

# St Augustine's RC High School



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

As we reach the end of October, it is time to reflect on our first half term this school year.

Our Year 7 pupils are no longer quite so new and are starting to feel like "part of the furniture". Meanwhile, our Year 11 pupils are well underway with preparing for the next few months, with lots of excitement about post-16 open evenings as pupils consider what they might be doing this time next year. Preparations for mock examinations are well underway and the timetable is now available on the school website; the exams commence with on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We wish Year 11 luck and urge them to remember that hard work always pays off.

Our sponsored walk was a huge success, and we have collected over £9,000 in sponsorship money to date which will help support many endeavours within the school. A huge thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

A reminder that to facilitate the move into our new building, the school will **only** be open to Years 7 and Year 11 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Home learning will be set for pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10. The school will then close for half term and reopen for all pupils on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

When we return after the half-term break on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, all pupils in Years 7 to 10 must wear their V-neck maroon jumper as part of the school uniform. With the cold weather imminent, the addition of the jumpers will ensure pupils keep warm around the school.

With every blessing for the week ahead.

*Mrs Hunt*

## Key Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – School closed to years 8,9 and 10. Open for year 7 and 11.

21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Assemblies all week

4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight

11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service

## St Augustine's RC High School

### Sensory Garden

Creating a sensory garden to enhance health and wellbeing for SEND pupils at our school. This initiative accompanies the construction of a new SEN unit on our school grounds.

Billington

Vote in-store until 12 January 2025



## Tesco Stronger Starts Initiative - Help Us Create a Sensory Garden for Our Students

We're excited to share that our school has a fantastic opportunity to win up to £1,500 from the Tesco Stronger Starts programme, which will help us build a sensory garden for our SEND pupils. We are asking for your support to help us make our vision a reality.

### How can you help?

We are asking all parents, guardians, and friends of our school to support us by participating in Tesco's blue token scheme. When you shop at Great Harwood Tesco or Market Street Colne Tesco, you'll receive a blue token at the checkout. By placing your token in our school's section, you'll be directly helping us secure the funding for this much-needed sensory garden.

The more blue tokens we collect, the better our chances of winning up to £1,500 to make this project possible. Every token counts and we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

This sensory garden will greatly enhance the wellbeing and learning of all our students, and we're eager to bring this vision to life. With your help, we can create a space where our children can thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

Let's work together to make this project a success!







World Mental Health Day

The 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day, staff and pupils were all invited to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life’s ups and downs. So, on World Mental Health Day and beyond it, why not check in with your friends, family, peers, or colleagues? Pupils were discussing Mental Health in form time and were signposted to support that is available within school and beyond.



Open Evening 2024

Last week saw our annual Open Evening take place. The school was overwhelmed with families of year 5 and 6 pupils and it was a great evening to showcase our wonderful school. Thank you to all of the pupils that offered their time to help on the evening, it was great to see such fantastic ambassadors representing St. Augustine’s on the evening, and the amount of positive praise we received from prospective parents was overwhelming.

Thank you to all that came along and please be reminded that applications must be submitted online by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please go to [Lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://Lancashire.gov.uk/schools) to apply and for further information. Additionally, all families are asked to complete the Supplementary Faith Form (available [here](#)). If you wish for your child to be considered as Roman Catholic under the admissions criteria, evidence (Baptismal Certificate or Certificate of Reception into the Catholic Church) must be provided along with the form. The completed form should be emailed (along with copies/photographs of any certificates) to [info@sarchs.com](mailto:info@sarchs.com) by the 31<sup>st</sup> October.



The New Build

It’s a very exciting time as our new build is very near completion! So that we can successfully have the building up and running after the half term, school will close to the following year groups next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October; 8, 9 and 10 but work will be set via Teams to be completed at home. Year 7 and 11 are expected to attend school as normal.





