



St. Augustine's News

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

8th November 2024

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils and families as we return to school for another exciting term. Today, Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in the John Warner Tournament. Their performance was nothing short of impressive, showcasing not only their athletic prowess but also their exemplary character. Our pupils played with determination and skill, demonstrating hard work and dedication. They supported and encouraged one another throughout the tournament. A special well done to Netball Team B who won. Well done to all.

The Senior Leadership Team met with the teachers this week to review the progress made over the past Autumn Term. These discussions are vital in ensuring we continue to provide the best possible education for our pupils, tailoring our approach to meet their individual needs and celebrating their successes along the way.

We were pleased to welcome our School Effectiveness Advisor to St Augustine's on Wednesday. He conducted a thorough observation of Writing across the school, from our learners in Nursery right through to our Year 6 pupils. This also included a discussion with children and sharing their learning and work. I am proud to report that the review was overwhelmingly positive. Our children demonstrated their commitment to learning, working diligently and producing work that evidences substantial progress. It is heartening to see their efforts reflected so clearly in their books.

This afternoon, our School Council will have the exciting opportunity to meet with Broxbourne Councillor Lewis Cocking. Our young representatives have prepared a range of thought-provoking questions, and I am certain they will represent our school admirably. These experiences are invaluable in developing our pupils' confidence and understanding of local governance.

The month of November is a time in our Catholic community when we remember those who have died. A remembrance book is on the hall altar table for anyone to remember a member of their family who has died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to announce that on Friday 15th November, we will be joining schools across the nation in celebrating Children in Need. Our School Council has been busy brainstorming creative ways for us to support this worthy cause. They have decided that adding spotty items to our uniform would be a fun way to mark the occasion and raise funds. Pupils are invited to accessorise their uniform with spotty stickers, ties, headbands, Pudsey ears, socks, tights, or even a spotty jumper. We kindly ask for a £1 donation via the parent gateway to support this fantastic charity.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. I look forward to seeing parents and pupils at Hoddesdon Remembrance Parade on

Sunday.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 10th November 2024
Mark 12: 38-44



Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

- 15th Nov** Cross country competition (Y3 – Y6) Broxbourne School
- 19th Nov** Father Julian visiting Nursery and Reception
- 26th Nov** Father Julian visiting Year 5
- 29th Nov** Whole school mass
Decorate the classroom
Start of the travelling nativity

Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Sophia
Mauro
Lucia
- Year 1:** Marcel
- Year 2:** Evie
Lily
- Year 5:** Aurora
George
Oliver

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery: Teddy
- Reception: Dionisis
- Year 1: Lorenzo
- Year 2: Charlie
- Year 3: Liana
- Year 4: Valentino
- Year 5: Dakota
- Year 6: Mia

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

- Reception 95.1%
- Year 1 91.4%
- Year 2 92.2%
- Year 3 92.5%
- Year 4 **98.3%**
- Year 5 92.9%
- Year 6 96.9%

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.

Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for
September 2025

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Thursday 31 October 2024

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



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.



Studybugs



Wasimi Breakfast Club Presents:

Discussions with Ekanem Robertson from Afruca

Topic: Safeguarding, especially around children with additional/ special educational needs

DATE & TIME

9:00 am - 11:00 am Friday 15th November 2024

Christ Church Theobalds Grove
Walthamcross Herts EN8 7ED



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Hooray for hedgehogs



Learn about hedgehogs and hibernation while creating your own hedgehog through book folding

For ages 7-11. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

Hoddesdon Library
Saturday 9th November
10.30am - 11.45am

Tickets £4 per child from: <https://tinyurl.com/2aj3yvp6>



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

