



St. Augustine's News

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

10th January 2025

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Dear Parents,

It is so good to be back. The children have returned rested and ready for the new term - thank you. The start of 2025 brings with it fresh opportunities for growth, learning, and shared achievements within our school family. As usual, we have hit the ground running! We began 2025 with a beautiful celebration of the Epiphany, joining our friends from St. Cross School in a heart-warming Mass in prayer and reflection, marking this significant feast in the liturgical calendar. The sound of our voices united in song was truly uplifting.

Upon our return to school, we launched the Pilgrim of Hope Year, an initiative that resonates deeply with our values. Our dedicated teachers prepared a variety of engaging activities centred around the theme of 'Hope', encouraging our pupils to reflect on this powerful concept. In these challenging times, the Pilgrim of Hope theme serves as a reminder for each of us to be a beacon of hope in our troubled world.

During December, our administrative team worked tirelessly to implement a new system in the office, which transitioned over Christmas. This transition aims to enhance our efficiency and improve communication. However, as with any new system, there may be a few teething issues as we ensure all data and payments are correct. I kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this period of adjustment. The good news is that from next week, you will be able to book wrap-around care through this new system, which I hope will prove more convenient for many of you.

On the subject of after-school activities, I must address a matter of concern. We have not been entirely satisfied with the provision of some of our after-school clubs. The wellbeing and enrichment of our pupils are paramount, and we are committed to offering high-quality experiences in all aspects of school life. To this end, we are currently in discussions with another company to provide gymnastics and tennis clubs. I appreciate your patience as we work through this process, and I hope to have a positive announcement about our new after-school sports offer very soon.

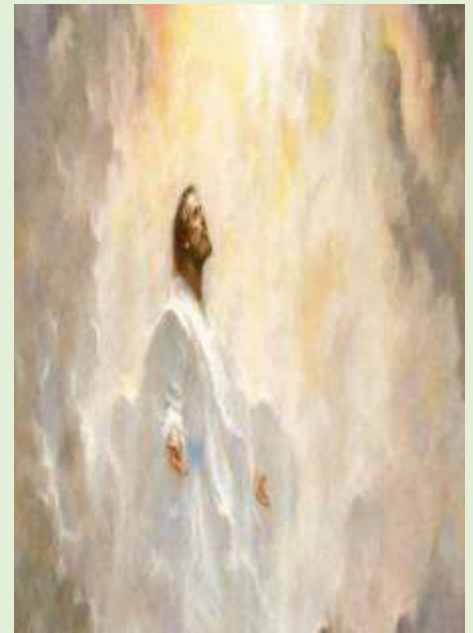
We firmly believe in the power of partnership between home and school in nurturing our pupils' education. With this in mind, on 15th January, I would like to invite parents of year 2 children in to read with your child. Together, we can foster a deep love of reading in our pupils. This will occur for every class across the rest of the year.

Please note that Spring 1 and 2 curriculum Overviews will be placed on the website on Monday.

There is a great deal planned for the term ahead. Within our weekly Newsletter you will see 'Key Dates for your Diary' and events listed on the website Calendar. I would be grateful if you could take some time to read these to ensure that you do not miss anything. Dates will be added throughout the term or may be amended if things change, so please do keep checking this part of the Newsletter each week. Thank you. **Mrs Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 12th January 2025
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

'The Baptism of the Lord'



Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

- 13th Jan** Year 4 Ukulele sessions
(Running for 6 weeks)
- 14th Jan** Spurs Next Generation
(Year 1 – 6)
Fr Julian visiting Year 5
- 15th Jan** Come and Read with Yr2
2.45pm
- 16th Jan** Spurs Next Generation
(Year 1 – 6)
- 20th Jan** Year 6 SATS Parents
Meeting 3.15pm
- 21st Jan** Year 2 Lego club (running
for 8 weeks)

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: Bella
 Reception: Aditi
 Year 1: Dogu
 Year 2: Enrico
 Year 3: Luca
 Year 4: Ayla
 Year 5: George Sc
 Year 6: Maya

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Aditi & George
 Year 1: Lorenzo
 Year 2: Vienna
 Year 3: Benjamin
 Year 4: Edoardo
 Year 6: Juliette & Alaura

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



Due to the **Next Generation Spurs Club** event, PE timetable will be as below. This is only for one week. Thank you Mr. White and Mrs. Caparelli for organising this event.

13th January 2025 – 17th January 2025 only

Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday

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

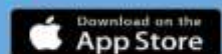
Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
 Application deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



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.



Studybugs

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.

