



St. Augustine's News

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

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

As we move further into the academic year, I am delighted to share some exciting updates with you.

Firstly, I am thrilled to announce that we are nearing completion of our new school website. The photographer has been working diligently to capture the essence of our vibrant school community, and we are eager to share the results with you soon. This refreshed online presence will serve as a dynamic window into the life of St Augustine's, showcasing our values, achievements, and the daily experiences of our pupils. To keep you informed about your child's learning journey, our class teachers have uploaded 'signposts' and curriculum overviews to the current website today. These will give you valuable insights into the curriculum and help you support your child's education at home.

In our ongoing efforts to streamline communication and ensure the wellbeing of our pupils, we have introduced a new system for reporting absences. You will find a letter attached to today's newsletter detailing the 'Studybugs app'. This user-friendly tool will make it easier for you to inform us about your child's absence, helping us to maintain accurate records and provide appropriate support where needed.

This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with all our teachers to discuss the progress of our pupils. These conversations are always enlightening, providing valuable insights into how each child is adapting to their new learning environment. It is heartening to hear about the individual successes, no matter how small, and to work collaboratively with our staff to ensure every pupil receives the support they need to thrive.

If you shop at ASDA, you may be able to help raise money for our school using the ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools scheme! Using the Asda rewards app, Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school every time you shop and scan. Follow the link for more information: [Cashpot](#) for Schools.

I am delighted to share a heart-warming observation from our Early Years team. Our nursery and reception children are now enjoying walking into school alongside their older siblings. This simple change has had a remarkable impact, with noticeably fewer tears and many more smiling faces at the start of the day. It is wonderful to see our youngest pupils growing in confidence and independence, supported by the caring nature of our school community. Here's to another week of learning, growth, and discovery at St Augustine's!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 22nd September 2024
Mark 9:30-37



Key Dates:

- Monday 23rd- Bikeability Year 6
- Friday 27th Sept
- Friday 27th Sept Tie Assembly (Reception parents welcome)
- Tues 24th Sept Fr Julian Year 2 visit
- Wed 25th Sept Year 5 9:15am Mass
- Tues 1st Oct Fr Julian Year 1
- Thurs 3 Oct Academy Chaplaincy Mass
- Fri 4th Oct St Francis of Assisi Mass at Church
- Wed 23rd Oct Parent Meetings

Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Alessia and Lia
Year 2: Rafael
Year 4: Luca

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

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

- Reception 93.5%
- Year 1 97.9%
- Year 2 95.8%
- Year 3 94.9%
- Year 4 97.7%
- Year 5 92.8%
- Year 6 99.6%

Whole school target 96%

Gold Book Award

- Nursery: Kane
- Reception: Alfie
- Year 1: Josephine
- Year 2: Lily
- Year 3: Rocco H
- Year 4: Ibrahim
- Year 5: Alisia
- Year 6: Ronan

Congratulations on your effort this week!

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.



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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