



ST AUGUSTINE'S
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



St Cuthbert's
ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



Dear Parent/Guardians,

What a term it has been! There are so many achievements to celebrate, but before anything else, I want to thank the whole school community for making me feel so welcome in my first term as Headteacher. Starting at a new school and meeting so many new students and staff can sometimes feel daunting, but I already feel part of the St Augustine's family.

During this season of Advent, we have come together as a community in so many wonderful ways. Our first Christmas Fayre was a huge success, raising £1,700, which will be shared between the Rainbow Centre and our Lourdes Fund. We also enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner, and it has been a joy to see the festive spirit across the school. The Carol Service on Wednesday was a simply wonderful experience and I thank all of you who gathered St Joseph's to be a part of this service. At the same time as all of these uplifting moments, we take the time to remember that not all families will experience love and joy this Christmas, and we hope that through our efforts we have helped to bring some light and hope to others.

Looking ahead to next term, we will continue to strengthen our standards, with a particular focus on uniform. We ask for your support in this; every rule matters, and getting the small things right allows us to focus on excellence in all areas. On behalf of everyone at St Augustine's, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas. Enjoy this special time together, and we look forward to working in partnership with you in the New Year.

God Bless,

ROSA FLANAGAN
HEADTEACHER



SAVE THE DATES

School re-opens :
Tuesday 6th January 2026
(Monday 5th January - Inset day)

Half term Holiday:

Monday 16th February - Friday
20th February 2026
School re-opens: Monday 23rd
February 2026

Easter Holiday:

School finishes at 12:00 on Friday
27th March 2026

School Re-opens: Monday 13th
April 2026

Reminders:

The School day starts at time
08:50. All Pupils are to arrive on
site by 08:45.



We value your views and feedback. If you currently have a child at St Augustine's, please scan the QR code below to visit the ParentView website and share your thoughts.





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Reward & Recognition

The prize winners in each year group for the highest SAS Best Scores this half-term were:

Year 7 - Tameen S, Manna J, Mia S, Elsa R, Sebastian A, Riley M, Betty-May P, Phoebe A, Jaiden D-C, Isabelle D, Millie L, Abishai A.

Year 8 - Daniel V, Elena-Teodora T, Harley-Cole O, Maddie T-C, Karina W, Esther A, Krystian O, Edward H, Adora E, Dominik K-S, Reoney A, Flynn Jay-H.

Year 9 - Precious U, Maria I, Ethan J, Niya R, Chrislin G, Rachel H, Irine K, Anna M, Jack C, Eloise M, Ava A, Emily M.

Year 10 - Dominic V, Kelly W, Abigail W, Nandhana V, Liliana G, Elizabeth K, Ashton F, Ted M, Willow T, Heidi W, Eva G, Sharon B.

Year 11 - Mizzy B, Sophie I, Ava McG, Megan A, Olivia S, Connie B, AJ S, Olivia S, Austin B, Maisie P, Maisy P, Samuel O'K.

Well done to all students!



Attendance

There were 140 students who achieved their **SILVER** award and 78 students on who achieved their **BRONZE** award in half-term 2 – this is AMAZING!!



Highest Year Group Attendance this term - Year 7 with 95.4%

Highest Form Group Attendance this term - 7 John with 96.5%

Well done to all students!

House Points

With a fantastic 4,827 points, Matthew House were our top House Points scorers this half-term.

As a result, all students in Matthew House enjoyed a Christmas Movie morning on the 17th December.

Well done to all students!



CHRISTMAS CHESS TOURNAMENT



WELL DONE TO THE SIXTEEN
PLAYERS WHO TOOK PART IN
OUR CHRISTMAS KNOCK CHESS
TOURNAMENT.



Carol Service at St Josephs Church



Our first St Augustine's Carol Service was a resounding success, bringing our school community together with students and families in a warm and joyful celebration. The church was filled with harmonies, scripture readings and was decorated beautifully by students and staff. The choir and small chamber group sang and played throughout with fantastic technical sound, appreciated by all present in the congregation. The evening captured the true meaning of the season and left all who attended feeling uplifted and inspired, and we are all looking forward to new musical performances, along with a holiday!



*A musical evening
celebrating the
students' achievements
and creativity. A
showcase of talent!*

Christmas Fayre

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of St Augustine's School's very first Christmas Fayre! The event was a true celebration of community spirit, creativity, and festive cheer.

From the moment the doors opened, visitors were greeted with an array of gorgeous gifts, from sparkling baubles and charming mini Christmas trees to beautifully crafted items made by our talented staff and students. The craft stalls were a testament to the hard work and creativity that went into making this event special.

