



St. Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 3rd May

We come to school to live and learn happily together by loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us.

Diary Dates *Updates in purple

Monday 6th May

Early May Bank Holiday

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 7th-Friday 10th May

Rosary week @2:30pm

Tuesday 7th May

Year 2 School Trip-National History Museum

Thursday 9th May

Ascension Mass at Church @ 9:15am

Friday 10th May

SAPTA Quiz Night 7pm for 7:30 start

Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May

Y6 SATs Week

Monday 13th May

Year 4 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm

Monday 20th May- Friday 24th May

Year 6 Residential Trip

Monday 20th May

Year 4 Swimming Lessons, 1:30pm

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 5 Trip to Stem

Friday 24th May

Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 14th June

Father's Day Gift Sale SAPTA

Saturday 29th June

Family Fun Day

Monday 1st July

Chaplaincy Team Retreat Day
Year 3 & 4 Celtic Harmony

Stars of the Week

Reception - Freya

Year 1 - Vienna

Year 2 - Jimmy

Year 3 - Ibrahim

Year 4 - Leo

Year 5 - Phoebe

Year 6 - Santino



Our Stars of the Week are chosen for their conscientious effort and hard work throughout this week as well as exemplary behaviour.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please pray for the Year 3 children, Coby, Conor, Chloe, Herbie, Sofia and Lois as they make their First Holy Communion this weekend.

It has been another week full of various activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Science workshop and our children had the opportunity to participate in another sports tournament despite the weather. The teachers also conducted a Pupil Voice session giving the children an opportunity to talk about each subject that they learn in school and provide feedback to the Subject Leaders. Please remember that school is closed on Monday due to the Bank holiday. Next week we will be saying the Rosary as a school community. All parents are invited to join us for this special week. Click the link to access the details sent last week.

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/parents/schoolday>. I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and that the sun shines.

SATs preparation reminders

Year 6 have been busily revising this week ready for SATs in a couple of weeks. To help with this at home, they need to make sure they are getting plenty of sleep over the next few weeks so that they are refreshed and ready. To help them with those last bits of revision, please hear your child read aloud every day and discuss the text, including looking for meanings of words and finding other words that mean the same in that context. Well done, Year 6 we are nearly there!



Love

Reception	Jesus teaches us to love each other.
Year 1	We love Jesus.
Year 2	We love our school family and show love and kindness to each other.
Year 3	We love the bravery and courage Jesus had during his resurrection.
Year 4	God's love lights our path and guides us.
Year 5	Jesus has taught us to love one another just like we say in our school prayer.
Year 6	God's love is never-ending.



Our Subject Learning This Week

Reception	In English, we have been learning about Wild animals.
Year 1	In Maths this week, we have been looking at measuring in terms of length and weight.
Year 2	This week in Science, we enjoyed taking part in our Science Workshop. We loved watching the explosions!
Year 3	In Geography, we looked at different tribes that live in the Amazon Rainforest.
Year 4	In PE, we have been enjoying our swimming lessons at John Warner, and are becoming much more confident in the water.
Year 5	In Music this week we have been listening to and evaluating the original version of Dancin' in the Street by Martha and The Vandella's.
Year 6	In Italian, we have been learning about Hobbies.



Science Workshop

This week Years Reception to Year 6 took part in an exciting Science workshop. Thank you to SAPTA who helped us to fund this. During the workshop, the children learnt about chemical reactions and looked at different explosions. The children also looked at sublimation which is conversion of a substance from the solid to the gaseous state without it becoming liquid (dry ice) and some of the children were able to hold the dry ice smoke. We also looked at acids and alkalis and layered different chemicals together to create a rainbow. This workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for the lovely comments from parents as well.



Year 3 & Year 4 Football Tournament

Today, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Football tournament at John Warner secondary school. Both Josh (our Bow's Soccer representative) and Mrs Difato accompanied the children, and both said that the whole team played incredibly well. They worked well as a team and were great sportsmen throughout the entire morning. Unfortunately, both teams did not make the final, but we will try our hardest next year to do better!



Cricket Volunteers

We are booked to take part in a Cricket competition at Broxbourne Cricket Club. If you have hidden cricket skills or know someone who does please get in touch. If you are able to volunteer some time for some practice sessions, please contact the office or Mr White and we can arrange the times and dates.



Culture and Diversity

In connection with our Cultural Heritage week, our Year 5 children have been working on adding some information about themselves to the warp and weft of their class weave. The class weave is uniting the class by creating a piece of fabric and a celebration of their Culture and Diversity.



Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November. Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact with an infected person. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Governor Vacancies

We are looking for both a Foundation Governor (Immediate start) and a Parent Governor (September start). If you are interested in giving something back to the school or know someone who may be interested please contact headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. All skills are welcome, including HR, SEND and Safeguarding. More information can be found at

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>

Nursery Admissions 2024/25

Our Nursery applications are decided entirely by us and we are OPEN for applications. Contact our office by phone 01992 463549 or email admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk Our details and further information can also be found on our website which will give you an excellent flavour of our wonderful school and community.

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines>

Parents, please help by spreading the word.

Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Regina Coeli Prayer

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia. Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Napier

HEADTEACHER



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