



# 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 with you the vibrant happenings within our school walls.

On Tuesday, we welcomed a visitor to observe the Catholic Life and Mission of our school. It was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate how our faith permeates every aspect of our learning environment. I am thrilled to report that our pupils shone brightly, displaying their enthusiasm and engagement in RE lessons. The visitor noted how our children confidently expressed their understanding of God and Catholic Social Teaching, particularly in our Reception class, where the continuous provision made effective links with these important concepts. Across the school, the high standard of work in RE books reflects the importance we place on this subject. It is heartening to see our pupils so invested in developing their knowledge and understanding of our faith.

Wednesday brought a productive meeting with our Parent Forum, and I am grateful for the insights and support our parent community provides.

In sporting news, our budding athletes have been hard at work, training for the upcoming football and netball tournament.

This week also marked a bittersweet moment as we bid a temporary farewell to Mrs. Batchelor, our Year 1 teacher, as she embarks on her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for this exciting chapter. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. C Caparelli, who will teach Year 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays, working alongside Mrs. Fredrickson, who will continue to teach on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

A few important notices for parents: Please remember to inform the school Office via admin@ if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child. Nursery parents, keep an eye out for your Teams login details, which will be emailed to you on Monday afternoon. Lastly, we are on the hunt for gently used board games, colouring books, coloured card, and playing cards for wet play activities – if you have any to spare, we would be most grateful for the donations.

The engagement of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our parents continue to make St Augustine's Catholic Primary a beam of learning and faith. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs. Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Mark 10:35-45



### Key Dates:

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Parent Meetings

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct SAPTA Non Uniform day

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Half Term

Please see our website [calendar](#)

### Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Ava & Chidera

Year 2: Dario

Year 3: Olivia-Rose & Rocco

Year 4: Nana

Year 5: Dolly-Rae

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

### Parents Evening System



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

### Gold Book Award

Nursery: Nicoletta  
Reception: Tobias  
Year 1: Mia  
Year 2: Alessio R  
Year 3: Christian  
Year 4: Darcey  
Year 5: Vienna  
Year 6: Phoebe

***Congratulations on your effort this week!***

### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 4*

Reception 96.1%  
Year 1 99.7%  
Year 2 98.1%  
Year 3 99.1%  
Year 4 **100%**  
Year 5 97.5%  
Year 6 98.1%

**Whole school target 96%**

### 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.

## REMINDER: Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2025

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2024**. We would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

### Stay Safe

Follow these rules to stay safe around the railway:

- Never step onto the tracks. If you drop something, leave it.
- Never touch overhead power cables.
- Never dangle or fly anything from a bridge.
- If you need to cross the track, use a level crossing.
- Be aware of railway signs and warnings.
- Always stand behind the yellow line when waiting for a train.
- Mind the gap between the train and the platform.



### Safety in our Community

On Thursday, Mrs Faulkner delivered an assembly about safety of people on and around the railway. Education is key and it is important to teach children of risky behaviours and how to develop skills in spotting hazards near a railway line.

## The Herts Parent Carer Involvement 2024 Survey is open until 3<sup>rd</sup> November

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024)

We want to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part.

**Share your thoughts and make a difference**

Herts Parent Carer Involvement  
[www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk](http://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk)



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## DSPL4 SEND Coffee Morning

We are excited to invite all parents and carers of children with SEND to a relaxed and supportive meeting designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. This gathering will serve as a welcoming space for you to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a chance to meet and chat with others in a similar situation, this event promises to be both informative and enriching with a range of professionals available to you. Light refreshments will be provided, and we encourage you to bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



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## Friday 25th October Non uniform day

In exchange for an item or two for our Christmas Fair

Here is a list of some of items we need.

Bottles for our Tombola 🍷  
Sweets & chocolates 🍬

New unused Toiletries/smellies 🧴

New unwanted gifts/toys for prizes 🎁

Remember we are a nut free school. Please be mindful of dates as our Christmas fair is on Friday 6th December

Thank you for your ongoing support SApta

Sapta will be collecting your donations on Friday 25th October outside the playground at drop off