

St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

Please make sure you contact school if your child is absent. If no reason is given the absence will be unauthorised. Thank you

After School Clubs

Mon - Art Club
Tue - Choir

Church Service Dates

13 Nov	Rev Scriven	David the Giant Killer
20 Nov	Rev Scriven	The Wise King
27 Nov	Year 6	Current Topic
4 Dec	Rev Scriven	Jonah the Groaner
11 Dec	Year 4	Current Topic
18 Dec	Rev Scriven	The Christmas Story

Diary Dates

Mon 2 Dec	Rec Eye Test
Tue 3 Dec	Rec Forest School
Fri 6 Dec	Year 5 Swimming
	Celebration Assembly 2:55pm
Fri 13 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children:

Rec	Chester	Year 1	Amaya
Year 2	Daisy	Year 3	Noah
Year 4	Raqeeb	Year 5	Eliza
Year 6	George		



KS1 Christmas Production



The infant production 'Simply Nativity' will be performed on Thursday 12th December at the following times:-

Morning Performance	-	10:00am
Afternoon Performance	-	2:00pm
Evening Performance	-	5:30pm

Virtual tickets for the production will go on sale on Monday 2nd December at £1.50 per ticket. Tickets can be paid for on ParentPay. We can only allow 2 tickets per family (not 2 tickets per production) due to health and safety restriction. We have 80 tickets per performance, any spare tickets will be available on Tuesday 10 December.

Please be aware due to safeguarding regulations, parents/carers will not be permitted to take photos or film the production. Therefore mobile phones or cameras are not allowed to be used in school.





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Christmas — Important Dates



Thursday 12 December	KS1 Christmas Production 10:00am, 2:00pm & 5:30pm
Friday 13 December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 December	Carol Service in Church 9:15am We break-up for the Christmas Holidays at 3.30pm
Thursday 2 January	Messy Church 10am-12pm at St John's Church
Monday 6 January	We return to school at 9am



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December 2024



Children can come to school wearing their favourite Christmas top.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas top or even a brightly coloured top that feels Christmassy!

Normal school uniform must be worn but with a Christmas top.

Thank you for all your support.

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EYFS—Asia

We have had a wonderful week in Reception, beginning to explore Christmas through our learning and play.

We started the week off by introducing our new core text for Literacy:



The children found a present that had been left in our classroom on Monday morning with a gift tag that read 'To Bear, From Squirrel'.

We then wrapped presents and wrote gift tags of our own using the greetings 'to' and 'from'.

We then stepped through the magic mirror and became Bear later in the week. We thought about how Bear felt at different points in the story. The children did not want to step back through the mirror to return to children.

In maths last week, we started to learn about 2D shapes including describing the shapes using the words 'sides' and 'corners'.

The shapes we have explored are:



The children enjoyed hunting around the classroom for objects that were these shapes. We even used water to paint the shapes outside and found lots of triangle shaped pieces of ice.

We have been exploring how Christmas is prepared for and celebrated too. We will then compare this to how Hindu's prepare for and celebrate Diwali.

In RE, we have been talking about 'The First Christmas' and the importance of knowing this story. We are bringing this story to life in our Nativity rehearsals too.

Notices:

Thank you for Nativity costumes we have already received. A polite reminder that we ask for them to be sent into school by Friday 6th December in a named bag.

Reading books and homework books will be handed out as soon as possible this week.

A huge thank you to the parents/carers who attended parent's evening last week. It was lovely to chat with you about how your child is getting on at school. Thank you for your continued support. If you couldn't make it, please see me about arranging a chat.

Thank you, Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.



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Here's what we've been up to in Year 1!

Maths: this week, we focused on identifying positions. We applied our learning by naming positions in queues, practicing ordinal numbers like first, second, and third.

English: We had a fun and imaginative task! The supermarket sent us an urgent message—they had too many peas on the loose! To help, we followed instructions to make jelly to trap the Evil Pea. Our efforts were so successful that we received another letter asking us to brainstorm ideas for a new trap to catch all the runaway peas.

RE: We read *The Christmas Promise*, a story about Jesus as a gift from God. After reflecting on how Jesus is a special gift, we created beautiful artwork to represent this idea.

Design Technology: We explored puppets and used our knowledge to design our very own. Ask your child about their puppet design—what kind of puppet did they create?

Science: In science, we went outside to explore trees. Using our knowledge, we identified and labelled different types of trees. **History:** In history, we explored the first teddy bear as an artefact. We asked questions like, "How old is this teddy bear?" and "Why is it called a teddy bear?" We learned why teddy bears were created—ask your child to explain the story behind it!

Please note:

Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Please make sure that you have read with your child and signed their reading record.

Homework is due every **Monday**.

Our PE slots are on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school and earrings are not worn.

If you have any concerns or would like a chat, please do not hesitate to email me - miss.middleton@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support this half term! We hope that you have a lovely half term break.

Miss Middleton and the Year 1 team.

