St Augustine's CEP School Newsletter

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School Individual Photographs – Friday 27th November

A reminder to all parents and carers that our school individual photographs will be taking place on **Friday 27th November**.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing their **full school uniform** on this day. They do not need to bring their PE kit.

Braiswick Photography have also reassured us that any photographs ordered will be delivered back to school in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your support!

Bike Ability

Year 6 had a great week this week, learning skills for life. They all completed Bike Ability training with instructors from West Sussex. They all had a brilliant time and all showed brilliant perseverance.

Parents' Evening—Next week

A reminder that parents' evening appointments are next week on Wednesday & Thursday.

If you haven't signed up, please contact the school office to see which appointments are still available.



Reading at St. Augustine's

We wanted to clarify the reading books that children should be sharing at home and an information poster came out with your child earlier this week.

Our reading reward prizes support the children to read at home and our expectation is that children should record their reading 5 times per week.

Reading at Home and School: A Guide for Parents and Carers



We want to help every child develop a love of reading and become a confident, independent reader. Below is an overview of the different books children will bring home, how reading is supported in school and when books will be changed.

The books children read will change as they progress through school and develop their reading skills.

Reception



Children in Reception will have two types of reading books:

1. **Sounds-Write books**
   - These books will be read in school as part of a guided reading group.
   - Children will also bring these books home to read with their parents or carers.
   - Books will be changed once a week, in line with the child's phonics progression.
2. **Coloured book band books**
   - Children will read these books in school on a one-to-one basis with an adult.
   - They will also bring these books home to enjoy reading with parents or carers.
   - Books can be changed daily, once your child has read their book at home.
   - If your child would like to enjoy the same book again for another night, that is absolutely fine!

Year 1

Children in Year 1 will initially have Sounds-Write books and coloured book band books. As their reading develops and they are ready, they will move on to Accelerated Reader (AR) books.

1. **Sounds-Write books**
   - Read in school as part of a guided reading group.
   - Taken home to read with parents or carers.
   - Changed once a week, in line with the child's phonics progression.
2. **Coloured book band books**
   - Taken home to read with parents or carers.
   - Changed once your child has finished reading their book.
3. **Accelerated Reader (AR) books**
   - Children will move on to AR books when they are ready. At this stage, they will stop taking home coloured book band books.
   - AR books will be read at home with parents or carers.
   - These will be changed once they have finished the book and completed a quiz on it.

Year 2



Children in Year 2 will have Sounds-Write books and Accelerated Reader (AR) books.

1. **Sounds-Write books**
   - Read in school as part of a guided reading group.
   - Taken home to read with parents or carers.
   - Changed once a week, in line with the child's phonics progression.
2. **Accelerated Reader (AR) books**
   - Read in school as part of a guided reading group.
   - Taken home to enjoy reading with parents or carers.
   - May also be used as a task when children finish their other work.
   - These will be changed once they have finished the book and completed a quiz on it.

Years 3 and 4

Children in Years 3 and 4 will have Accelerated Reader (AR) books and a library book.



1. **Accelerated Reader (AR) books**
   - These books are taken home to read.
   - Children can also read them in school when they have available time or during their designated AR reading slot.
   - These will be changed once they have finished the book and completed a quiz on it.
2. **Library books**
   - Children take their library books home to read.
   - Library books are changed once a week during the child's allocated library slot.

Years 5 and 6

Children in Years 5 and 6 will have Accelerated Reader (AR) books and a chapter book.



1. **Accelerated Reader (AR) books**
   - Children take their AR books home to read.
   - They can also read these in school when they have finished a task.
   - These will be changed once they have finished the book and completed a quiz on it.
2. **Chapter books**
   - Children can choose a chapter book from the school library, the classroom or bring one in from home.
   - These books can be read at home or in school when children have finished a task.
   - Chapter books are changed when children finish reading them.
   - Children will also have the opportunity to change their chapter book once a week during their allocated library slot.