## School Meal Payments

Please be mindful that our catering areas are now cashless. Dinner money can be pre-loaded to your child's account via the online system, Scopay. You can also set up an alert that will inform you if your child's account money is running low:

- Log onto Scopay
- Click Alerts
- Click here to configure the alerts for you
- Choose dinner account
- Add an alert limit
- Choose either a text reminder or email.

If you are experiencing any issues with Scopay, please contact the school and we will help to get you set up.



## Traffic on Elker Lane

Please be aware that the entrance to Lower Elker Farm (over the bridge on Elker Lane) is the entrance to a working farm and should not be used for parking. Farm vehicles require access to the track and if cars are parked in this area it presents a hazard as tractors and trailers are not able to pull in off Elker Lane. Please be mindful of our neighbours' needs when dropping off / collecting pupils by car.



## Sponsored Walk – Sponsor Money

Thank you to all of the families that have returned sponsor money, so far school have collected a staggering £9,000! We are so thankful to all that have contributed so far. Can we kindly ask that all outstanding monies be paid by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.





**The Food Bank**

St Augustine's supports Ribble Valley Food Bank. Thank you to Year 7 and their families for your generous donations to the Ribble Valley Foodbank. These were presented as offertory gifts at our Welcome Mass.

If anyone wishes to support the Ribble Valley Foodbank, the following items are urgently required, and can be brought into school by Thursday 17th October.

- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE AND MILK**
- CUSTARD**
- RICE PUDDING**
- SPONGE PUDDING**
- VEGETARIAN FOOD (LONG LIFE)**
- TINNED POTATOES / INSTANT MASH**
- SAUCES**
- SNACKS**
- SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, SOAP, DEODORANT**
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS**
- WASHING UP LIQUID**
- LAUNDRY LIQUID**

More information can be found here <https://ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



**World Rosary Day**

Monday 7th October 2024

During our school day the Hail Mary was offered by staff and students in Morning Prayer, and in lessons throughout the day, responding to Pope Francis' call for a 'symphony of prayer' to help us to prepare for the Jubilee 2025.







Attendance – The Top Facts!

- Absence and attainment

Students with higher absence rates tend to have lower GCSE attainment. For example, in 2019, pupils who achieved grades 9-4 in English and maths GCSEs had an absence rate of 3.7%, compared with 8.8% for those who did not.

- Absence and learning

Attending school regularly is important for learning. A child who is absent one day a week misses the equivalent of one year of school!

- Absence and Wellbeing

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**IF YOUR CHILD IS  
FEELING UNDER  
THE WEATHER,  
IT CAN BE HARD  
TO KNOW IF YOU  
SHOULD SEND  
THEM TO SCHOOL  
OR NOT.**

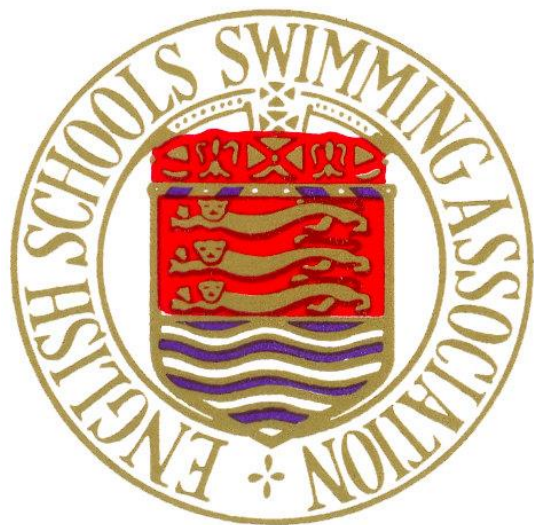


**UNLESS THEY HAVE A  
TEMPERATURE OF  
38 DEGREES OR ABOVE,  
THEY'RE USUALLY  
GOOD TO GO.**

**SEARCH NHS SCHOOL  
ILLNESS GUIDANCE.**

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 HM Government 



## North West Secondary Schools Team Relay Championships 2024

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, both junior and intermediate girl and boy swimming teams went to Palatine, Blackpool where they swam superbly and we await the outcomes of the Everton Park event next week to see if any of our teams from St. Augustine's have qualified.

