



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

7 Oct	Year 5	RE Topic
14 Oct	Miss Fletcher	Harvest

After School Clubs

Mon	KS2 Football
Tue	KS1 Multisports
Wed	KS2 Cross Country
Thur	KS2 Choir

Diary Dates

Thu 8 Oct
Fri 9 Oct

Tiny Pixels – Individual Photos
Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Celebration Assembly School Hall 3:00pm

Celebration Assembly

Reception

Year 1	Sophia
Year 2	Ellie
Year 3	Layla-Lou
Year 4	Daisy
Year 5	Sean
Year 6	Sadie



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to all our parents for helping us raise an amazing £260 for Macmillan. Your generous donations of cakes and biscuits helped us raise a fantastic amount for such a wonderful charity. We truly appreciate your support and kindness. Thank you once again!



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

 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.



School Photos



Tiny Pixels will be visiting school on Thursday 8th October to take individual pupil photographs.

Photographs can be ordered directly from Tiny Pixels. Further information about the ordering process will be sent home in due course.

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Messy Sparkly Superhero Light Party

At

St. John's Church

Tuesday 27th October 2026

10 am – 12pm

Come and join us for craft, party games, food
and find out all about why Jesus is a
Superhero.

(Superhero fancy dress is welcome)



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 continued reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We stepped through the magic mirror and became the characters from the story. We even innovated the story by changing the material that the three houses were made from.



In maths we were exploring AB patterns. The children made different patterns using counters, cubes, family bears and natural materials. We even printed AB patterns in red and yellow using apples: red apple, yellow apple, red apple, yellow apple.

In our wider curriculum, we continued to read the story 'In Every House on Every Street' and the children made pictures of their families using lollypop sticks to make a house shape around their picture.



In RE, we have also been learning about the different names for God in two of the main world religions: Islam and Christianity. The children enjoyed looking at Subhah beads too.

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, 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: ir, ue, aw.

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 continued with our 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 how to conduct a science experiment and had a go at some chromatography.

Religious Education:

In our RE lesson this week we have continued to learn about the world that God created and talked about our role as guardians of the world and its environment.

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 and joining the natural materials together with techniques we learned earlier this term.

Music:

The children have continued their learning of old-school hip-hop music and this week danced along to U Can't Touch This.

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 with St Augustine!

Important Notices:

- Reminder to sign the reading records when you have read with your children at home.
- 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 continuing to look at addition. We have been looking at making ten to help us when adding.

1. $8 + 5 = 13$
 $2 + 10 = 13$

2. $9 + 2 = 11$
 $7 + 10 = 17$

In English we have been gathering facts about African animals. The children have been enjoying finding facts about elephants and lions.

In RE we have been looking at the story of Mary Jones and how important getting a Bible of her very own was to her.

In Science we continued our work on the properties of materials and how sometimes materials can have more than one property. We recorded our findings in a Venn diagram.

In Geography we looked at physical features and their definitions. The children came up with moves to help them remember these. Well done Year 2! 😊

In Art we continued our sculpture work by creating a fish themed hanging wire mobile inspired by the work of Alexander Calder. These were all very unique and all looked fantastic!

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

St John with St Augustine Primary School

Class Newsletter

Year 3 – Our learning this week...



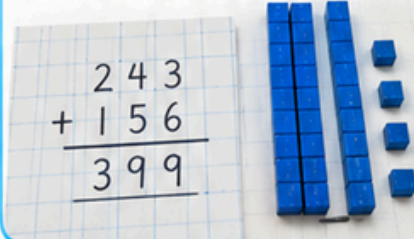
English

This week in English, we have completed our shared and innovated write of Paddington's Adventure. The children have worked hard to include conjunctions and expanded noun phrases in their work. The stories they have produced have been really descriptive.



Maths

In maths this week, we have moved on to more formal methods of addition. The children are still using base ten jottings to show the numbers and their values. However, they are moving on to more written formal methods of column addition.



RE

In RE, the children have been looking at another prophet, Noah. They have looked at how Noah listened to God and followed his instructions, looking at how Noah is called by God.



Science

In science, the children have continued with their investigations, this time more independently, choosing their own items and using language such as repel, attract and non-magnetic. The children stated sentences orally and in their books around this.



