



St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

Smart Phone Free Childhood. **From September 2026 no smart phones on school grounds – For any year group.** The Government has made it clear that school must have robust policies in place regarding mobile phones; this is now a legal requirement. A letter has been sent home with more information.

Church Dates

16 Sept	Mrs McLeod	The Bad Brother
23 Sept	Mr Asif	The Runaway
30 Sept	Mrs Henderson	Samuel Hears a Voice
7 Oct	Year 5	RE Topic
14 Oct	Miss Fletcher	Harvest

After School Clubs

Mon	KS2 Football Starts 21 Sept
Tue	KS1 Multisports Starts 29 Sept
Wed	KS2 Cross Country Starts 23 Sept
Thur	KS2 Choir Starts 17 Sept



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Diary Dates

Tue 22 Sept	Coding Day Lunch
	SEN 'Meet the Teacher Meeting' 3:35pm
Fri 25 Sept	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
	Celebration Assembly School Hall 3:00pm
Celebration Assembly	
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Eli-John
Year 4	Oliver
Year 5	Jacob
Year 6	Umar



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 22nd September from 3:30 – 4:15pm in our School Hall.

We would be grateful for any donations of shop bought cakes, biscuits or sweet treats for the afternoon.

We hope you can join us and help us raise as much as we can for this fantastic cause.



Coding Day Lunch

We will be having a special Coding Day school Lunch on Tuesday 22 September. If your child doesn't currently stay for a school lunch and would like to order one please complete the form sent on ParentApps.

The cost of a school lunch is £3.00. Children in KS1 are entitled to a free school meal

School Admissions 2027

Do you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2027.

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027. You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them. **APPLY NOW!** at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Closing dates for Primary School: 15 January 2027
Closing dates for Secondary School: 31 October 2026

EYFS – Asia

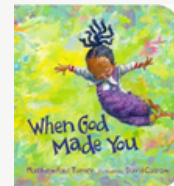
We have had another great week in Reception Class. The children did amazing in their first full PE lesson – we even managed to get changed a little bit faster than the week before. In Literacy, we focused on the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We learnt the nursery rhyme including the Makaton gestures. Ask your child to perform it for you. The children also discussed their likes and dislikes about the nursery rhyme.

Linked to the story, the children had lots of spider themed continuous provision activities. In our wider curriculum, we read the story 'What Makes me a ME?' It is a lovely story about uniqueness and individuality. The children talked a lot about themselves and what they look like. The children used mirrors to draw self-portraits, focusing on naming facial features.



In maths, we have been sorting objects by colour, shape, size, texture, orientation and function. The children were confident by the end of the week to explain how I had sorted objects – I even tried to catch them out, but I couldn't!

In RE, we have also been learning about how we are all special and different. We read the story 'When God made You'. We are going to be using our hands and fingers to make paintings, thinking about how everyone's prints are different.



Family Photos: Please send a photo/s of important family members into school to support our learning by Monday 21st September.

Notices:

Children at Forest School this half term can come to school wearing their own clothes. Please bring spare clothes in a bag (just in case).

PE days are Wednesday and Friday – please note earrings must not be worn on PE days. Thank you to the parents who attended the phonics meeting. Your continued support is appreciated.

Thank you, Mrs Jesson and the EYFS Team.

Year 1 – Antarctica

Phonics:

In our phonics we have continued to review our phase 2 and 3 phonics sounds to help us prepare for learning the new sounds in phase 5. A huge week is coming up when we start learning a whole new set of brand-new sounds!

English:

In our English lessons we have moved on from learning about some poetry and rhymes and have delved more into the story of Harry the Happy Mouse. We have written some sentences about Harry including writing predictions about what we think might happen to Harry as we read more of the book.

Mathematics:

During mathematics we have consolidated our learning of one more and one less, as well as comparing amounts of objects.

Science:

We have continued to learn about our bodies and labelled our head, shoulders, knees and toes as well as learning a new song about our body parts.

