



St. Augustine's RC High School

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St. Augustine's

We have successfully started our busy Spring Term and I would like to thank all staff, pupils and families as always for their support. There are a number of upcoming events that I would like to highlight. We have our Year 9 Progress Evening on the 6th February, followed by our Year 7 Progress Evening on the 6th March. We are also looking forward to Children's Mental Health week which takes place next week.

We have had a wonderful but very busy start to 2025, with our whole school Careers Week taking place last week. I would like to thank all the visitors, guests and further education providers – who came into school to share their knowledge and expertise with our pupils. Hopefully this has encouraged our learners to think about the next steps they may go on to take in the future!

We have also recently had our Year 11 Progress Evening, which went very well, with high levels of attendance and I would like to thank all families who attended for their support and online feedback. We hope you found this useful in this busy final few months for our Year 11 pupils.

There are some important school messages within this newsletter, please take the time to read this and we thank you for your continued support of the school.

God Bless and I wish you a restful weekend,

Mrs Hunt



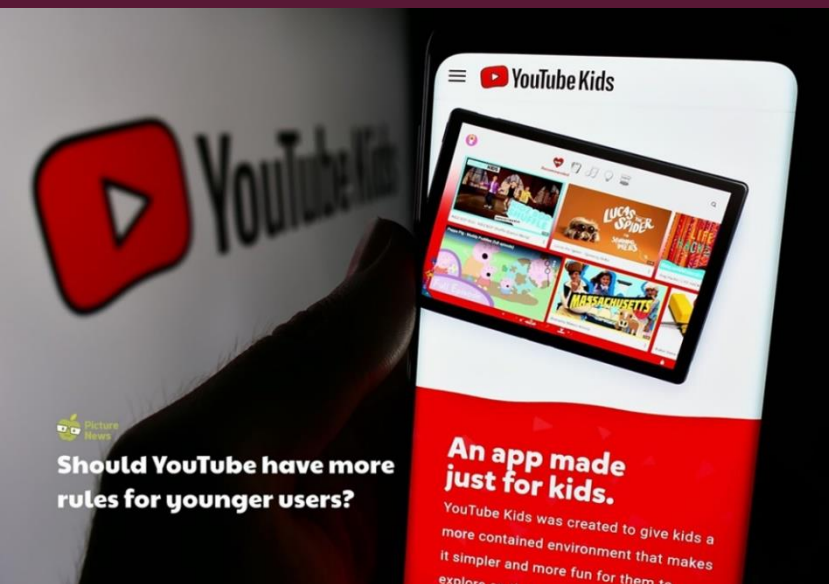
Important Dates

Monday 3rd February – Year 9 and 10 BRAG Event

Thursday 6th February – Year 9 Progress Evening

w/c 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 11th February – Pupil Council Meeting



Picture News this Fortnight

Story: The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, requesting they actively share more educational content for children.

Question: Should YouTube have more rules for younger users?

British Values Focus: Rule of Law
Protected Characteristics: Age



Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a series of lots of little acts of love. If you put all those acts of sacrifice together, it creates a beautiful thing.
Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Founder of Mary's Meals

As our Lent Charity, we have chosen to raise funds in support of Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals can feed a child for 10p day. There will be collecting tubs in each form room. This year, there is an added option to purchase a Mary's Meal from the Dining Room. Whenever a pupil chooses to buy food, they can ask to buy a Mary's Meal, this means 10p will be added to the cost of their purchases.

As we give thanks for our food, we can help someone who needs food. It is £19.15 to feed a child for a year.

Here is a link to Mary's Meals website so that you can view the amazing work that this charity undertakes <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Year 9 Progress Evening

Year 9 Progress Evening will take place in school next Thursday.

Letters have gone home to parents, we ask that you choose a time slot that suits you and return the appointment sheet with your child so that they can start making appointments with their teachers.





Progress Evening Dates

Year 9 Options Evening Tuesday 21st January - 6.30pm

Year 9 – Thursday 6th February, 4.00 – 7.00pm

Year 7 – Thursday 6th March, 4.00 – 7.00pm

Year 10 – Thursday 20th March, 4.00 – 7.00pm

Year 8 – Wednesday 30th April, 4.00 – 7.00pm

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

After all the preparations of inspirational messages of hope recording, thanks to Bishop John, Fr Leo, Fr Chris Gorton, Sr Mary Anne FCJ, Fr Martin Poulsom SDB, and members of our staff community; letters making - HOPE, an anchor made by Oliver and technology, Prayers of Hope chains assembling by pupil chaplains, decorating, balloons inflating, footprints drawing, and we were ready! Thank you to all who made the day such a great success. We were delighted to welcome Joe Wells of the One Hope Project, and Fr Tim Curtis SJ. Thank you to all our pupils who led their year groups in readings and prayer! "When I watched, I thought it was absolutely amazing. The HOPE sign was so colourful with all the prayers" "I loved Joe Wells because he wasn't scared to talk about his faith, and his song was calming."

