



# St. Augustine's News

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

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful happenings at our school. The past few weeks have been filled with engaging activities and proud moments that truly showcase the spirit of our school community.

On Friday 8th November, we had the pleasure of welcoming our local MP, Lewis Cocking, to meet with our School Council. I was immensely proud of our pupils, who had diligently prepared a comprehensive list of questions about Mr Cocking's role as a Member of Parliament. Their thoughtful inquiries and impeccable behaviour left a lasting impression on our guest, demonstrating the calibre of young citizens we are nurturing at St Augustine's.

Our Year 6 pupils recently presented a moving Assembly on Remembrance Day, linking their learning about World War II with this important day of reflection. Their presentation to both their peers and parents was a testament to their growing understanding of history and its significance in our lives today.

It has been a joy to welcome prospective parents for our 2025 Reception Class. As we have guided them through our school, their consistent feedback about our calm atmosphere and the excellent learning taking place has filled me with immense pride. This is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication of both our pupils and staff, creating an environment where everyone can flourish and thrive.

I would like to draw your attention to the attached letter regarding the Travelling Nativity and notices for our upcoming 'Decorate the Classroom Day'. These events are wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together and celebrate the festive season. Nursery and Reception, please could you provide consent for the videoing of the Nativity play.

Lastly, a quick note about attendance. We have recently updated our StudyBug App, which will now generate letters to parents if a child's absence triggers certain thresholds. It will also inform you of improved attendance. While we understand that children do fall ill, it is crucial that they return to school once they are feeling better. Every day of learning contributes to your child's overall development and success. Just a gentle reminder to download the Studybug App, if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

We wish all our cross-country runners the very best of luck for this afternoon's event! Give it your all, stay strong and enjoy the run. We are cheering for you.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your children's education.

**Mrs. Joanne Walsh**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Mark 13 24-32**



### Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** Father Julian visiting Nursery and Reception
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** Fr Julian Year 5  
Flu Immunisations
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** Advent Assembly 9.00am  
Decorate the classroom  
Travelling nativity starts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** Fr Julian Year 6
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** SAPTA Christmas Fair  
Year 6 Festival of Carols
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Nursery & Reception  
Nativity  
Key Stage 1 Nativity 7pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Trust Carol Service 2pm

### Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Sophie
- Year 2:** Raiya
- Year 3:** Sienna and Alexia
- Year 4:** Lois and Conor

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

#### Gold Book Award

Nursery: Lenny  
 Reception: Siena A  
 Year 1: Liam  
 Year 2: Luca  
 Year 3: Sienna E  
 Year 4: Ivy  
 Year 5: Tiago  
 Year 6: Teddy

**Congratulations on your effort this week!**

#### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 6*

Reception: 93.3%  
 Year 1: 91.4%  
 Year 2: 95.9%  
 Year 3: 90.3%  
 Year 4: 95.3%  
 Year 5: 84.3%  
 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](http://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

## 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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### Notice:

#### Decorate the Classroom Day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Following the Celebration Assembly and the Blessing of the Advent Wreath on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, parents will be able to assist with making of Christmas Decorations in each class. Please sign up to the time slots of: 9am – 10:30am; 10:45 to 12:00 and 1:30pm to 3pm.

Please, if you are interested in helping in your child's class, please email your name, year group, and time slot to [admin@staugustines.Herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.Herts.sch.uk).

This will be for children in Reception class to Year 6.

### Reception & Nursery Nativity Consent Form