Religious Education:

In our RE lesson this week we have continued to learn about the world that God created and looked at some of the weird and wonderful animals God made like blobfish and axolotls.

Art:

During our artwork we have continued to learn about materials and be inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We have even created our own collages with some fantastic collage creations like dinosaurs, fairies and even a fire truck!

Music:

The children have continued their learning of old-school hip-hop music and this week danced along to The Fresh Prince of Bel Air theme song.

Homework + Reading Books:

A huge shout out to all the children who have been completing their homework and bringing it back into school to show their friends their hard work at home! Please can I remind you to write in your child's reading record whenever you have read, the notes you leave us help us to understand what sounds your child may need extra support with and even helps us to give them more books that they love reading!

Upcoming Events:

We will be hosting a phonics workshop on Wednesday 30th September 2026. During the session I will give an expanded view of the phonics screening check that takes place in June 2027. It is also an opportunity to see a short example of a year 1 phonics lesson followed by a demonstration of the activities relating to phonics that the children complete. More details will be on next week's newsletter, and a poster will be on our classroom door soon to confirm a start and end time of the workshop.

Important Notices:

- Reminder to sign the reading records when you have read with your children at home.
- PE day remains the same, but we have changed our PE slot time to first thing in the morning on Tuesdays.
- Parent phonics workshop – Wednesday 30th September 2026 – time TBC.

Year 2 - Africa Class

In maths we have been looking at number patterns. We have been looking at 2, 3, 5 and 10 more or less.

In English we have been thinking about the characters in the story of 'The Way Home for Wolf'. The children have been writing thank you cards to the characters from the story.

In Geography we looked at landmarks in the UK. The children created some beautiful sketches of Big Ben, Edinburgh Castle, Cardiff Millenium Stadium and Belfast Titanic Museum.

In Science we continued our work on everyday materials and collected data in a table to show some of the properties of wood, wool, plastic and stone.

In Art we used our skills from last lesson to create our own unique paper sculptures. These looked fantastic – Well done Year 2!

Reminders:

PE – Mondays and Thursdays – please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and earrings are not worn on PE days.

Homework and reading books– will be sent out each Friday and need to be returned on the following Thursday.

Thank you

Mrs McLeod and Miss Fletcher

Year 3 – Europe

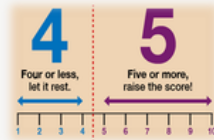
Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 – Australasia

This week the children have been working extremely hard getting used to all the year 4 routines and as a class we are getting faster by the day.

In maths, we have been learning how to round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We learned to look at the digit immediately to the right of the place we are rounding to. If it is 5 or more, we round up; if it is 4 or less, we round down.

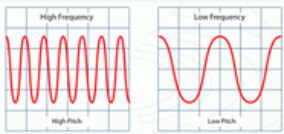
For example, 3,746 rounds to 3,750 to the nearest 10, 3,700 to the nearest 100, and 4,000 to the nearest 1,000. This skill helps us estimate numbers quickly and check that our answers make sense.



In English, we have been reading Rumaysa: A Fairytale. We have been exploring the characters and their thoughts, feelings and actions. The children have been learning how to make a clear point about a character and support their ideas with evidence from the text. We have also focused on developing our vocabulary and using descriptive language to explain characters in greater detail.



In Science, our topic is sound. This week we looked at a high pitch and low pitch. Looking at the features of both and then we look at objects that would make the different sounds.



In Geography, our topic is Natural Disasters. This week, we have been learning about the Ring of Fire, a major area around the Pacific Ocean where many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur. The children explored why this area experiences so much volcanic and earthquake activity and identified some of the countries located along the Ring of Fire. We also learned about Mount Vesuvius, one of the world's most famous volcanoes, and explored the eruption that buried the Roman cities of Pompeii.



Key Information:

Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4. Please focus once again on the 2. Homework should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday.

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.

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Mr Asif 😊

Year 4 Class Teacher

Year 5 – South America

Year 6 - North America

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