Alexis-May & Evie-May Y7



Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 Standing up for Solidarity

Year 11 led a service of readings, video, and silent reflection - on the theme For a Better World

"It's important to educate people on what has happened, and to remember. It allowed for personal reflection. to think about how Genocide is still taking place in the world today."

Today we lit 80 candles to mark the 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. We were invited to stand up for solidarity, and hold one of the candles.

"I tried to stay calm; to focus on the smell of the candles, and the warmth in my hands, and the fluttering of the distant window covering, torn and swimming in the stormy breeze. I thought of the people, scared, alone, and I wished that, wherever they were, that they were happy, because they deserve it. I wondered, if they were there, if they'd enjoy the candles, and the music, and the quiet. I hope they would. I hope they do."

"All it takes is a small courage, a small voice can make the whole world acknowledge what we can do for a better world."

Reflections by Jude & Sam Y11





PTFA Quiz

Our PTFA Family Quiz Night takes place on Friday 28th March.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. There will be a fully licensed bar serving alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and snacks. Entry is £3 per ticket or a family ticket for £10, this can be paid in cash on the night.

Prize donations would be gratefully received and can be sent to the main office or pupil services.

We hope to see you there!



Careers Week 2025

What a week! Our annual Careers Week has certainly been insightful for both pupils and staff. The week has been jam packed with industry visitors and post-16 providers and pupils have really enjoyed the activities and talks presented to them. Thank you so much to all those that have given up their time to support such a worthwhile endeavour. We hope to see everyone again for next year's Careers Week!





Year 11 Revision Sessions – January 2025

After School (Most sessions will run from 3.15 – 4.15pm)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Geography Rm22 Mr Lord + Rm23 Mrs Clarke Science Combined Spanish Foundation Rm12 Mrs Janigova Food & Nutrition Mr Sayle – FD 2	RE Rm 37	English Mrs Mooney or Miss Pentony Science Separates Design Technology Tech 1 Maths Foundation Mrs Bury	English Mrs Clements Computer Sci + Imedia Mr Burton and Mr McManus Spanish Higher Mrs Swindells Rm15 Design Technology Tech 1 Engineering Systems Coursework Tech 2 Food & Nutrition Mr Sayle – FD 2	Spanish Friday Drop In - 15:30 Rm 15 Miss Swindells

Lunch Time Sessions (Please see staff for timings)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
History Mr Watson Rm33 Engineering Systems Coursework Tech 2 Design Technology Tech 1 Food & Nutrition Mr Sayle – FD 2 Health & Social Care Miss Sharp & Mrs Lambert F1	English Language Drop-in session - Mrs Mooney History – Mrs Lowe Rm31	English Literature Drop-In session - Mrs Mooney History Miss Porter Room 32 French Listening 12:40 - Room 14 – CFL Engineering Systems Coursework Tech 2	English Language Support Mrs Curl and Mrs Clapp Computer Sci + Imedia Mr Burton and Mr McManus History Mrs Lowe Rm31 Design Technology Tech 1 Food & Nutrition Mr Sayle – FD 2	History Mr Watson Rm33 Spanish Listening Blitz Friday 13:00 Mrs Swindells Rm15 PE GCSE PE PE1

*English from 13th Jan / RE from 20th Jan / Spanish 3.15 – 4.30pm

Talaxy

We have noticed that we are getting a large number of items, such as PE Bags, cooking ingredients, lunches, and homework being dropped off at school daily, while we always try to help and get everything to pupils during the day this can be really disruptive to lessons and pupils are also not collecting items. We understand that this can be in an effort to avoid sanctions, but pupils should have a copy of their timetables in their planners and are encouraged to be prepared before coming to school each day.

All timetable information is available on **TALAXY** which is our school Parent portal and can help you to encourage pupils to be prepared. **TALAXY** is a valuable tool for you and your child - it allows you to view their live timetable look at their achievements, general conduct and attendance. If you do have issues accessing **TALAXY** then please get in touch with school via info@sarchs.com.

Attendance Present 94.54% Click to view	Absences 0 Last viewed today 10:30	Achievement 53pts Today Home Learning	Behaviours 2 Last viewed on Jan 23
Detentions 0 Last viewed on Aug 21 2024	Homework 0 Not yet viewed	Documents 6 Last viewed on Nov 13 2024	Calendar 12 Click to view
Timetable Click to view	Personal details Click to view		



P.E. News!

- COUNTY CHAMPS! Superb performance by our U14 Boys who were crowned Lancashire Badminton champions this week - they'll now represent Lancashire in the North West of England Championships in March.
- A fantastic event at Accrington Academy for the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley School's Partnership District Swimming Gala! Plenty of close races for all of our pupils, with a number coming away as District Champions in their events.
- Well Done to our Year 7 Netball B Team who came Runners up in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Netball Tournament yesterday (Monday) and enduring the extremely cold conditions. Great achievement.



