



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Don't forget the Summer Fair on Friday 23rd June after school. We still need good quality toys and books for the stalls.

If you can help leave your name at the office.

Unconditional love is the greatest gift we can ever give.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'

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Our Value for June is Love

The week before half term Years 5 & 6 had an amazing week on their school journey to Hindleap Warren. The school journey gave the children an opportunity to work together in different situations, and test themselves in ways that they had not previously experienced. The activities included; forest adventure, zip wire, canoeing, crate stacking, navigational games, shelter building, making their own campfires and many others. It was a wonderful and exhausting week. Mrs Baker and I had a marvellous week with the children and we all returned very fit but tired and certainly needed half term to recover.



[Watch out 'Masterchef'](#) - Year 3 and Year 4 Summer Cooking Club has been a hive of activity since half term. The children have chopped, grated, mixed, diced, squeezed and blended ingredients together to produce amazing, healthy summer food. Dips made from a range of fruits and vegetables were a highlight including a healthy 'caramel' dip whose primary ingredient was dates and two types of salsa ("my mum ate it all"). The children have also enjoyed making pasta "it was so good I made it for my whole family" and wraps. All the children agreed that their cooking skills have improved and they can't wait to "cook" for their families.



[Year 5 visited the British Library](#) and were introduced to the history of the book, by looking at a variety of images and handling different types of books. The children were given the chance to handle writing tools and supports from all around the world, and even a replica of a 6000 year old piece of clay with markings: the oldest recorded writing known. The piece, from what is now Iraq, was used as a receipt for taxes paid. The children then explored the galleries and were able to research bibles, music scores and much more under the guidance of two inspiring library lecturers.

[Y3 had a fantastic day out on the 18th May to the British Museum.](#) The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at ancient Egyptian artefacts, mummies, toys, pottery and hieroglyphics. During the workshop on daily life in Ancient Egypt, the children explored the famous tomb-painting of Nebamun hunting in the marshes. They found out about Nebamun's daily life and how one painting can spark enquiries into many aspects of life in ancient Egypt. A worthwhile and very enjoyable day.

[Years 2 - 5 joined with the parish community](#) to celebrate Mass at St Augustine's Church on Ascension Day. Father Sam and parishioners commented on how reverent and prayerful the children were, and how well the children knew the responses and prayers. Nine altar servers from Year 4 served. They all took their roles responsibly, but joyfully praised God in this special job that they commit to in Church.

Years 5/6 took part in a 'Friends vs Friendly' interactive workshop this week. The workshop was hosted by Natalie from GAV (Growing Against Violence), which is a registered charity which provides evidence-based public health and public safety education and training for children and young people. GAV's core principles are: Protection, Prevention and Partnership. During the workshop the children learnt about gang membership and discussed the ways in which gangs recruit through manipulative and coercive techniques. A very positive workshop - A big thank you to Natalie.

Year 1 on a glorious sunny day went to Horton Kirby to find out about animals and their habitats. In the morning the children sorted animals into different groups and thought about what happens to animals during the different seasons. In the afternoon the children went to the woodland and saw the wheat growing, different trees including ash and oak and flowers just starting to bloom. The children were delighted to see lambs in the nearby fields. They also collected twigs, leaves, grass and soil to make nests for birds. The walk in the woodland was a perfect way to end the day at Horton Kirby.



Balance bikes – children from Year 1 learned how to control the bikes, balance and move around on the bikes in a safe way. They had a great time and played games where they had to go through an obstacle courses on the bikes to avoid the crocodiles and catch the spider. The session gave the children confidence and the ability to learn to ride a pedal bike without the use of stabilizers. It's a great way to learn and a much quicker way of getting them on to a pedal bike where they can enjoy their first taste of independence and all the good that cycling brings. This was a wonderful and enjoyable opportunity for our children.



On Wednesday 24th May 2017 the annual High 5 Netball Festival for Bonus Pastor Catholic College Primary Schools took place. Four schools took part in a round robin tournament. The standard of netball was much better this year and improved throughout the evening as the players became more confident. At the end of each match the players shook hands which added to the friendly but competitive atmosphere. After every match players rotated positions so every player had the opportunity to try out new positions. This is an excellent idea as most players have a chance to try to shoot goals for their team. Well done to the Year 6 girls for taking part.

We pray for our children from Years 3, 4 and 5 who are making their First Holy Communion at St Augustine's on Saturday 17th June and other local churches. We will be celebrating with the children as a school community on the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul, Thursday June 29th at 10.45 am, all parents and friends are invited to join us at St Augustine's church.



Diary dates to note: more dates to follow

20 June	Choir to Royal Festival Hall
22 June	Sports Day at Sedghill (letter to follow)
23 June	Yr 3 to visit St Paul's Cathedral
23 June	Summer Fair –come along & support the school
28 June	Reception to visit Horton Kirby Yr 6 School Production "Jungle Book" at 7pm
30 June	Yr 4 to Crofton Roman Villa
12 July	Infants "hands' Liturgy" 9:10am
18 July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm

Summer Term 19th April –19th July 2017

Half term 29th May –2nd June

Autumn Term 6th September –20th December 2017

Half term 23rd –27th October

To encourage musical appreciation & awareness, our focus for June is Gospel Music



Some gentle reminders - Please go through these reminders with your children:

- ⇒ Earrings: only plain studs at the moment we are having an array of large brightly coloured earrings.
- ⇒ PE kit: plain white tee-shirt and black/blue shorts.
- ⇒ Ensure uniform is clean and remember to repair when holes appear. Being smart is very important.

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