A few helpful reminders for parents and carers

- Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and talk about the books they are reading.
- Where children bring home Sounds-Write or book band books, reading together regularly will help to reinforce the learning taking place in school.
- Re-reading a book is absolutely fine! Children often benefit from reading a familiar book more than once to develop their confidence, fluency and understanding.
- For children using Accelerated Reader, it is important that they finish their book and complete their quiz before changing to another AR book.
- Children will have opportunities to read in school as well as at home, and the amount of time available for reading and quizzing may vary depending on the school day.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey.
Working together, we can help children become enthusiastic readers who enjoy exploring books both at home and at school.

Childrens Christmas Fair -Friday 11th December

This year The Friends have organised a Christmas Fair for the Children after school on Friday 11th December. 3pm - 5pm. There are two ticket options available

1.Standard ticket price £10 - deadline 6th December

2.Standard ticket plus Father Christmas visit/ wrapped gift £13.50 - deadline 29th November 2026.

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any late bookings once the booking deadline has passed. We need to confirm final numbers, place orders and make the necessary arrangements to ensure the event is organised and set up properly. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, and kindly ask that all bookings are made before the stated deadline to avoid disappointment. Thank you for your support.



Event for Children only.

Tickets are live to book via Magic Booking

STAr News

This week in Star Club we have been building dens, starting our Christmas garland for the hall, constructing amazing Lego scenes and making dough creatures!

Such an imaginative week. Next week we have our film evening on Tuesday which is sold out, plus lots of other fun activities for everyone to enjoy.



Willow Class Worship

A great, big well done to our youngest pupils who challenged themselves this week to lead their first Collective Worship—they did such an amazing job and shared a very valuable message about the way in which we can all collaborate to make our community a better place.



Parking at School

Over the last few weeks, I have had a few people speak to me about parking—please ensure that if you are parking along Vicarage Lane, you do so sensibly. This helps to keep the children safe.



Star of the week

WILLOW **Hannah -** Showing great collaboration with her friends in the dress ing up

BEECH **Ralphie Joe -** Showing collaboration with others when learning about The Gun Powder plot

ELM **Bobby -** Showing great collaboration when playing with his friends

OAK **Arianna -** Showing wonderful collaboration in Art this week when getting into groups for our collaborative art piece

Certificates

WILLOW **Florence -** Showing understanding when making and reading CVC words

BEECH **Jessica -** Showing lots of pride in her achievements in her reading

Samuel - Showing aspiration and endless enthusiasm about his writing

ELM **Alice -** Showing pride in her presentation of her Maths book

Freya S - Showing happiness and kindness to all of her friends

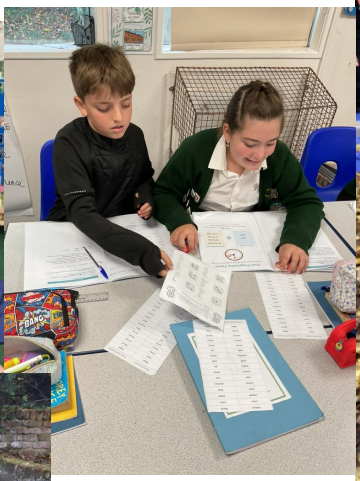
OAK **Miles H** - Showing Pride in Geography when learning about Amer ica and capital cities

Alessio - Showing aspiration when leaning about relative clauses in English and demonstrating beautiful handwriting

The value for next week is **Hope:** Believing that good things can happen and staying positive about the future, so that we experience God's amazing plan for us.

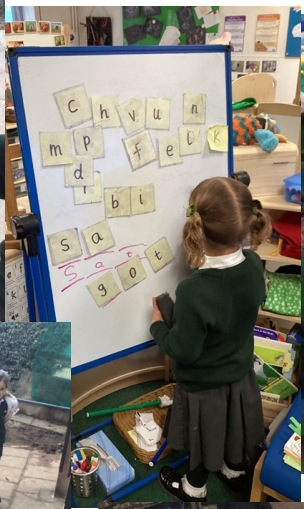
Photos of the week





















Upcoming Diary Dates - Please note that these may be subject to change.

