



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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Dear Parents,

As we settle into the rhythm of the new academic year, I am delighted to share some exciting updates and celebrations from our vibrant school life.

Our Year 6 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their bikeability sessions. These practical lessons not only boost their cycling skills but also enhance their road safety awareness – a crucial life skill as they grow more independent. It is wonderful to see their confidence and competence flourish with each pedal stroke.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with our dedicated SAPTA Chair team. Our planning session for the year ahead was brimming with creativity. The team have some brilliant ideas in the pipeline, particularly for Christmas festivities and fundraising initiatives to support our school. As always, the success of these events hinges on the generous support of our parent volunteers. If you can spare some time, your help would be invaluable – every little contribution makes a significant difference to our school community.

One of the most heart-warming aspects of the new school year has been welcoming our new Reception children and their families to St Augustine's. Seeing these little ones take their first steps into school life, supported by their proud families, is a reminder of the trust you place in us and the exciting journey ahead. To our new families: welcome to the St Augustine's family – we are thrilled to have you with us!

On the academic front, I have an important update for our Key Stage 2 parents. You should have received an email about an online homework platform called Atom Prime. From next Wednesday, we'll be trialing this platform, which offers homework tailored to each child's individual needs. Please see letter attached. Children will be given an opportunity in class to log on and complete the baseline assessment. We are excited about the potential benefits this could bring to our pupils' learning journeys. However, we value your input immensely. At Christmas, we will be seeking your feedback on this new approach compared to our traditional homework methods. Your views will be crucial in shaping our decisions moving forward.

Our new website should be live on Monday evening. Please take a look, the calendar can be sync to your mobile devices.

May God bless our children, staff, and families as we continue to work together for the good of our school.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 29th September 2024
Mark 9:30-37



Key Dates:

Tues 1 st Oct	Fr Julian Year 1
Thurs 3 Oct	Academy Chaplaincy Mass St Joseph Wx
Fri 4 th Oct	St Francis of Assisi Mass at Church 9:15am
Wed 23 rd Oct	Parent Meetings 2pm – 8pm
Fri 25 th Oct	SAPTA Non Uniform day
Mon 28 th Oct	Half Term

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Sinead
Year 1: Freddie & Maximilian
Year 5: Leo
Year 6: Liliana

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

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will take place on Saturday 16th November at 11.30am for all servers and anyone who is in year 3 and above who would like to become a server. You must be attending Mass on a regular basis to qualify. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery.



Gold Book Award

Nursery: Bleu
Reception: Matilda
Year 1: Juras
Year 2: Evelina
Year 3: Sienna M
Year 4: Honey-Mae
Year 5: Oliver Scott
Year 6: Aleyna

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, 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.



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	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.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling 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	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

Please click the link below to read about our RSE and other important information:

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/parents/newsletters>

