



St John with St Augustine Newsletter

Safeguarding

A new medical information form will be sent home via ParntApps this week. Please complete and return it so that we can update our records with any medical conditions your child may have, including food allergies or intolerances. We would like to ensure that all medical information is accurate and up to date.

Thank you for your support.

Church Dates

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 Cancelled this week
Wed	KS2 Cross Country Starts 23 Sept
Thur	KS2 Choir Starts 17 Sept

 Studybugs



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 29 Sept
Fri 2 Oct

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Celebration Assembly School Hall 3:00pm

Celebration Assembly

Reception

Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Orla
Year 3	Amaya
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Aeron
Year 6	Ella



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 29th 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.



Open Day

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and children to our Open Day on Tuesday 3 November, with sessions available at 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2027, we warmly welcome you to visit our school. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, explore our learning environment, learn about our curriculum, and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 01254 392717 to book your place. Thank you

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 – Thank you for sending the children's reading books back on Thursday to be changed, we hoped you enjoyed reading with your child at home.

In Literacy, we started to create interest in a story as we received a letter from some special friends asking for their help. Peppa and George needed help to find a wolf who has blown their friends' houses down. The children were very excited to help them. This led to us reading the story of the Three Little Pigs, learning some new vocabulary along the way:



In maths we were comparing by height, length and quantity. The children were excellent when comparing the family bears and building 'taller' and 'shorter' towers in the outdoor area.

In our wider curriculum, we read the story 'In Every House on Every Street' It is a story about how even though all of our houses are different, they have the same rooms. The children then talked about their house in a wonderful discussion.



In RE, we have also been learning about how we are all special and different. We read the story 'When God made You' again. We looked at each other's hands and finger prints with magnifying glasses.

Thank you to those who have sent a family photo in – if you haven't please could you do this ASAP as we are looking at them this week.

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 started to learn some of our new phase 5 sounds! We have learned that there is a whole new set of digraphs and trigraphs to learn and this week have covered the: 'ay', 'ou', 'oy', and 'ie' sound.

English:

In our English lessons we have delved much more into the story of Harry the Happy Mouse and have even met some of Harry's friends from the story such as mole, cat, and bat! We have tried so hard to use lead outs in our writing.

Mathematics:

During mathematics we started a new chapter of learning where we have started to use part-whole models to help us understand number bonds. We are learning to explain our methods used for mathematics problems.

Science:

In Science we have continued to learn about our bodies and this week we learned about the senses we can experience: taste, touch, smell, hearing, sight.

Religious Education:

In our RE lesson this week we have continued to learn about the world that God created and talked about our favourite things that God created. Some of the highlights were: giraffes, Spiderman, football and our Mummies!

Art:

During our artwork we have continued to learn about materials and be inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. This week we had a go at creating some artwork using natural materials we collected on a nature walk.

Music:

The children have continued their learning of old-school hip-hop music and this week danced along to Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang.

Homework + Reading Books + Spelling:

Big thank you to all of our parents in Year 1 for their support with the homework, spelling and reading at home! Home learning is such an important part of the parent partnership we value so much at St John Augustine!

Upcoming Events:

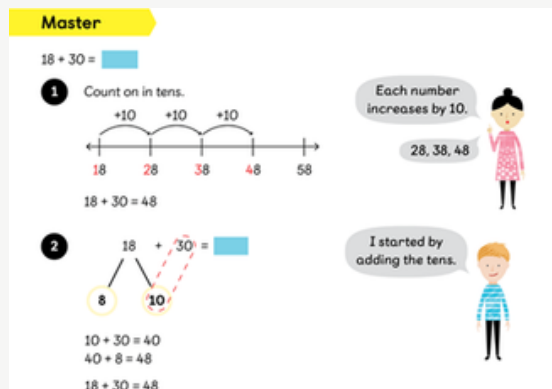
We will be hosting a phonics workshop on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 3:30-4pm. During the session I will give an expanded view of the phonics screening check that takes place in June 2027. It is also an opportunity to see a short example of a year 1 phonics lesson followed by a demonstration of the activities relating to phonics that the children complete.

Important Notices:

- Reminder to sign the reading records when you have read with your children at home.
- Parent phonics workshop – Wednesday 30th September 2026 – 3:30pm – 4pm.
- Foods such as grapes/cherries brought in for snack must be sliced and prepared at home to prevent a choking hazard.

Year 2 – Africa Class

In maths we have been looking at addition. We have been practising by counting on in ones and counting on in tens.



In English we have been gathering facts about wolves. The children have worked hard and produced some lovely work about wolves.

In RE we have continued looking at the Bible and why it is a Holy Book for Christians. This week we looked at lots of different Bibles and designed our very own front covers.

In Art we discussed how we could better our sculptures from the week before. We decided to use modelling clay as a base so the pipe cleaners would be able to stand alone as a sculpture. Some children also decided to add beads as decoration. Well done Year 2 – you all did a fantastic job!

In Geography we looked at the difference in the human features you would find in a city compared to a village. We then designed and labelled both a city and a village.

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

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Class Newsletter

Year 3



English

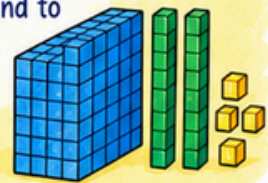
We have started to write our innovated version of Paddington. The children are really enjoying the text and using conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbial phrases for when to improve their sentences.