November

Wednesday 18th	Parent Consultations
Thursday 19th	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26th	Year 6 Collective Worship @ 8:50
Friday 27th	School photos Individual. Full school uniform.

December

Thursday 3rd	Year 3 Collective Worship @ 8:50
	Year 2 Forest School
Monday 7th	Willow & Beech Nativity Performance @ 2pm
	Funday Monday/Christingle
Tuesday 8th	Willow & Beech Nativity Performance @ 5pm
Tuesday 15th	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th	INSET day—school closed for children

INSET Days 2026-27

Friday 18th December 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Family Support Work Christmas 2026

It would be wonderful if you were able to donate items to one (or both!) of our 2 Christmas collections for FSW, to help them make this a really 'Happy Christmas' for the families and children they support throughout the year.

Christmas Toys & Gifts

FSW have suggested things like:

- Board Games
- Science Kits
- Arts & Crafts Sets
- Role Play Kits
- Sensory Toys
- Lego & Duplo
- Toy Cars & Vehicles
- Colouring Books etc.
- Gift Vouchers
- Teenage Clothes (with gift receipts)
- For Children to give to parents & carers
- Toiletry Gift Sets
- Socks etc.
- Jewellery

(FSW have also asked that we don't spend more than £20 on any single toy or gift. Thank you.)

Christmas Hampers

Every Christmas FSW delivers Christmas food hampers to many of the 600 families they support. They would welcome donations towards these. They suggest things like:

Tins/boxes of sweets & chocolates
Boxes of biscuits or shortbread
Savoury snacks, crisps & nibbles.
Cranberry sauce, bread sauce
onion sauce, stuffing mixes
Tinned ham & salmon
Christmas pudding & cake
Bottles of soft drinks & fruit juices

In fact any of the things that families would enjoy at Christmas.

Please bring your donations to church by:

Sunday, 6th December



Christingle Service

St Augustine's Church
Scaynes Hill

All are welcome in this place

Monday 7th December

We would like to invite you to our

Christingle Service

at 4.00 pm

The service will be followed by a Christmas Tea Party

We will be accepting donations on behalf of The Children's Society




"Angelic"
Festive Fun
Morning
on
Saturday 12th December
10.00 am to 12 Noon
come and help St Augustine's Church
celebrate its lovely
Angel Festival
Join in the fun and festivities and enjoy
Christmas treats, biscuit decorating,
children's crafts and a special Angel Trail
We really look forward to welcoming you!


A LITTLE
CHRISTMAS MAGIC
A LUNCHTIME TO REMEMBER
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Tuesday 15th
December
Christmas lunch is one of the highlights of the school year – a chance for pupils to enjoy a festive lunch with friends.
BOOK YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH TODAY!
BOOK THROUGH THE FEED APP ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER AND HELP MAKE THIS SPECIAL SCHOOL OCCASION ONE TO REMEMBER
WE'VE CREATED A SPECIAL MENU TO MAKE THE OCCASION EXTRA DELICIOUS. WE'D LOVE YOUR CHILD TO JOIN US!
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Feeding Excellence Every Day


A LITTLE
CHRISTMAS MAGIC
MENU
MAIN COURSES
FESTIVE VEGETABLE GRATIN
With Roast Potatoes
ROAST TURKEY
With Chipolata, Roast Potatoes & Gravy
ROAST HALAL CHICKEN
With Plant-Based Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy
JACKET POTATO
With Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna or Tuna Mayo
All served with Carrots & Cauliflower
DESSERT
CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE SPONGE
OR
FRESH FRUIT
With Yoghurt
PLANT-BASED AND SPECIAL DIET OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FEED APP.