



St. Augustine's News

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

15th September 2024

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

Our start-of-year Mass with St Cross was a truly special occasion. I was particularly moved by our Reception children, who attended their first school Mass. Their beautiful singing and respectful participation filled me with pride. It's moments like these that remind us of the strong faith and community spirit that define our school.

Thank you to those parents who have ensured that children have returned to school in their full and correct uniform. Please see the school website for our **uniform policy** details. A reminder that trainers and necklaces are not part of our school uniform. From next week teachers will be sending letters home with children where there are breaches of our uniform policy. If your child is wearing the incorrect shoes reason e.g. you are awaiting delivery of new shoes, please let the school know.

As we embrace the new academic year, I am filled with enthusiasm for the journey ahead. Our recent Curriculum Evening was a wonderful opportunity to connect with parents, sharing last year's achievements and introducing exciting new initiatives. Hopefully at the end of the month, we will be launching a new school website, which will serve as a comprehensive resource for our community. Additionally, we are implementing a new attendance App called 'Studybugs' to streamline absence reporting. These digital tools will enhance our communication and make it easier for you to stay connected with school life and important dates. Your engagement and support are invaluable as we continue to nurture our pupils' growth and learning.

I am delighted to share that we have selected our new pupil leaders for the year.

House Captains & Wellbeing Ambassadors: Ellis & Aleya (St. Agnes-Yellow), Rocco & Lucia (St. Augustine- Green), Ronan & Alaura (St. Catherine-Blue), Oliver & Nelly (St. George-Red).

School Council: Lorenzo & Giorgia (Y1), Rafael & Luna (Y2), Luigi & Sienna M (Y3), Ava & Edoardo (Y4), Pietro & Evelyn (Y5), Alonso & Liliana (Y6)

Eco Council: Eoin & Luisa (Y1), Adeo & Khaleesi (Y2), Rocco H & Olivia (Y3), Blake & Chloe (Y4), Daniel & Vienna (Y5) & Teddy & Viola (Y6).

Teaching and Learning Committee: Alessio D & Kayanna (Y1), Alex & Vienna (Y2), Julietta & Matteo (Y3), Coby & Lorena (Y4), Oliver S & Elia (Y5) & Joseph & Mia (Y6)

Class Ambassadors: Liam(Y1), Jake(Y2), Rocco M(Y3), Nana(Y4), Tilly(Y5) & Archie(Y6).

These pupils will play crucial roles in shaping our school community and leading by example. I have no doubt they will rise to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

On Monday 16th, we will be capturing memories with individual pupil photographs. For those wishing to include non-school siblings in family portraits, we have arranged early access at 8am through the hall entrance. It is a lovely chance to create lasting mementos of your children's school journey.

As we move forward together, the enthusiasm of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our parents create a powerful foundation for success. Let us continue to work hand in hand, fostering an environment where every child can thrive academically, spiritually, and personally.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 15th September 2024
Mark 8:27-35



Key Dates:

Mon 16 th Sept	Churchbury Photographers in to take individual photos of the children.
Tues 17 th Sept	Fr Julian Year 3 visit
Wed 18 th Sept	Year 6 9:15am Mass
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th Sept	Bikeability Year 6
Tues 24 th Sept	Fr Julian Year 2 visit
Wed 25 th Sept	Year 5 9:15am Mass
Tues 1 st Oct	Fr Julian Year 1

Happy Birthday!

Rec: Alfie and Jensen
Year 4: Ayla
Year 5: Vienna
Year 6: Elio
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 and Mrs. Baldwin.**

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.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

Reception 85%
 Year 1 -87.9%
 Year 2 -87.7%
 Year 3 -88.1%
 Year 4 -88%
 Year 5 -87%
 Year 6 -89.7%

Whole school target 96%

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Amelia
 Reception: Olivia
 Year 1: Ace
 Year 2: Raiya
 Year 3: Emay
 Year 4: Ava-Grace
 Year 5: Pietro
 Year 6: Rebecca

Congratulations on your effort this week!



FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

TAKE YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION ON A FOOD JOURNEY WITH ASPENS

Aspens has been chosen to provide the meal service at your child's school. Take a look below for a glimpse at a typical menu...

Knowing Where Your Food Comes From

We take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. All of our dishes are prepared every day using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced. Our supply chain is traceable so we can ensure the provenance of all produce.

Our dishes are created and served by experienced and enthusiastic staff. As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

OUR FANTASTIC FOOD

We don't only create delicious favourite dishes from home and around the world, we make it fun!

We aim to make lunchtime the best time of the day and it definitely is when we hold one of our regular theme days! Planned to link in to the school calendar or seasonal healthy food initiatives, our staff may dress up and decorate the counter to serve something deliciously different on the menu - it's the stuff of great school food memories!

FUN THEME DAYS





HODDESDON FIRE STATION

HALLOWEEN Party

31st October 4-8pm





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NOT JUST GREAT TASTING FOOD!

The food children eat at school plays an important role in their wellbeing and eating a well-balanced diet will not only maintain and improve their health but will also set them on the right track for later life. We understand this and that's why we are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen.



SPECIAL DIETS AND FOOD ALLERGENS

Don't think that your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - this is an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

Aspens already caters for lots of children with allergies, we have robust food safety procedures and our staff has regular allergen and food safety training. It is still important that parents talk to us so we can work together and continue to provide meals that are safe for their child to eat.

HELP YOUR KIDS SOAR WITH A FREE SCHOOL MEAL!

Save money, save time, save hassle.

Ask at the office to find out more!

Don't let your child miss out!

For more information and to check if your child can get free school meals, even after year 2, please visit this website - www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or scan the QR code on the left.

If eligible, not only will you be saving money, but you will also be giving your child a nutritionally balanced meal to fuel their bodies for the rest of their learning day.




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