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Safeguarding

Please help to keep children safe by not parking illegally on the yellow zigzag lines outside school. Thank you

Diary Dates

Tue 26 Nov	Rec Forest School
Thur 28 Nov	Parents Evening.
Fri 29 Nov	Year 5 Swimming
	Celebration Assembly 2:55pm

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

Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children:

Rec	Khadijah	Year 1	Eli-John
Year 2	Paige	Year 3	Holly
Year 4	Umar	Year 5	Piper
Year 6	Macen		



Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 13 December 2024.

We have sent a booking form via ParentApps. Please complete this if you would like your child to have the lunch. The cost of the school lunch is £2.70 and is paid via ParentPay.

IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS A SCHOOL LUNCH YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM.

Thank you.



Parent Evening

Thursday 28 November 2024

You can now book a face to face Parents Evening appointment via our online booking system School Cloud. Appointments will be approximately 5 minutes long.

Please visit <https://stjohnaugustine.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

If you require any further information, please contact the school office on: 01254 392717.



We now formally begin to consult on our Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2026. The Admission Policy can be found on our website via the link below. The formal consultation begins today for 6 working weeks. If you wish to comment on the Proposed Admission Arrangements 2026, please email bursar@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

<https://www.stjohnaugustine.co.uk/admission-arrangements/>





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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



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.

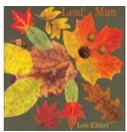
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EYFS—Asia

Here is what we have been up to in Reception Class on this cold, snowy and icy week.

We embraced the snow on Tuesday and the children went outside, all wrapped up to play in the snow. It is a wonderful opportunity in Reception Class so we have to embrace the elements and enjoy lots of outdoor learning.

In literacy, we have been reading 'Leaf Man'.



We have explored some wonderful vocabulary in the story and went on a leaf hunt around the environment. The children found leaves with pictures on, which they then had to write using their phonics knowledge. The children have really impressed us and tried very hard.

In maths we have been learning about the composition of numbers to 5. The children have used five frames to represent the numbers and have begun writing number stories to match the five frames. The children have also been calculating how many more are needed to make 5.



2 and 3 make 5
 $2 + 3 = 5$



How many more are needed to make 5?

4 more.

We have explored freezing and melting this week, going with the weather. We make predictions of what we thought would happen if we put some autumn treasures in a bowl, added water and put it in the freezer. The children made sensible and correct predictions. We then put the frozen bowls into the tuff tray so the children could predict and observe the melting process.

Notices:

The children received their 'Interim Reports' on Friday. If you have any questions, this can be discussed at parents evening on Thursday.

Letters regarding the Nativity were sent out on Friday. These letters detailed your child's part in 'Simply the Nativity' and their costume requirements, which we kindly ask you to provide. There was also a letter on how to purchase tickets for the performance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.

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

Maths: We've been getting creative with subtraction stories, solving picture problems, and learning about addition and subtraction fact families. The children have loved showing off their problem-solving skills!

English: We've been exploring the thrilling adventure between Evil Pea and Supertato. The children made some fantastic predictions about what might happen next.

RE: We've started thinking about the Christmas story, focusing on the Three Kings and the gifts they brought to baby Jesus. We also wondered how Mary and Joseph felt when they received Jesus as a gift and reflected on the feelings associated with giving and receiving gifts ourselves.

Science: We learned about the different parts of a tree and why they're important. Then we went outside to spot and identify these parts before making our own mini trees using materials we found. The children had so much fun getting hands-on creating our own trees.

History: We've been learning about timelines and how they help us understand history. Using our new knowledge, we created a physical timeline of toys, including when our grandparents were born, when Miss Middleton was born, and, of course, when the children were born.

Please note:

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

Homework is due every **Thursday** and will be given back out on **Friday**.

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 been using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help solve word problems.

Solving Word Problems

Lesson
10

Explore

How many children are
there eating lunch in
the hall?



In English we have continued our work on traditional tails with a twist. We looked at The Great Fairytale Disaster and wrote a diary entry to describe the Big Bad Wolf's thoughts and feelings.

In RE we looked at how Mary was feeling when Angel Gabriel gave her the good news. In Science we continued our work on habitats by looking around our school grounds for microhabitats.

In DT we practised our skills by cutting different types of fruit in the safest way. We are getting ready to design and make our very own smoothies over the next few weeks.



Thank you,

Mrs Mcleod and Miss Fletcher

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Year 3 — Europe

In **English** this week the children wrote a diary entry as an independent piece of writing for when Clac saw the green children for the first time. They all did really well with this remembering to include thoughts and feelings. We also started thinking about the use of inverted commas to show when someone is speaking.

In **Geography** the children looked at rural areas and urban areas in the United Kingdom. We also located different cities on a map of the United Kingdom.

In **Science** the children designed a healthy menu for a day. They had to try and include all the correct amounts and types of food. Well done Year 3 you all tried really hard to include all the 5 main food groups ensuring you had a balanced diet.



Our **RE** lesson focussed on showing God's presence through a piece of artwork focussing on the stable scene. All the children produced a good piece of work.



In **Maths** we continued with our work on multiplication and division. This week we looked at the 4 and 8 times tables.

In DT the children made different levers using strips of card.

Don't forget to make an appointment for parents evening in Thursday 28th November

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Martin





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Year 4

The class have all been focused and dedicated to their learning and have made good progress with their learning.

Maths

We continued with our multiplication work focusing specifically on the 6x – 12x tables and progressed on to division-as the next week progresses, we have continued to focus on solving word problems linked with multiplication and division.

English

In English we continued our unit Fairy Tales, we are reading a modern fairy tale called Rumaysa. We have really analysed the story and the children have made predictions based on what they think will happen next.

History

In history we continued our Anglo-Saxons unit- the children identified where the Anglo-Saxons came from and the reasons why they left their countries and invaded England. Some of the children also got the opportunity to dress up as Anglo-Saxons.

Key information:

Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4 as we have the official test in June. Please focus once again on the 2,5 and 10x tables.

New spellings are handed out every Friday to practise throughout the week. Your child will be tested on these on the following Friday.

One piece of homework from the homework grid should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday. (Extra Maths work might be given)

Please read with your child at least 3 – 4 times per week. Please sign your child's yellow reading record and return both this and the reading book to school every day where this will be monitored.

Class teacher email: mr.asif@st-john-augustine.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Asif 😊

Year 4 Class Teacher



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Year 5 — South America



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Year 6—North America

English: The children have been continuing with their biography unit and have learnt the purpose, aims and language structures. They have started to use talk for writing to learn a biography by heart.

Maths: We continue our work on fraction adding and subtracting including mixed numbers. Please support you children with learning their times tables as these are so important.

RE: The children have continued to look at Advent. They have started to consider other people from history who showed commitment to God. Specifically, John the Baptist.

Science: The children have continued to look at Evolution and inheritance. The created mini-bios on Charles Darwin or Mary Annings.

History: On our library visit to learn about local history, the children studied pictures from our local area and school. They had the opportunity to look at maps of the local area around school to see how it had changed.

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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