Our tombola proved incredibly popular, and the raffle was a huge hit thanks to the amazing companies who generously donated prizes. Guests enjoyed delicious homemade cakes, festive tattoos, and even had fun at the photo booth and quirky games like Guess the Name of the Octopus!

Entertainment was another highlight of the afternoon. The dancers were simply fantastic. Most of them had never danced outside school before, yet they performed beautifully after learning their routines in a very short time, all thanks to the dedication of Mrs Blades. The atmosphere was further lifted by fabulous live music, featuring a great band of students supported by Miss Clark, which brought festive joy to everyone. Well done to all our student performers!

We cannot thank enough the staff and student volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event run smoothly. Your enthusiasm and commitment truly made the day a success. A special thank you to Mrs Gomersall, who coordinated and organised the fayre tirelessly, her hard work made this event possible.

We are delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £1,000 for the Rainbow Centre, it will make such a difference to the fantastic work they do.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported us. Your feedback is invaluable, and we promise to take it on board to make next year's Christmas Fayre bigger and better than ever!

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year from everyone at St Augustine's School!



Lifeboat Visit

On Christmas Jumper Day we raised money for the RNLI. We are lucky enough to have Mr Flood who volunteers a Head Launch at the Scarborough RNLI and he was able to take some students to visit the centre. It was fascinating to see how the centre operates and understand the incredible that the volunteers do.



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

It has been an action packed half term with so many different chaplaincy events and opportunities. Year 7 loved taking part in a Mission Day related to a quest to deliver CAFOD gifts to remote villages. Lots of problem solving skills were needed! We ended the day with a wonderful Year 7 Welcome Mass with Father Eddie and Year 7 families.

On Remembrance Day students and staff from uniformed organisations were proud to wear their uniforms as they gave thanks for the service and sacrifice of those in our armed forces.

During Advent Year 8 enjoyed playing Bible Cricket. Faith in Action Team made paper Advent wreaths for each form and we decorated our school Christmas tree with purple decorations as we thought of ways to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

One of the ways we have done this is by building up a Jesse Tree showing the ancestors of Jesus. There were some amazing entries for the Christmas Crib competition. We also used a reverse Advent calendar to create a wonderful collection of items for the Rainbow Centre. Thank you so much for your kind generosity.



*Wishing you all -
A Happy and Holy Christmas*



Mr P's Gingerbread

Ingredients:

125g unsalted butter
100g dark muscovado sugar
4 tbsp golden syrup
300g plain flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
2 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp cinnamon

Equipment:
Mixing bowl
Saucepan
Wooden spoon
Rolling pin
Baking tray

Instructions:

1. Melt butter, sugar, and golden syrup in a saucepan.
2. Mix flour, ginger, and cinnamon in a bowl.
3. Combine wet and dry ingredients to form a dough.
4. Roll out dough and cut into shapes.
5. Place on baking tray and bake at 180°C for 10-12 minutes.
6. Cool on a wire rack.



Out of Hours Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Responsibility.

If you are concerned that any child is at risk of immediate harm, you should contact the police using 999

You can refer to the Children and Families Service (Children's Social Care) for support by contacting 01609 780780

Other useful numbers for families over the holiday period:

All ages mental health crisis service 0800 0516171

Text SHOUT to 85258 for 27/7 confidential mental health support

IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) 03000 110110

North Yorkshire Horizons Drug and Alcohol Service 01723 330730

The Rainbow Centre for food parcels and a range of other support services 01723 500663

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Sandybed Lane, Scarborough, YO12 5LH
Tel: 01723 363280 | www.sasyorks.org

Child Protection & Safeguarding Procedure

If you have a concern about any child in our school please contact the staff listed below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Natalie Cullen (ext. 181)
ncullen@sasyorks.org

Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mika Duffin-Stewart (ext. 128)
mduffin1@sasyorks.org

Trust Safeguarding Lead
Nicola Sperry
nsperry@cuthberts.org

Tel: 01723 363280

The Safeguarding Officers are located in St Columba. They can be accessed via the side stairs or main stairs. Copies of the Child Protection Policy & Safeguarding Procedure are available in the school office, the staffroom, on the school's computer network and on the school website.

Children's Social Care (Local Authority) contact numbers
North Yorkshire Duty LADO 01409 533 080
During school holidays you should call NYCC Customer Services on 0300 131 2 131

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HELPFUL CONTACTS

St Augustine's School
Sandybed Lane
SCARBOROUGH, YO12 5LH

For main reception and enquiries:

Tel 01723 363280

Email: admin@sasyorks.org

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Please do not reply to text messages sent by the school and instead use the email address here to contact us.

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