

St. Austin's Catholic Primary School

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Homework Policy Autumn 2025

(to be reviewed Autumn 2027)

Our Mission

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Purpose of Homework

Homework at St Austin's supports the partnership between home and school, helping pupils practise skills, consolidate classroom learning and explore their own interests. It also builds independence, resilience and responsibility for learning.

Principles

- Homework is age-appropriate and adapted to meet individual needs, including for children with SEND or EAL.
- Adequate time is given for completion to support a healthy home-school balance.
- The amount and challenge increases as children move through the school.
- Teachers set purposeful tasks linked to prior learning and key skills.
 - High standards of presentation are expected in line with classroom work.
- Homework is meaningful, relevant and reflects our curriculum drivers.

Expectations by Phase

Foundation Stage

- Daily reading and book sharing with an adult
- Parents/carers to record at least four reading sessions weekly in the Home-School Reading Record

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

- Daily reading- parents and carers to record at least 3x per week
- Year 1: Numbots introduced in the spring term. Sound and word flashcards may be sent out if appropriate
- Year 2: Numbots continued ,Times Table Rock Stars (2, 5, 10 in Spring 2)
- Weekly spellings

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

- Daily reading
- Times Table Rock Stars (progression through 2–12 times tables, including division)
- Weekly spellings
- My Maths tasks linked to current or prior learning
- Optional Creative Curriculum activities linked to the current topic.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

- Daily reading
- Daily times table practice TTRS (all tables mixed with division)
- Weekly spellings to practise each day
- Weekly English and Maths tasks
- Curriculum Homework to support foundation subjects

Time Guidance

- Key Stage 1: 10–15 minutes daily.
- Lower Key Stage 2: 20 minutes daily.
- Upper Key Stage 2: 30 minutes daily.

Supporting Parents

Parents can further enrich their child's learning by:

- Visiting libraries, museums and places of interest.

- Cooking, gardening and engaging in craft activities.
- Playing games that build problem-solving skills.
- Watching informative programmes together.
- Talking about schoolwork and sharing learning experiences.

Parents are encouraged to contact / [email](#) class teachers ([via school enquiries address](#)) with any homework questions or concerns.

Feedback and Recognition

- Homework will be checked.
- Effort and creativity will be celebrated through class displays, certificates or sharing during lessons.

Online Safety

As homework may involve online platforms (MyMaths, Numbots, Times Table Rock Stars), children and parents must follow the school's E-Safety Policy. Parents should supervise access to digital devices at home.

Final Reminder

Homework is about reinforcing, practising and confidence building. Making it enjoyable, modelling its value, and celebrating success will help children to develop positive attitudes towards learning.