



# 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 the crisp winter air settles in, our school buzzes with excitement and anticipation. The familiar sight of Nativity costumes emerging from storage and the melodious sounds of songs echoing through our halls signal the approaching Advent season.

Speaking of joy, I am thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our young athletes at the recent cross-country tournament hosted by Broxbourne Secondary School. Last Friday, our pupils joined nine other local schools in a display of determination and sporting spirit that was truly inspiring. The event featured four challenging races for Years 3 to 6, with 60 children competing in each race. I am immensely proud to announce that St Augustine's secured an impressive 6th place overall, with every single one of our participants crossing the finish line in this grueling competition.

Several of our pupils delivered standout performances that deserve special mention. Ryan from Year 5 and Joseph from Year 6 both secured top-10 finishes, coming in 9th and 10th respectively. Valentino and Louis from Years 4 and 5 weren't far behind, placing 10th and 12th. Luca and Olivia, both from Year 4, also impressed with 14th and 16th place finishes. However, the star of the day was undoubtedly Sienna M in Year 3. Not only did she finish 17th in the combined Year 3 & 4 race, but she also claimed an outstanding 3rd place among Year 3 runners. This makes Sienna the first pupil from our school to win a medal at this event - a truly remarkable achievement! We are already looking forward to next year's competition. Thank you Mr. White and Mrs. Davies for accompanying the children.

In other news, I am delighted to report that our Children in Need fundraising efforts were a success. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £111.00, which will be sent to this worthy cause. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of children across the UK.

All Nativity Plays will be ticketed again this year to comply with our school's Health and Safety Policy. Nursery/Reception will be provided with two tickets per family and the KS1 performances (Y1 & Y2) will both receive two tickets per family, per show. Tickets will be issued to children on Friday 6th December, please keep these safe!

Please order your Christmas dinner on Aspens Select by 6th December (a copy of the Christmas Menu has also been issued today). On this day, children may also wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform, to get into the Christmas Spirit!

On a practical note, I must address the issue of parking at St Augustine's. While I understand space is limited, I kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our neighbours and, most importantly, our pupils' safety when parking. Let us work together to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Please note, as part of our caring ethos and mindfulness for our staff, class Teams will only be monitored between Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm.

Finally, I would like to remind you about the Studybugs app for registering your child's absence. We're currently at 67% uptake, which is fantastic, but we are aiming for 100%. If you have not already done so, please download the app to help us streamline our attendance processes.

I wish you all a warm weekend. **Mrs. Joanne Walsh**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**John 18:33-37**

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



### Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

**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 10am  
Key Stage 1 Nativity 7pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Trust Carol Service 2pm

### 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.

## Happy Birthday!

Reception: Azzura

Year 1: Toby

Year 5: Pietro and Matilda

Year 6: Ronan

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

## Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception: 95.4%  
Year 1: 92.8%  
Year 2: **98.1%**  
Year 3: 92.2%  
Year 4: 98.0%  
Year 5: 91.4%  
Year 6: 94.7%

Whole school target 96%

## Gold Book Award

Nursery: Maria  
Reception: Hugo  
Year 1: Ava  
Year 2: Luna  
Year 3: Alexia  
Year 4: Olivia  
Year 5: Mattia  
Year 6: Lily P

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

## Job Advert

St Augustine's Under 5s are looking for enthusiastic early years practitioners to join our small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early years care and education for young children.

As a key person with a good understanding of the EYFS and a friendly and flexible approach you will be able to build positive relationships with children and their parents ensuring that each child's needs are recognised and met. Applicants to be qualified to level 3 in Early Years Childcare and Education or equivalent. For further information please email

staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01992 460614 to speak to the Team Leader or Deputy Team Leader.

Apply with covering letter and CV to St Augustine's Under 5s Charlton Close Hoddesdon EN11 8DR.

**CLOSING DATE Friday 13th December 2024**

## Do you have an old phone?

Our Breakfast and after school club are in need of a new phone if you have an old one that you can donate please pop it into the office. We would be very grateful.



## Apply for school on time



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.



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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. ***This day will also be non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day in school.***

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.

We still have spaces for the Travelling Nativity. If you wish to sign up please email the office [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk)

### Reception & Nursery Consent for Nativity Filming

Please complete the form below using either the link or QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5jq7LK69cz>

