



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 wonderfully busy time of year we find ourselves in! Christmas in our school is truly a special occasion, as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and share His message of love, hope, and peace with the world.

I am delighted to reflect on the beautiful Christmas carol service we shared on Wednesday evening. Our pupils' voices soared with joy, nearly lifting the roof off the church! Their hard work and dedication shone through in every note. A heartfelt thank you to our staff for their tireless efforts in preparing the children for this magical performance. A special mention goes to our Reception children, Sinead and Darragh who brought new meaning and delight to "Away in a Manger" as Mary and Joseph.

The festive spirit continued with our Christmas dinner, where pupils thoroughly enjoyed dining together. It was a pleasure for the staff to serve lunch to our children, adding an extra sprinkle of Christmas cheer to the occasion.

We were treated to a fantastic Rocksteady Concert, displaying the remarkable talent and newly acquired skills of our budding musicians. It is truly wonderful to witness their growth and confidence on stage.

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Academy Writing Competition:
Key Stage One – Alex – 1st place; lower Key Stage 2 – Julian -1st place and Upper Key Stage 2 – Aleya 2nd place. Well done children, we are very proud of your efforts.

Our Travelling Nativity made its final journey back to school during our last school Mass at St Augustine's Church on Friday. The children's beautiful singing and reverent demeanour touched hearts and reminded us of the true meaning of this holy season.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all our staff for their tremendous hard work throughout the term. Your dedication and passion for nurturing our pupils is truly inspiring. To our parents and children, thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and messages. Your thoughtfulness means a great deal to us all.

As we prepare for the holiday break, I would like to remind everyone that school resumes on 7th January 2025. We will begin the new term with Mass in church, followed by our return to school where each class will launch Pope Francis' Jubilee Year. Together, we will make our pledge to be Pilgrims of Hope for 2025 and beyond, embracing this beautiful opportunity for spiritual growth and community unity.

May this Christmas fill your hearts and homes with the peace of Christ. Let the Holy Family inspire us all to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.
Mrs. Joanne Walsh

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Year C)**

Luke 1:39-45

'You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear!'



Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

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.

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Alessia
Reception: Tommy
Year 1: Harrison
Year 2: Vienna
Year 3: Julietta
Year 4: Bonnie
Year 5: Tilly
Year 6: Bella

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 3

Reception: 93.6%
Year 1: 93.4%
Year 2: 89.0%
Year 3: 95.2%
Year 4: 94.0%
Year 5: 94.7%
Year 6: 86.7%

**Whole school target
96%**



Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Ronnie
Nicoletta

Reception: Riccardo

Year 1: Holly
Alessio

Year 2: Henry

Year 3: Semcho
Julian
Luca

Year 4: Bonnie

Year 5: Asher

Year 6: Ciara

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

Christmas Eve Nativity Mass - St Augustine's Church

Father Julian has invited all children to dress up at the nativity mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm as either shepherds, angels, kings or stable animals. All welcome.



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