



# St. Augustine's News

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

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

The air is filled with the joyous sounds of music, and our pupils are working diligently to spread Christmas cheer throughout our community.

Today, we were treated to a delightful dress rehearsal of the Year 1 and 2 Nativity. The singing was truly wonderful, and it is heartening to see our youngest pupils embracing the spirit of the season with such enthusiasm. It is always wonderful to see their hard work come to fruition.

Our Year 6 pupils took their musical talents beyond our school gates today, venturing into Hoddesdon town centre to serenade our local community with beautiful Christmas carols. Their angelic voices echoed through the streets, bringing smiles to the faces of passersby. We were honoured to have the Mayor join us for this special occasion. She was thoroughly impressed by our pupils' fantastic singing and impeccable behaviour. Well done, Year 6 – you have made us all incredibly proud! A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Faulkner, and Mrs. Davies for accompanying and supporting our pupils during this wonderful community outreach.

As we celebrate these moments, I am reminded of the incredible support we receive from our school community. SAPTA, our dedicated team, has been working tirelessly over the past months to ensure the success of our upcoming Christmas fayre. Their commitment and hard work in raising funds for our school are truly commendable. To all SAPTA members, thank you for your time, effort, and unwavering dedication. Your contributions make a significant difference to our school community.

The Christmas fayre is today, and I am looking forward to seeing you all there. It promises to be a fantastic event, filled with festive cheer and community spirit. Your presence and support will make it all the more special.

Today, your child will come home with a CAFOD prayer card. It contains five prayers for the season of Advent to share with each other at home.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Here is to a joyful and successful end to the term! **Mrs J Walsh**



## 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent Luke 3:1-6



## Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Nursery & Reception  
Nativity 9.30am  
Key Stage 1 Nativity 6pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Trust Carol Service 2pm  
Mop up Flu Vaccinations

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Rec – Year 6 Carol  
Service  
St Augustine's Church  
6pm (**children to arrive at  
church at 5.45pm in full  
school uniform**)

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas dinner (children  
can wear Christmas  
jumpers over uniform)  
Rocksteady Concert  
1.30pm  
**Nursery closes 2.40pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Whole School Mass  
9.15am  
Class parties 10.30am  
**School closes 1.30pm**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan** Occasional day (School  
closed)

**7<sup>th</sup> Jan** Children return to school

### Gold Book Award

Nursery: Frankie  
Reception: Cruz  
Year 1: Luisa  
Year 2: Joseph  
Year 3: Gracie  
Year 4: Conor  
Year 5: Izabelle A  
Year 6: Joseph

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 3

Reception: 93.5%  
Year 1: 87.2%  
Year 2: 96.7%  
**Year 3: 96.9%**  
Year 4: 95.3%  
Year 5: 93.9%  
Year 6: 95.3%

**Whole school target 96%**

### Happy Birthday!

Year 5: Ryan

Year 6: Archie

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

### 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](mailto: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



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)



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