Intermediate girls won their heats in both the relay and freestyle races, intermediate boys came second in both their races.

Well done to all that took part.

## Sporting Success!

- Well done to our fantastic cross-country team that finished 2nd in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley competition.
- Last Wednesday saw our year 7 boys football team start their league campaign at home vs a strong Ribblesdale High School team. The boys came out with a 4-3 victory. Well done on a great start boys.
- A great win for our Y9 Boys A football team who won 3-2 after extra v CRGS in the ESFA Cup! MOTM was Will M with 2 goals and an assist from left back.
- Well done to our year 7 boys football team who beat Tottington High School 7-1 to progress into the next round of the ESFA cup.
- Well done to our year 10 footballers who beat Bowland 3-2.





# SARCHS REWARDS



FIDEI-HEREDES

## 15 RP'S

- 1 ITEM OF STATIONERY
- DRINK/CAKE VOUCHER
- 1 DAY QUEUE JUMP

## 30 RP'S

- 2 ITEMS OF STATIONERY
- BREAKFAST VOUCHER
- 2 X 1 DAY QUEUE JUMP
- WATER BOTTLE

## 50 RP'S

- LUNCH VOUCHER
- POWERBANK
- 1 WEEK QUEUE JUMP
- £5 OFF A SCHOOL TRIP (PROM FOR Y11)
- Y10/11 X 2 REVISION ITEMS

## 75 RP'S

- 2 REVISION ITEMS
- QUEUE JUMP FOR 2 WEEKS



## 100 RP'S

- LUNCH WITH SLT

## Y7



- 50 REWARD POINTS IN A YEAR AND GET A SILVER STAR BADGE

## Y7-11

- 100 REWARD POINTS IN A YEAR AND GET A GOLD STAR BADGE







# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

**EAST**

**Do you have a child starting  
secondary school in September 2025  
and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 31 October 2024**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit **[lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,  
please check the guidance on our website, or call **01254 220747**.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with  
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.  
To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces)  
and click 'school admission policies'.*

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



# Club News 2024

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.20-13.00	Art Rooms
	All years	Safeguarding/wellbeing drop in	12.45-13.10	Drama
	Yr 9	BAE Systems/Create Education project	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	Yr 10	D&T/Engineering pupils - online CAD	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	Yr 11	D&T pupils NEA coursework	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	All years	Winning Words	12.25-12.55	Room 9
	Yr 11	SYSTEMS pupils Unit R049	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	All years	SARCHS singers	15:30-16:30	Music Room
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
TUESDAY	All years	Band	12.20-12.45	Music 1
	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.20-13.00	Art Rooms
	All Years	Chess Club	12.45-13.10	Room 19
	All years	Safeguarding/wellbeing drop in	12.45-13.10	Drama
	Yr 7	CAD Club using 2D design/laser cutting	12.35-13.00	Tech 2
	All years	Quiet Space	12.20-13.05	Room 33
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
WEDNESDAY	All years	Book Club	12.20-13.10	Library
	Year 7	Science Club	12.20-12.45	Lab 7
	Yr 10	Work book support and Circuit Design & Make	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	Year 7,8&9	Art Club	12.30-13.00	Art 1
	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.20-13.00	Art Rooms
	All years	Duo Lingo	12.20-12.50	Room 15
	Year 7,8&9	Creative Club - workshop skills	12.35-13.00	Tech 1
	Year 7	Netball Club	15.15-16.15	PE
	Year 7,8&9	Creative Club - workshop skills	15.15-16.00	Tech 1
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20
	Yr 11	D&T pupils NEA coursework	15.15-16.00	Tech 2
	Yr 11	SYSTEMS pupils Unit R049	15.15-16.00	Tech 2
	Yr 10	D&T/Engineering pupils - online CAD	15.15-16.00	Tech 2

