



# St. Augustine's News

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

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to meet with so many of you during our recent Parents' Evening. I hope these conversations with your child's class teacher were insightful, providing a clear picture of how your child has settled in, their progress thus far, and areas for future development. These discussions are invaluable in fostering a strong home-school partnership, which is crucial for your child's success.

I am delighted to share that 53% of our parents have now downloaded the Studybug App for reporting absences. This is fantastic progress, and I would like to gently encourage those who have not yet done so to consider downloading the app over the half-term break. Your participation in this initiative greatly aids our administrative processes, so thank you for your support.

Recently, we have received feedback from some parents regarding the cost of striped dresses and the number of uniform items requiring the school logo. In response, and in line with government guidance to ensure reasonable uniform costs and best value for money, we have launched a uniform survey. Your input is crucial in shaping our uniform policy, so please do take a moment to complete the survey – your voice truly matters.

Looking ahead, our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies in the first week of November as we approach Remembrance Sunday. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mia and Teddy from Year 6, who will have the honour of laying the wreath in Hoddesdon on behalf of our entire school community – pupils, staff, parents, and governors alike.

While no formal homework will be set over the break, I strongly encourage you to ensure your child continues reading. The Hoddesdon library is running an exciting Winter Reading Challenge from 1st November through to 31st January 2025, which presents a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love of reading.

As we pause for the half-term break, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and engagement with our school community. Your partnership is invaluable, and I look forward to the continued success and growth of our pupils in the coming months.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term. *Mrs. Joanne Walsh*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
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### Key Dates:

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5&Y6 Netball & Football tournament @John Warner (Invite only)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3-Y6 Cross country @Broxbourne School (Invite only)

Please see our website [calendar](#)

### Happy Birthday!

Nursery:	Amelia
Reception:	Hudson Luisa
Year 1:	Ace
Year 4:	Blake Chloe
Year 6:	Nirvi

*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.

### Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Sophie
Reception:	Sinead
Year 1:	Eoin
Year 2:	Alessio I
Year 3:	Luigi
Year 4:	Coby
Year 5:	Ryan
Year 6:	Kevin

**Congratulations on your effort this week!**

### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 3*

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	<b>99.1%</b>
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	95.9%

**Whole school target 96%**

## 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.

## 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)

h2herts@hertsmusuk.co.uk', and the Hertfordshire logo."/&gt;

## HAVE FUN STAY SAFE

The water is great fun! But remember to stay SAFE.

**S** Spot the dangers  
**A** take Advice  
**F** go with a Friend or Family member  
**E** learn what to do in an Emergency

Find fun activities and water safety tips at [RNLI.org/Shorething](http://RNLI.org/Shorething)

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England with the Companies Act and limited (202278). Registered office, number 2010120 for the Republic of Ireland.  
Phone: 01494 474444

## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

**STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

**STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a designated venue.

In an emergency:

**CALL 999**

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

**FLOAT**

Float or become 'leaf' - only swim, float or play near water if you have something that floats with you and you know how to use it.

Enjoy Water Safety

Learn how to swim and CPD skills. Visit [www.rls.org.uk](http://www.rls.org.uk)