Maths

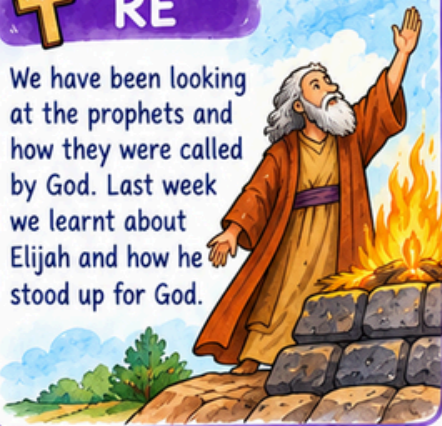
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We are moving towards the formal written method for addition. Children are using base ten to support their understanding and to see how the numbers represent hundreds, tens and ones.



RE

We have been looking at the prophets and how they were called by God. Last week we learnt about Elijah and how he stood up for God.



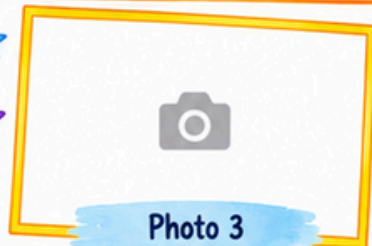
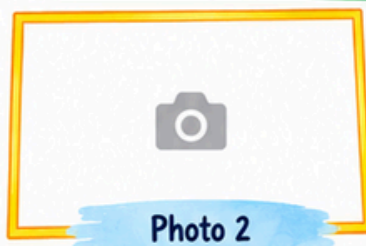
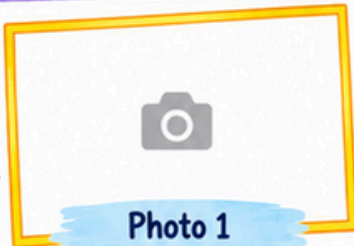
Science

The children investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials, carrying their own investigation and recording their findings.



History

We have continued with the Stone Age, looking at artefacts and what they tell us about life in the past. This was through a practical session.



Reminders



Homework

Homework is due on Thursday.



Reading

Please read at least 3 times a week.



PE Kits

PE kits need to be in school at all times.



Uniform

Full uniform should be worn every day.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE



Tuesday 22nd September

3:30pm – 4:15pm
in the school hall.

Refreshments and cakes available for a good cause.

Please support by donating cakes and biscuits.



Year 4 – Austalasia

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 to round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We have really focused on breaking a 4-digit number apart into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones so we can see which digit helps us decide how to round.

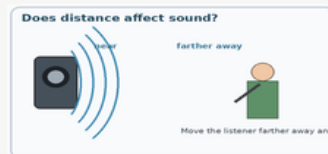


We also completed our end-of-chapter review, giving us a chance to show what we have learned and identify anything we need to practise further.

In English, we have been reading Rumaysa: A Fairytale and predicting what might happen next in the story. The children have been thinking carefully about whether Rumaysa will escape from the evil witch Cordelia and using clues from the text to support their predictions. Our grammar focus has been fronted adverbials for when. For example: "Later that night, Rumaysa crept away."



In Science, our topic is sound. This week we investigated whether the distance from a sound source affects the time it takes to hear the sound. We explored what happens when the listener is moved further away from the source.



In R.E. we looked at the values David showed when fighting Goliath. We discussed how David showed courage, faith and trust in God even when facing a much larger opponent.



In Geography, our topic is Natural Disasters. This week, we have been learning why people live near volcanoes. The children explored reasons such as fertile soils, natural resources, jobs and established communities, while also considering the risks of living close to an active volcano.



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

English

This week, we have moved on to our focus on mythical creatures! We researched the three-headed guardian of the Underworld, Cerberus, and worked in groups to research and prepare presentations about different mythical creatures, including werewolves, unicorns and the Loch Ness Monster. We enjoyed listening to each other's presentations and learning about a total of six different creatures.

Next week, we will begin exploring non-chronological reports, learning about their features and how to organise information. We will also practise writing expanded noun phrases to describe different mythical creatures.

Maths

In Maths, we have finished rounding numbers up to 1 million. We are starting our new chapter: addition and subtraction. This week's homework is preparing us for this next topic.

RE

In RE, we have been learning about the history of Bible writing. We explored the dedication of people who worked hard to translate the Bible into their own languages, allowing more people to understand God's word. We discussed why translating the Bible is important and how it has helped people around the world.

Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about the different biomes of the world.

A biome is a large area of the world that has a particular climate, plants and animals.

We have been learning to recognise and remember different biomes through fun memory games, helping us to develop our geographical knowledge.

DT

In DT, we have been practising the skills we need to make a CAM toy. We have developed our ability to measure accurately using a ruler and have learnt how to use a hot glue gun and a saw safely.

Next week, we will begin designing our final CAM toy product, using the skills we have practised to help us create an exciting and well-designed product.

Year 6 – North America

Dear Parents,

We're delighted to share that Accrington St John with St Augustine Church of England Primary School has been selected to take part in the **National Young Authors Fair 2026–27**—the world's largest free writing programme for children aged 8–18, proudly organised by BriBooks.

What's in store for your child?

The chance to write and publish their very own book

A Certificate of Participation for every published author

Free access to an expert-led masterclass on the A to Z of book writing (available after registration)

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For any questions, feel free to email us at support@bribooks.com.

Let's encourage Accrington St John with St Augustine Church of England Primary School's budding storytellers to shine on the world stage! More information will be sent home via ParentApps.

Warm regards,

Katie Henderson

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