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
THURSDAY	All Years	Show choir	12.20-12.45	Music 1
	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.20-13.00	Art Rooms
	all years	Safeguarding/wellbeing drop in	12.45-13.10	Drama
	Yr 9	3D Design 3D Printing (for pupils who were part of Yr 8)	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	all years	Fun Writing club	12.20-13.10	Room 7
	All years	After School Study Club	15.15-16.00	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
FRIDAY	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.50-13.20	Art Rooms
	all years	Safeguarding/wellbeing drop in	12.55-13.20	Drama
	Yr 10	Work book support and Circuit Design & Make	12.50-13.20	Tech 2
	Yr 10	D&T/Engineering pupils - online CAD	12.50-13.20	Tech 2
	Yr 11	SYSTEMS pupils Unit R049	12.50-13.20	Tech 2
	Yr 11	D&T pupils NEA coursework	12.50-13.20	Tech 2



## SARCHS PE Extra-Curricular Timetable – Autumn Term

Day	Lunch (GYM)	After School
Monday	Girls Badminton: 12:25-12:45pm Boys Badminton: 12:50-1:10pm	Football (Boys & Girls): 3:20-4:30pm
Tuesday	Y7 & 8 Netball: 12:25-12:45pm Boys Basketball: 12:50-1:10pm	Inter-school sports fixtures
Wednesday	Y9 & 10 Netball: 12:25-12:45pm Dodgeball: 12:50-1:10pm	Inter-school sports fixtures
Thursday	Dance: 12:25-12:45pm Table Tennis: 12:50-1:10pm	Girls Basketball: 3:20- 4:30pm
Friday	Badminton (Boys and Girls): 12:45-1:15pm	Rugby (Boys and Girls): 2:35-3:45pm



**OPERATION ENCOMPASS**

## We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



# Useful Resources and Support

## Useful Online Safety Websites

National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

## Useful contacts to report a concern

If you are worried and need help, then please contact one of the following:

Tel: 0800 1111

[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

Web:

[www.childline.co.uk](http://www.childline.co.uk)

**childline**



Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community which includes a live chat with the team feature, discussion boards, magazines and helpful articles and a daily journal.



Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person. Call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967 (opening hours: 9.00am – 12.00am, 365 days a year)



Samaritans are here to listen 24/7, 365 days a year. Call 116 123 for support

## Online Resources

There are apps available, such as 'Calm Harm' and 'Clear Fear' that you can download to your mobile, or if you have a tablet. These can provide useful distraction techniques for managing anxiety and thoughts of self-harm.

## Useful Contacts

- The Mental Health Crisis Line in Lancashire are available 24/7 over the phone and can be contacted on 0800 953 0110
- The Well-Being Helpline is available Monday – Friday, 7.00pm – 11.00pm plus Saturday & Sunday 12.00pm – 12.00am, it is staffed by volunteers who can offer emotional support or if you would like to chat about your mental health. This helpline can be reached on 0800 915 4640 or by texting the word 'Hello@' to 07860 022846
- Hopeline UK is a young person's suicide prevention charity. They can be called on 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967
- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) Information for children and young people about mental health and wellbeing. Free 24/7 crisis messenger – text YM to 85258
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/> advice and practical tips to help look after your mental health and wellbeing.
- [www.itsgoodtotalk.org.uk](http://www.itsgoodtotalk.org.uk) Listings of local counsellors
- [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk) The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service is available 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Helpline: 0800 808 4994
- [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net) Support for young men who are down or in a crisis. Helpline 0800585858
- <http://www.centreplace.org.uk/talkzone.htm> counselling, live chat on-line or telephone
- [www.the-lookout.org.uk](http://www.the-lookout.org.uk) Support around domestic abuse for young people and families, run by Children & Family Wellbeing service.
- [www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-young-people](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-young-people) Information and support for mental health and wellbeing issues.
- <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk> - Helping gender-diverse kids, young people and their families