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Year 2 - Africa

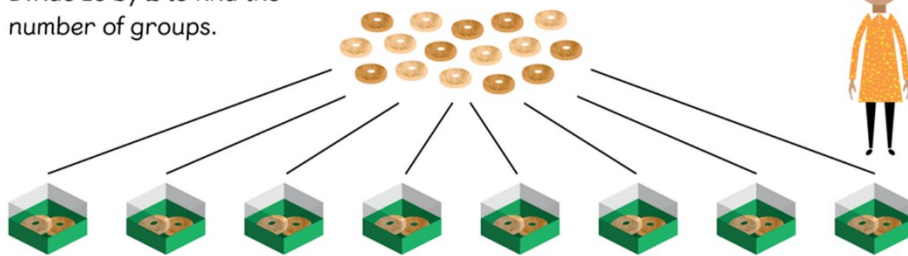
In maths we have started our new chapter on multiplication and division of 2, 5 and 10.

We have been looking at division by grouping and sharing.

Master

There are 16 bagels.
Divide 16 by 2 to find the
number of groups.

I put 2 bagels in each box.
There are 8 groups of 2.



The baker can fill 8 boxes.

÷ means to divide.
 $16 \div 2 = 8$ is a division equation.

We read $16 \div 2 = 8$ as sixteen **divided by** two **equals** eight.



In English we have been busy learning our lines for the nativity. The children have been practicing reading with expression and have been thinking about the nativity story.

In RE we have been continuing looking at the Christmas story and the thoughts and feelings of the shepherds.

In History we researched into a Basil Arthur Horsfall who was a soldier in the Accrington Pals.

In Science we have been looking into what plants need to grow.

Thank you,

Mrs Mcleod and Miss Fletcher

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Year 3 — Europe

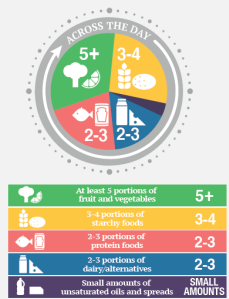
In **English** this week we continued looking at the story Greenling by Levi Pinfold. We talked about what the characters might be saying with the children writing this in speech bubbles. They then used this to write some dialogue using inverted commas to punctuate the speech. The children also thought of words to describe how the character said the words eg whispered, bellowed, shouted.



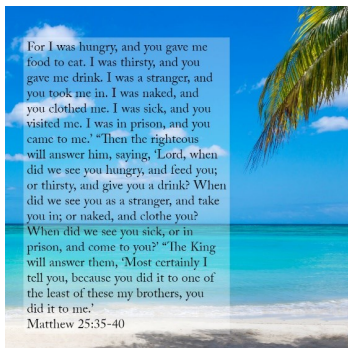
In **Geography** the children thought about counties in the United Kingdom. They developed their understanding of what a county is as well as what regions there are in the United Kingdom. Ask your children what region and county we live in.

In **Science** we continued thinking about the food groups and the portions of each food group we should eat every day. We looked at different menus and the children had to decide with their talk partner which was the most healthy and which was the least healthy menu. They had to justify their answer by referring to the food groups in the menus.

Each day, aim for:



Our **RE** lesson we looked at the following passage from the Bible and then thought of when we helped others – giving food and clothes for example donating food to food banks or giving clothes to charities.



In **Maths** we continued with our work on multiplication and division. This week we solved word problems.

In DT the children designed and made a moving picture using one of the levers from last week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Martin



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Year 5 — South America

Maths

In maths, we've moved on to **division**. The children have been exploring a variety of methods, including the bus stop method, chunking, and partitioning, to divide 3- and 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they tackle these challenging problems!

English

This week, we've been practising our **oral storytelling skills**. The children have retold the Legend of *Gelert* using story mapping, which has helped them understand the key elements of a narrative. They absolutely loved performing their stories to the class in groups—it was wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through!

Reading

In our guided reading sessions, we've continued with *The Butterfly Lion*. The children are thoroughly enjoying this engaging story. This week, we will shift our focus to **non-fiction texts**, where we will work on identifying key features and retrieving factual information.

RE

In our RE lessons, we have been exploring how **Christmas is celebrated around the world**. The children have learned about traditions in Russia, Venezuela, and Sweden and discovered many similarities between these celebrations and their own experiences. This has sparked some thoughtful discussions about the meaning of Christmas and the importance of shared traditions.

Science

We have set up an investigation to test if salt can return to its natural state after it has dissolved in water. We have set up salt solution in petri dishes in different areas of the classroom. This week, we will look at the results.

Key messages:

Please remember to read 3-4 times per week with your child.

Homework is due every Thursday.

Full PE kit is required on Thursday.

Swimming kits (including a swimming cap) is needed every Friday.



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Year 6—North America

In English last week, the children gathered content for their modelled write on William Shakespeare. They have looked at the Purpose, Audience and Language feature they will be using.

In maths we started decimals and the children have been trying hard. They have been learning place value to 3 decimal places and we have been dividing by 10 100 1000.

In RE we studied John the Baptist and looked at how he was instrumental in spreading the word of God and devoting his life to preaching.

In science we have been learning about Mary Anning and her fossil hunting. We also looked at Charles Darwin as an example of someone who has contributed significantly to the understanding of inheritance and evolution

Please make sure you are reading regularly with your child at least 3 times a week.

Please also encourage them to play on TTRS to further their times table knowledge.

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We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cash pot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools