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Year Two

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Please join us in our Advent project to help the needy and homeless at Christmas.

We are collecting toiletry items that we can give to charitable organisations to help people who are struggling.

You are asked to donate any of the following which you can afford:

- toothpaste/toothbrushes
- soap/shampoo
- shower gel
- hand cream/body cream
- baby products
- disposable razors/shaving foam
- hairbrushes/combs/toilet rolls

The list is endless.

You are welcome to send in donations any day throughout the Season of Advent.

Your gifts will be shared with local charitable organisations in the last week of term.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.



Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Toy Safety

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](#) [@capt_charitycapt.org.uk](#)

Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:
Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the
Check for any loose small magnets
Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
Look for long cords or access to stuffing
Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.



Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:
Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Buying safely

Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit [gov.uk](#) and search 'product recalls'
If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children.
Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.
Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings.
If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

Toys with:

- accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
- super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
- long cords that can strangle your child
- small parts that can choke your small child

Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed

Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.