History

In history, the children have continued to look at the Stone Age, this week looking at similarities and differences between a Stone Age child and a child in Britain now. The children found lots of differences and were able to talk about these.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Reminders



Homework

Homework is due on a Thursday and given out each Friday.



Reading

Please read at least three times a week. Make sure you write it in the reading diaries.



PE Kits

Please make sure PE kits are in school at all times.



Uniform

Please make sure full uniform is worn every day. This includes shirt, tie, jumper and shoes.



After School Clubs



Monday

Mixed Football
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday



Cross Country
and Athletics
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Special Thanks

Thank you very much for the donations of Macmillan's coffee and cakes.

It was very successful, and thank you for attending to further support and donate.



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 working on 4-digit addition with regrouping and mental maths strategies. Children have been using place value charts and practical resources to partition numbers and practise adding accurately.

We have also been choosing efficient strategies, checking answers and explaining our methods.

4-digit addition

Using place value charts and mental strategies

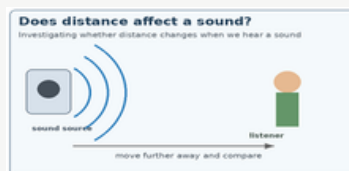
Thousands 1,000	Hundreds 100	Tens 10	Ones 1	
2,347	2	3	4	7
1,526	1	5	2	6

$2,347 + 1,526 = 3,873$

Partition $\rightarrow$ combine $\rightarrow$ check mentally

In English, we have been describing Cordelia and Rumaysa from the point of view of Zabina the owl. The children have been focusing on speech, noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make their writing detailed and interesting.

In Science, we have been investigating whether distance from a sound source affects how we hear a sound. The children have been exploring what happens as the listener moves further away.



In R.E. we have been looking at David and Jonathan and what makes a good friendship. We discussed values such as trust, loyalty, kindness and honesty, and how good friends support one another.



In Geography, we have been identifying the features of an earthquake. We learned that Earth's surface is split into tectonic plates and that earthquakes happen when these plates move. We also learned what a tsunami is and that tsunamis can be caused by earthquakes.

Key Information:

Please remember that times tables are a key focus in Year 4. Please focus on the 2,5,10.

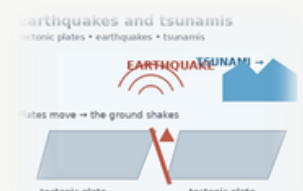
Homework should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday every week. This will be returned by Friday.

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.

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

Mr Asif 😊

Year 4 Class Teacher



Year 5 – South America

Maths: In Maths, we have been practising addition up to 1 million. We have been perfecting our use of the column method, recapping our understanding of place value, carefully aligning our digits and practising renaming when necessary. The children have worked hard to explain their methods and check their answers carefully. We will soon be moving on to subtraction, where we will build on these skills.

Reading: Last Thursday was National Poetry Day, so we spent some time enjoying poetry together. We read and listened to *The Great Big Clean Up* by Christian Foley. We talked about how poetry can be performed effectively and explored how expression, intonation and actions can help bring a poem to life. The children then worked with a partner or independently to practise reciting the poem. Some brave children even performed their poems to the whole class!

English: In English, we have been recapping our knowledge of compound sentences. The children have worked hard to perfect their understanding of main clauses, including identifying the subject and verb, and how these can be joined together using a co-ordinating conjunction. We have been focusing on making sure our sentences are grammatically accurate and that our ideas are joined together clearly.

Geography: In Geography, we have been exploring the biomes of South America. We have looked at some very different environments, including the Andes Mountains, the Atacama Desert and the Amazon Rainforest.

RE: In RE, we have been learning about sacred texts from other world faiths, including the Torah in Judaism and the Qur'an in Islam.

Class Church Service

A reminder that this Wednesday, 7th October at 3:00pm, it is our Year 5 Class Church Service. Our service is all about the Bible, linking directly to the RE topic we have been studying. The children have been working hard and we would love for you to join us in church to celebrate their learning with them.

Reminders

Homework is due every Thursday and will be sent back out every Friday.

Please try to read with your child 3–4 times each week and remember to sign their reading record.

Year 6 - North America