



We want all of our community to have equal opportunities to experience life in all its fulness (John 10: 10). We encourage all community members to “be the best we can be” in every aspect of their lives as we grow in, and reflect on, the Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Corinthians 13).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 6 children who sat their KS2 SATs tests last week. I would also like to thank all of the members of staff who have been working with them over the year to prepare them for the tests, particularly Mr Rasem. The children approached the tests with confidence, determination and maturity and I am certain that this has helped them to do their best and to be the best they can be.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who have managed to find all black shoes for their children to wear to school, as stated in our uniform policy. I know that this can sometimes be a little difficult, so I really appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are correctly dressed for school and looking smart.

Finally, I would like to wish all the best to Mrs Cunningham, our Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo, who will be starting her maternity leave after the half term holiday. We are certainly going to miss her, but we are looking forward to hearing of the arrival of her baby. Ms Mannion will be taking over the SENCo role in her absence. Thanks to all of the parents and carers who came to the coffee morning with Mrs Cunningham yesterday.

Don't forget that next week is half term and the school will be closed to children. I look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils on **Monday 3rd June**.

Ruth Vince, Head of Primary



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We have had a rather mixed picture regarding attendance over the past two weeks. While we had an excellent 97.3% attendance level in week 4, this dropped to a very disappointing 94.3% last week, which is well below our target. I hope that we'll see a significant improvement during the first week back after the half term break. Thank you to all those families who work hard to ensure that your children are in school and learning every day.

Congratulations to Year 6 who have won the attendance cup over the past two weeks. They should be extremely proud because they had 100% attendance in Week 4 and 99.7% last week. This is fantastic and sets an excellent standard for the rest of the school.

Please make sure that your child/children are back in school on **Monday 3rd June**, following the half term holiday next week. If any children do not return to school on the Monday due to illness, we will require a doctor's note or other form of medical evidence, as there are still a few families taking their children out of school during term time for family holidays or visits to relatives, which is not permitted. This has a significant impact on children's learning and leads to children falling into the category of concern with regard to attendance.

## DIVERSITY DAY COFFEE MORNING WITH MS. TOUSSAINT

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Diversity Day on in Friday 28th June 2024, to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds of our community. To ensure the success of this event, we warmly invite you to join us for a coffee morning on **Wednesday June 5th 2024**, where we can collaborate and plan the activities together. Your participation and input are invaluable to us. We believe that, with your support, we can create a meaningful and inclusive event for all our children. Whether you have ideas to share, can offer assistance, or simply want to be part of the planning process, we welcome you to attend. Warm regards, Ms Toussaint

## WONDERFUL WORK 9TH MAY

Reception Tim  
Year 1 Monaco  
Year 2 Daniel  
Year 4 Milena  
Year 5 Ahmed  
Year 6 Jawid



## SHINING STARS 16TH MAY

Year 1 Kamel  
Year 2 Maya  
Year 3 Layan  
Year 4 Nourhan  
Year 5 Year 5 class



We had fewer Shining Star awards during this week because both our REception and Year 6 classes were unable to attend the celebrations Collective Worship.





## CLAY MODELLING

In Year 2, the children have immersed themselves in the world of clay modelling, discovering new ways to express their creativity through hands-on techniques. They mastered the essential methods of 'slip and score,' learning to join pieces of clay securely by scoring the surfaces and applying slip.

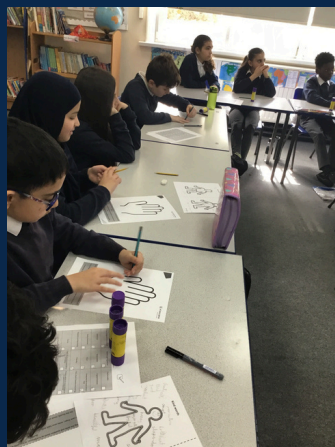
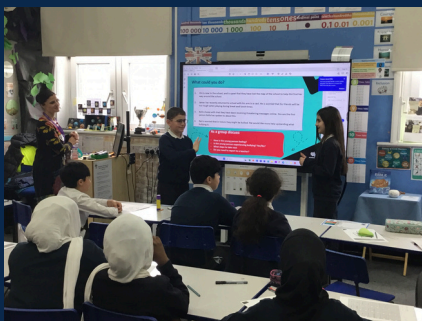
Drawing inspiration from the works of Rachel Whiteread, the students explored how everyday objects could be transformed into significant artistic statements. Her focus on negative space encouraged the children to think beyond traditional forms and consider the hidden aspects of their subjects.

Throughout this enriching experience, Year 2 pupils honed their fine motor skills, enhanced their spatial awareness and developed a deeper appreciation for contemporary art. Their efforts culminated in unique clay models that showcased their personal creativity and the techniques they had learned.  
Ms Garcia



## KIDSCAPE ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOPS

The Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had a recent workshop focused on understanding and addressing bullying and conflict. The workshop provided valuable insights into the four types of bullying and explored the motivations behind targeting others. Through engaging activities and role-play, pupils learned effective intervention strategies and discussed the importance of fostering inclusive relationships for a harmonious school environment. Together, we're committed to nurturing a culture of respect and kindness within our school community.  
Ms Adams





## ORCHESTRAL ENCOUNTERS CONCERT AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Following the Orchestral Encounters workshop that our Year 3 children took part in earlier this year, a group of children and their parents were invited to attend a special free concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 4th May. They were also accompanied by their class teacher, Ms Toussaint. During the concert, the children had the opportunity to perform with Albert's Band and enjoyed an exciting introduction to playing a musical instrument.

