



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 embrace the autumn term, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful happenings at our school. It has been a joy to witness our pupils' enthusiasm and dedication across various activities, both in and out of the classroom.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in football trials, showcasing their sporting prowess and team spirit. It is always heartening to see our older pupils leading by example, demonstrating the values we hold dear at St Augustine's.

Speaking of football, our Year 2 class participated in a tournament at St Edmunds College this morning. Thank you to Miss Stone, Mrs Amato and Mrs Ingrao and all the parents who provided the children with support. The children showed excellent perseverance, team work and great behaviour throughout the morning. The St Augustine's Pumas won all of their games and came first in the first round of games. They then went onto first place in the shield competition. The Lions, won two of their matches after a very tense and competitive penalty shoot-out! They came 2nd overall in the first set of games and 3rd in the Cup. The Tigers also won two of their games and came first in the first set of games. They came 2nd overall in the plate competition. Well done, we are very proud of our children!

After careful consideration and discussions with our staff, we have decided not to book the pantomime this year. With the current financial climate and the need to maximize curriculum time, we believe this is the best decision for our school community. However, we have an exciting array of events planned within the school to ensure that the Christmas season is a special time for everyone. We are looking forward to celebrating together and creating lasting memories.

Our Chaplaincy Team is currently collecting dry food items for our upcoming Harvest Assembly on the 25th of October. This assembly is not just a celebration of the season but also an opportunity for our school community to make a real difference. All the food items collected will be donated to the Broxbourne Foodbank, supporting those in need within our local community. I encourage all families to contribute what they can. Even the smallest donation can make a significant impact on someone's life.

This initiative aligns perfectly with our school's ethos of compassion and community service. It is a wonderful chance for our pupils to learn about the importance of giving back and to understand the real-world impact of their actions social responsibility.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 13th October 2024
Mark 10:17-30

"Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"



Northern lights last night!

Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Mia
Year 3: Julietta & Matteo
Year 4: Coby & Elena
Year 6: Mia
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.

Parents Evening System



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

Key Dates:

Wed 23rd Oct Parent Meetings

Fri 25th Oct SAPTA Non Uniform day

Mon 28th Oct Half Term

Please see our website [calendar](#)

World Mental Health Day

To celebrate World Mental Health Day on Thurs 10th Oct, we held a special assembly. It was led by Megan Knight from the Mental Health Support Team who discussed what mental health is, ways to support it and showed the children another way to help manage emotions in the form of a butterfly hug.

See here for more information <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkxltrsSrZ0>

Children will also be revisiting this in their classes as part of our ongoing support of wellbeing.



Gold Book Award

Nursery: Sienna F
 Reception: Azzura
 Year 1: Toby
 Year 2: Esme
 Year 3: Julian
 Year 4: Luca
 Year 5: Elia
 Year 6: Elio

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception	93.7%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	98.8%

**Whole school target
96%**



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!

St. Augustine's Primary School

Tuesday
★ Netball Club | KS2

Thursday
★ Gymnastics Club | All Years



£31.50 for 6 weeks

3:15PM - 4:15PM

Term Dates
 W/C 4th Nov - W/C 9th Dec
 (6 week block)



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Six Week Course
 Mon - Fri
 1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
 2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
 3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
 (optional session for reflection and support if needed)

Junk robot workshop



Families make a robot out of recycled packaging and learn about recycling
 For ages 5-11. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

Hoddesdon Library
 Saturday 12th October
 10am - 12pm

Tickets £4 per child from: <https://tinyurl.com/hcufy6dn>

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries Further details 0300 123 4049