



St. Augustine's News

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

4th October 2024

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Dear Parents,

Our Year 3 pupils recently honoured St Therese's feast day in a truly heart-warming manner. They crafted beautiful flowers and presented them to teachers across the school, embodying St Therese's profound wisdom: "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." This simple yet meaningful act perfectly captured the essence of our school's values.

We also had the privilege of celebrating our Academy Saint Day - the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - alongside our friends at St Cross. I was particularly moved by the children's angelic voices and wholehearted participation during the service. Their reverence and enthusiasm did not go unnoticed, with several parishioners commenting on how impressed they were.

On the academic front, I am thrilled to report on the remarkable learning and enthusiasm I observed during our recent Learning Walk with the Senior Leadership Team. The dedication and hard work displayed by our pupils was truly inspiring, reinforcing my belief in the bright future that lies ahead for each of them.

I am also proud to announce that our Chaplaincy Team joined the Academy Chaplaincy Team on Thursday. They participated in a warm welcome liturgy and were presented with their Academy Chaplaincy badges. A thank you goes to Mrs. Faulkner for her unwavering support of the team.

Now, a few important notices for parents. As we navigate the changeable autumn weather, we are keen to allow children to enjoy the field during break and lunchtime. To make this possible, please send your child to school with a pair of wellies. Additionally, to protect uniforms during Art and DT lessons, we kindly ask that you provide an oversized shirt for your child to wear during these creative sessions.

Lastly, I am excited to announce that our new website is now live and ready for viewing. We are in the process of updating the calendar with upcoming events, which you can sync your device to, so do keep an eye out for this in the coming days.

I am thrilled to share a significant milestone in our St Augustine's family. This week, we celebrated Mrs Amato's remarkable 25 years of service to our school. Her unwavering dedication to Catholic education has touched countless lives, and we are profoundly grateful for her commitment to nurturing our pupils' growth and development.

Mr White and I are thrilled to announce that Mr Potter has been instrumental in providing funding for a fantastic new golf programme for our children through the Golf Association. This initiative perfectly aligns with our ethos of nurturing well-rounded individuals and offering opportunities that extend beyond the classroom setting. Thank you for your support.

As we continue through this term, let's hold onto St Therese's words and remember that every small act of kindness and hard work contributes to the wonderful tapestry of our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing our pupils' growth and development.

Mrs Joanne Walsh



Sunday 6th October 2024
Mark 10:2-16



Key Dates:

Wed 23 rd Oct	Parent Meetings
Fri 25 th Oct	SAPTA Non Uniform day
Mon 28 th Oct	Half Term

Parents Evening System



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<https://staugustinesrcschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Happy Birthday!

Year 1:	Kayana
Year 3:	Sienna and Luigi
Year 4:	Santino
Year 5:	Eva
Year 6:	Nelly

Wishing you, another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSP): **Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs Blackwell.** In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the DSPs to seek further advice.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Condition	Until...
Chickens	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have crusted over
Measles and Varicella	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Scarlet fever	their symptoms started and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Strep throat	4 days after the rash first appeared
Shingles	5 days after the scabbing started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Startable soon
Head lice	Startable
Throat issues	Startable



Advice and guidance to find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://www.nhs.uk>



TALKING FAMILIES

Supporting Links
Promoting Strong Family Relationships

Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

5th November to 10th December 2024

NOW ONLINE

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom. Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID:679
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
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These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Lucia
Reception:	Darragh
Year 1:	Freya
Year 2:	Ronnie
Year 3:	Georgia
Year 4:	Frankie
Year 5:	George S
Year 6:	Joel

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception	94%
Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	99.1%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	95.6%

Whole school target 96%

Atom Prime Key Stage 2

Teachers have set homework in English and Maths. Your child will have 5 - 10 questions in English and Maths, with Science questions given alternate weeks. Spellings will be given via the 'signpost sheet' and can be written in sentences in your child's homework book. When your child's teacher sets a task for your child to complete, the task will appear in the to-do list which is located on the landing page of the "Learn" page. To access this your child must sign in using their unique login details. To begin the activity, click on the title of the activity in the to-do list. The questions set by your child's teacher will then appear.

You can review transcripts of the work your child has completed on Atom School via your Parent account. Simply sign in using your registered email address and password, then click on the Track page. Scroll to the scorecard at the bottom of the page to review all recent transcripts. For a history of work your child has completed in a given subject, you can select the subject tabs at the top of the page. Should you wish to know more, please click on the link: <https://resources.atomlearning.co.uk/en/knowledge/atom-school-frequently-asked-questions>