These children have now been offered the chance to sign up for free musical instrument lessons for two years, which will be fully paid for by the Royal Albert Hall. What a talented bunch!



## OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS HONESTY

Our value for this half term has been Honesty.

Honesty builds trust. We need to be able to trust our friends and the people around us. We have learnt that, if we tell a lie or don't tell the whole truth, people will find it hard to believe us. Honesty means doing the right thing even if no-one is around to see. It also means being able to share honestly how we feel.

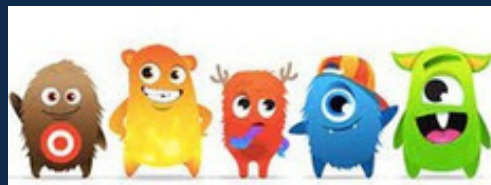
Throughout this term, we have been thinking about the importance of being true to yourself and what you believe in. We have also been talking about having the courage to tell the truth and knowing that sometimes telling the truth is the best thing to do, even though we have been told not to tell.





## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the children who have been awarded Headteacher's certificates over the past two weeks for demonstrating our school values.



This child has been awarded the Gold Headteacher's certificate, which means that they have earned 300 Dojo points.

**Year 2:** Zakaria

These children have earned an incredible 400 Dojo points and have been awarded the Platinum Headteacher's certificate.

**Year 2:** Aahil, Abdulrahman, Adam, Ali K, Ali Y, Cebrail, Dior, Fatima, Firas, Hussein, Ibrahim, Layan, Majd, Muhammad, Qais, Ramh, Shyla

**Year 5:** Ali J, Bruno, Ceila, Aleema, Amir, Aseel, Bakr, Ahmed, Barraaq, Fatima S, Hamoudy, Khloe, Malak, Mariam, Rijad, Zakaria and Zaynab

## VALUES CHAMPIONS

These children have earned an amazing 800 Dojo points and have been awarded the Values Champions badge. They should be very proud of this incredible achievement!

**Year 5:** Fatima S, Amira and Hajar

## PROCEDURES FOR SHARING CONCERNS

I would like to remind you of the procedures for sharing concerns with the school. This follows a few incidents recently in which parents have directly approached and spoken to other children in the playground or outside the school gates. This can be very distressing for the child and is not in line with our school procedures. It's important to allow the school to deal with such matters to ensure the well-being of all of our pupils.

If you have a concern about an incident involving your child, please follow procedure and speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. All members of staff at St Augustine's CE Primary School are committed to taking concerns seriously at the earliest stage.

On some occasions, the concern raised may require investigation or discussions with other members of staff. If this is the case you will receive an informal, but informed, response within a day or two. The majority of concerns will be satisfactorily dealt with in this way.

However, if you do not feel that the action taken by the member of staff you spoke to has resolved your concern, you should make an appointment to share your concerns with me, as the Head of Primary, or with another member of the Senior Leadership team.

I am grateful for your support in this matter.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please use the half term holiday to ensure that your child has the correct school uniform, which includes a white shirt or polo shirt, school tie, grey trousers or skirt and a navy blue jumper. I have noticed that a few children are wearing black jumpers or hoodies, neither of which are in our uniform policy. This can be found on our website in the Parents section. You can also speak to a member of SLT on the gate, or contact the school office, if you are unsure about what we expect with regard to school uniform.

Also, despite many reminders, some children are still wearing trainers with coloured markings, or in colours other than black. Our uniform policy clearly states that shoes and trainers must be all black. Please use the school holiday to make sure that your child has the correct footwear when they return to school after half term.

## CHICKENPOX:

We have had a few cases of chickenpox reported this week. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.

The main symptom of chickenpox is an itchy, spotty rash, which can be anywhere on the body. The spots fill with fluid and become blisters, which are very itchy. The spots then form a scab. Your child might also have a high temperature, aches and pains and a loss of appetite.

If your child has chickenpox, please keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over and formed a scab. This is usually five days after the spots first appeared.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y4 Sayers's Croft Residential visit  
Year 3 Sharing Assembly  
Nursery at Forest School (9.15 – 11.30am)  
Year 1 at Forest School (12.45 – 3.15pm)  
Half term holiday  
Start of Trinity/Summer 2 term – all children return to school  
Year 6 School Journey to PGL  
Coffee Morning – Diversity Day with Ms Toussaint  
Year 5 Sharing Assembly – 9:10am  
Floating Classroom Trip Years 1-3  
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week  
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week  
Y3 Sharing CW  
Year 5 National Gallery visit  
Year 2 and Year 3 Reading on the Beach trip  
INSET Day 4 – school closed to children  
Year 1 Sharing Assembly  
Reception at Forest School (9.15 – 11.30am)  
Islamic Celebration Day and Sharing Assembly 2:00pm  
(parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th May  
Thursday 23rd May  
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Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May  
Monday 3rd June  
Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th June  
Wednesday 5th June  
Thursday 6th June  
Friday 7th June  
Monday 10th–Thursday 13th June  
Monday 10th–Thursday 13th June  
Wednesday 12th June  
Wednesday 12th June  
Thursday 13th June  
Friday 14th June  
Thursday 20th June  
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Friday 21st June