



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 arrival of Advent, I am filled with warmth and gratitude for the wonderful events unfolding in our school. Today's blessing of the Advent wreath was a beautiful moment, with our Chaplaincy Team speaking eloquently and our pupils listening attentively. It is heartening to see our community come together in such meaningful ways. The Travelling Nativity has now embarked on its journey from home to home. I encourage you to capture these special moments by sending a photo of your home liturgy.

Our dedicated Chaplaincy Team has been busy crafting purple ribbons to mark our Advent season. On Monday, each child will receive one to wear on their jumper. This simple gesture serves as a reminder of the significance of Advent - a time of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus. As we know, Advent, derived from the Latin 'adventus' meaning arrival or coming, offers us a chance to pause and reflect amidst the bustle of daily life.

Looking ahead, Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, an event occurring every 25 years. The theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," resonates deeply with our school's values. This special period will commence in Advent 2024 and continue until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026, providing us with an extended opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection.

I am delighted to share that our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed Decorate the Classroom Day. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parent helpers who joined us - your support and involvement make such a difference to our school community.

On a different note, I have some news to share about our staff. It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that I announce Mrs. J Davies will be leaving us on 20th December to pursue an exciting opportunity outside of education. We are immensely grateful for her dedication and support to St Augustine's School. While we will miss her presence, we are pleased that she plans to return for the Year 6 leavers play and year-end Mass. We wish her the very best in her new endeavours.

As we navigate through this Advent season, let us continue to support one another and embrace the spirit of hope and preparation that this time brings. Your ongoing engagement and support make our school community truly special.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

1st December 2024
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

3rd Dec Fr Julian Year 6

6th Dec SAPTA Christmas Fair
Yr 6 Festival of Carols
Hoddesdon 12.30 – 1pm

9th Dec Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm

10th Dec Nursery & Reception
Nativity 9.30am
Key Stage 1 Nativity 6pm

13th Dec Trust Carol Service 2pm

18th Dec Key Stage 2 Carol Service
St Augustine's Church
6pm

19th Dec Christmas dinner (children
can wear Christmas
jumpers over uniform)
Rocksteady Concert 2pm
Nursery closes 2.40pm

20th Dec Whole School Mass
9.15am
Class parties 10.30am
School closes 1.30pm

6th Jan Occasional day (School
closed)

7th Jan Children return to school

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.

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.



Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Kane
Reception: Olivia
Year 2: Jake & Charlie
Year 3: Gianni
Year 4: Ivy
Year 5: Amelia & Oliver
Year 6: Zaynab

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

Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception: 90.2%
Year 1: 95.9%
Year 2: **98.1%**
Year 3: 97.2%
Year 4: 97.3%
Year 5: 91.8%
Year 6: 95.6%

Whole school target 96%

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Francesca
Reception: Blousey-Rose
Year 1: Teddy
Year 2: Evie
Year 3: Advik
Year 4: Santino
Year 5: Asher
Year 6: Zaynab

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

Chaplaincy Team making Advent Ribbons



Apply for school on time



Applying for a school place for September 2025

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Thursday 21 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.



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Year 1 & 2 Consent for Nativity Filming

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/bEwwkfWV3s>

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Consent