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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

Club News 2025

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
MONDAY	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.30-13.00	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	Yr 10&11 Systems (support)	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	Yr 11	Yr 11 GCSE/ Engineering	12.30-13.00	Tech 1
	All years	Winning Words	12.25-12.55	Room 9
	All years	SARCHS singers	15:15-16:15	Music Room
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
TUESDAY	All years	Show Choir	12.20-12.45	Music 1
	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.30-13.00	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&8	CAD Club	12.35-13.00	Tech 2
	All years	Quiet Space	12.20-13.05	Room 31
	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
	Yr 9	Create STEM Team	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
	yr 10/11	GCSE/Engineering	12.20-13.00	Tech 2
	All years	Duo Lingo	12.20-12.50	Room 15
	Year 7&8	workshop skills	12.35-13.00	Tech 1
	Year 7	Netball Club	15.15-16.15	PE
	All years	After School Study Club	15:15-15:45	Room 20
	All Years	D&T& Engineering	15.15-16.15	Tech 2

DAY	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PLACE
THURSDAY	All Years	Band	12.20-12.45	Music 1
	Yr 10&11	GCSE Art, Graphic Photography (if staff available)	12.30-13.00	Art Rooms
	All years	Safeguarding/wellbeing drop in	12.45-13.10	Drama
	Yr 7&8	CAD Club	12.30-13.00	Tech 2
	yr 10/11	GCSE/Engineering	12.20-13.00	Tech 2
	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 9	Create STEM (TEAM)	12.50-13.15	Tech 2
	All years	Board games	12.40-13.15	Room 31

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Simeon who joyfully recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the World' – the one who fills our lives with hope.

Hope is a virtue which can strengthen and sustain us through life's greatest difficulties. Putting our hope in God is trying to live and do our best in the present moment, and then trust the future to God.

Simeon is a great example of someone who placed his hope in God and was blessed by encountering Jesus, the 'Light of the World'. We too can be blessed and enlightened when we do the same.

As part of our celebrations for this Jubilee Year of Hope, enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HOPE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough

A Word from
Pope Francis*"Always know in your heart that God is
by your side. Let us never lose hope!"***THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**
Sunday 2nd February 2025

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and, in accordance with the Law, they offered two young pigeons in sacrifice. Now in

Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant die in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus' parents took him back to Nazareth where Jesus grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

*Adapted from Luke 2:22-40**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your
local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope
in our **Families**

Hope is a wonderful gift. When we spend time learning about and listening to Jesus, we are blessed with hope and strengthened, and so are able to bring great hope and good news to others.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

When Jesus was a baby, his parents, Mary and Joseph, took him up to the Temple to present him to God and make an offering of two young pigeons. In the Temple was a good and holy man named Simeon. The Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen Jesus, the Light of the World. Simeon took Jesus into his arms and praised God saying, "Now, I can die in peace because you have kept your promise. This child, Jesus, will be a light for all nations."

What had the Holy Spirit promised Simeon?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"God is the reason for our hope and the source of our happiness." *Pope Francis*

HOPE



Jesus brings a message of hope to the world. Ask your child what the word 'hope' means to them. Can they remember a time when they faced a difficult situation and someone (or maybe their faith) gave them hope? Each of you say who or what gives you hope when times are tough. Can you remember a time when you gave hope to someone?



To hope is to believe that God's love will always be with us. Is there anyone you know who is sad or troubled and needs hope? In what ways can we bring hope to that person or those people? Perhaps we can: be a good friend; be a patient listener; offer help and support where needed; tell others about the hope that God brings into our lives; let others know we are praying for them.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the hope and light you bring to our lives. Please help us to bring light and hope to others too. Amen.

FINDING THREE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

MARY JOSEPH
PRESENTED JESUS
SIMEON TEMPLE
LIGHT HOPE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

K T E M P L E A B K H Y
B R V L I C H P E S O J
T W K G B Q F J U C P B
D N H G L T J S Y W D V
E T O F G X E L I G H T
T L P E H J S M F L S B
N U E W M J U R P U I C
E Y X A A I S F V L M Y
S B R P R E S E N T E D
E W O A Y L G D E P O H
R R K F M C V F Y B N W
P G J O S E P H L J E D



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **b v w** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

cwhibldv blivghtw nabtiwonvs Sibmevoun

_____ said, "This _____, Jesus,
will be a _____ for all _____."

This Sunday we celebrate a special feast - 'The Presentation of the Lord', which is also traditionally known as 'Candlemas'. During Mass this weekend, church candles may be blessed by the priest. We light these candles every time we celebrate Mass to remind us of the light that Jesus brings to our world.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



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:

www.ceop.police.uk



Lancashire Children's Services

0300 123 6730

SAMARITANS

Samaritans are here to listen

24/7, 365 days a year. Call 116 123



Kooth is a free, safe and anonymo

Tel: 0800 1111

Web:

www.childline.co.uk

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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)

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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 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 Listings of local counsellors
- 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 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 Support around domestic abuse for young people and families, run by Children & Family Wellbeing service.
- 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