



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,

What a whirlwind of a week we've had! On Monday, we received 'the call' from Ofsted, informing us that we would be inspected over the next two days. As the last school in our Academy to be inspected, we were anticipating this visit, and I am absolutely thrilled to say that our entire school community rose to the occasion magnificently.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful staff, supportive parents, and incredible pupils for truly showcasing our school in the best possible light. To our parents, your positive comments in the survey were invaluable – thank you for your unwavering support. Our pupils were simply brilliant, articulating their learning with clarity and confidence to the Inspector. It was lovely to see the Inspector fully immersing himself in our school life, joining the children at Breakfast Club and on the playground during Wednesday lunchtime.

While we eagerly await the final report, which will be issued in January following a quality assurance check, I assure you that I will share it with all parents as soon as it becomes available.

Amidst the inspection excitement, our school life continued to flourish. The show did indeed go on! Our Nursery and Reception children dazzled us with their Nativity production, singing and dancing beautifully. Not to be outdone, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils delivered a fantastic Nativity performance for the school and parents. I was bursting with pride watching our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils speak, sing, and dance with such confidence and joy. It was clear that everyone in the audience was thoroughly entertained, and I was particularly impressed by how unfazed our young performers were, delivering their lines with poise and evident enjoyment.

Our week of celebrations culminated in the first-ever Academy Carol Service on Thursday. A special mention goes to our Choir members who sang with remarkable confidence and energy. The excitement lighting up their faces as they performed was truly heart-warming. I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. White for leading the choir practice and to Mrs. Difato for her invaluable support on the day.

As we approach the end of term, I find myself reflecting on the incredible resilience, talent, and spirit of our St Augustine's community. From facing inspections to staging delightful performances, you have all shown what makes our school so special.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Third Sunday of Advent Luke 3:10-18



Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

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

19th Dec Christmas dinner (children can wear Christmas jumpers over uniform)
1:30pm Rocksteady Concert
Nursery closes 2.40pm

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

6th Jan Occasional day (School closed)

7th Jan Children return to school
Spiritual Day

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.

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Reo
Reception: Luisa
Year 1: Mia
Year 2: Max L
Year 3: Joseph
Year 4: Aine-Mae
Year 5: Leo
Year 6: Nirvi

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 3

Reception: 95.8%
Year 1: 91.7%
Year 2: 97.4%
Year 3: 98.1%
Year 4: 95.3%
Year 5: 90.0%
Year 6: 91.6%

Whole school target 96%

Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Eoin Hankins

Year 5: Isabel March

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



ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

WEDNESDAYS
3.15PM - 4.15PM
FROM JANUARY 2025

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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

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