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## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Catholic Life** – The May procession was a great success, with both St Austin's and Holy Trinity children participating. Children in years, 3, 4, 5 and 6 presented their flowers to the statue of Our Lady. Thank you to those parents/carers who volunteered on the day walking to and from Church.

**Year 4 Holy Communion** – Our year 4 children have now fully prepared for their First Holy Communion with their Masses taking place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**SATS Year 6 2024** – Our year 6 children completed their statutory assessment tests last week and we were delighted with how well they responded to the challenge. A huge thank you to our year 6 parents/carers who ensured that the children arrived on time for their SATS breakfast and in the right frame of mind for the tests – they were an absolute credit to you!

As a reward all year 6 children had a picnic in the park today! A fun day out was had by all, teachers and staff.

**Attendance** – Next half term we will be focusing on low attendees from this academic year. We would like to support those families in raising attendance for the last term. Pupil attendance is always reported at every Full Governing Body meeting, along with unauthorised holiday absences. Thank you for your continued support, as our school attendance is at the national average of 97% and we hope to finish the year on a high!

**Early Collection of Pupils** - If your child needs to leave school during the day, please provide evidence of the appointment. Parents or carers must sign their child out at the school office. This procedure is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

**Mental Health Week** - Last week, we celebrated Mental Health Week in school by focusing on activities that promote wellbeing and self-care. Throughout the week, children took part in daily mindfulness exercises, including breathing techniques and guided relaxation, helping them to feel calm and centred. We also spent extra time outdoors with our friends.

**Year 2 Pop up Art Gallery** – year 2 enjoyed their first pop-up art gallery last week to showcase their amazing final pieces of work inspired by Van Gogh. Thank you to all the parents who could come and celebrate the pieces of art in our classrooms, we look forward to many more in the future!

**Year 6 Moderation** – our year 6 children have been selected for external moderation in writing. This will take place in school on 18th June by a representative of the local authority. A sample of schools are selected each year to take part in standardising writing across year 6. We wish the children the best of luck. Keep writing!

**Polytunnel** – Our Polytunnel is in full bloom! All year groups have taken part in growing activities with the support of Ms York. Nursery are planting sweetcorn, Reception - peas, Year 1 - potatoes, Year 2 - beans, Year 3 - tomatoes, Year 4 - onions and garlic, Year 5 - cucumber, and Year 6 – chillis... We look forward to the harvest in July. Keep Growing!

**Health and Safety – Bicycles and Scooters**; we kindly remind all families that riding bicycles or scooters on the school yard is not permitted. This has been observed and raised by visiting members of the Governing Body as well as parents who have emailed school. This is a health and safety concern. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



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**Football Before School** - Playing football on school premises before 8:45am is not allowed. There have been incidents on the playground during this time, and no first aiders are present to assist before the school day officially begins.

**Parent Communication** - If you have emailed the school to contact a staff member, please allow up to 48 hours for a response. This is in line with Local Authority guidelines. Please ensure all communication is sent via the school's main email address which is [enquiries@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-austins.co.uk)

**Approaching parents** - incidents which take place in school will be dealt with by the class teacher. To ensure no miscommunication has occurred please do not approach parents on the playground or via WhatsApp. Please see your child's class teacher in the first instance to ensure the correct information is communicated.

**Raising Concerns or Complaints** - If you have a concern or complaint, please speak to your child's class teacher first. If the matter remains unresolved, please contact the phase leader, who is part of the Senior Management Team. Should further support be needed, a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be happy to assist.

**School Finances** - As we come to the end of the half term can all parents/carers please check the ParentAPP for confirmation of any arrears outstanding. You can make payment via the school APP, or alternatively, pay by Credit Card at the school office or over the telephone. This is particularly important for year 6 parents/carers as we draw near to the end of the school year.

**SAPTA** - We are delighted to inform you that our summer fayre activities are well underway. Save the date for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Your support is invaluable to our children and the learning resources they need. If you can help in anyway, please email [SAPTA@st-austins.co.uk](mailto:SAPTA@st-austins.co.uk)

**SAPTA tuck shop** - SAPTA will be hosting a tuck shop after school tomorrow on the key stage 2 playground. Please note, this will be cash only. All are welcome!

**Instagram** - Our school Instagram page is full of content showcasing our wonderful children. If you don't already, follow us @StAustinsSchool for regular updates from your child's class. Please continue to share with family and friends so we can grow our audience.

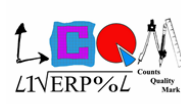
**Key stage 2 Catholic Athletics Competition** - St Austin's will be competing in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools Association Competition on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Catholic Primary schools come together over a 2-week period to compete at Wavertree Athletics Centre. Over 700 children have the opportunity to represent their schools and develop their athletic abilities in an arena of true competition. Our amazing children will compete in 75m, 135m, 600m, 800m, relay, long jump, and high jump and will hopefully qualify for the Champion of Champions event. In the group heats the winning child in each event receives a gold medal, with placed children receiving a certificate. Schools also win trophies for accruing the most points overall in boys' and girls' competitions, as well as the most points per pupil average, called the Merit trophy. We wish all our children the best of luck! Wavertree here we come!!!

**End of term** - School will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for the half term at 2.15pm.

**After School Club** - due to the early finish, after school club will close at 4.45pm.

**Start of term** - School will open again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Finally, as we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank parents/carers continued support, partnership, and commitment to your child's learning journey as our children take national and internal school tests.



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I hope you all enjoy a restful half term break before we look forward to welcoming the children back for one final half term this year. Wishing you a safe and happy half term.

### Dates for the diary

13 <sup>th</sup> June -	Bike it Breakfast (further details to follow)
9 <sup>th</sup> June -	Key stage 2 Catholic Schools Athletics
9 <sup>th</sup> June -	Year 1 Phonics Screening
9 <sup>th</sup> June -	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
16 <sup>th</sup> June -	St Austin's well-being week
27 <sup>th</sup> June -	SAPTA Summer Fayre
2 <sup>nd</sup> July -	Y6 Transition Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July -	New reception parents meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> July -	Whole School book look
8 <sup>th</sup> July -	Year 6 Production 6.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July -	Year 6 Production 6.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July -	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> July -	Year 6 Disco 6.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July -	End of Term 2.15pm

Kindest regards,

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