



St. Augustine's News

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

17th January 2025

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Dear Parents,

Another bustling week has flown by at our wonderful school, brimming with activities and opportunities for our pupils to shine.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Faulkner for her dedication in preparing our children for the upcoming inter-house Netball competition today. This thrilling event will unfold throughout the school week, with Mr. White organising the groups and structure of the competition. We are all eagerly anticipating Friday when we will celebrate our victorious house!

You will be receiving the Academy Newsletter today, and I encourage you to take a moment to peruse this informative magazine. It is packed with insights and updates from across our academy family.

Looking ahead to Thursday, we have a very special event planned. Mrs. Faulkner will lead an Epiphany blessing of chalk assembly, setting the stage for the full launch of our 'Pilgrims of Hope' initiative on Friday 24th January. This beautiful tradition will see each classroom door marked with blessed chalk, inscribed with 'Christus mansionem benedicat' - 'May Christ bless the classroom'. It is a powerful reminder of Christ's presence in our daily lives at school.

As part of this hopeful celebration, our pupils will be planting sunflower seeds. These seeds symbolise hope and growth, mirroring our children's own journeys. We would be thrilled if you could share photos of these sunflowers once they have blossomed at home!

Please may I remind you that in accordance to Hertfordshire E-Safety guidelines, the wearing of Apple iWatches, Smart watches, Fitbits or any other watch with the capacity to hold computing information is **not permitted**. Analogue or simple digital watches are allowed in school.

I am also excited to announce that Mrs. Turner has registered our school for the prestigious Young Artist Royal Academy competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for our budding artists to showcase their creativity. The deadline for submissions is 5th March, and there's no set theme - the artistic world is their oyster! Whether it is painting, sculpture, photography, or even animation, we cannot wait to see what our talented pupils create. Selected works will feature in an online exhibition, with some potentially displayed at the Royal Academy in London. There are even art supply vouchers up for grabs for particularly inspiring pieces!

If your child wishes to participate, please ensure they hand their artwork to Mrs. Turner, along with a title, medium used, and a brief description. I will be honoured to submit these on their behalf.

Have a blessed and restful weekend. **Mrs. Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 19th January 2025
John 2:1-11



Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Victory
Reception:	Sienna-Mae
Year 1:	Emiliia
Year 2:	Dario
Year 3:	Rocco M
Year 4:	Elena
Year 5:	Olivia
Year 6:	Rocco

*Congratulations on your effort
this week!*

Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Mia E

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

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.

Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

20th Jan	Year 6 SATS Parents Meeting 3.15pm Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament (all week)
21st Jan	Year 2 Lego club (running for 8 weeks)
22nd Jan	Year 4 Mass
28th Jan	Fr Julian visiting Year 3
29th Jan	Year 3 Mass Year 5 SPEC Meeting 3pm
5th Feb	Year 6 Mass Shakespeare Hamlet Year 5 & 6 Come and read Year 1 2.45pm
7th Feb	SAPTA own clothes day SAPTA School Disco (Rec - Year 6)
10th Feb	Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament (all week)
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
12th Feb	Year 5 Mass
14th Feb	School closes half term 3.15pm

Polite reminder

Year 6 Children are welcome to bring their phones to school with them they must be switched off and handed into the office before school, where they will be stored away securely. Children must then come to the office after school to collect them.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	96.4%
Year 1:	92.9%
Year 2:	99.6%
Year 3:	99.5%
Year 4:	97.0%
Year 5:	93.8%
Year 6:	96.3%

Whole school target 96%

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 2/3 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 7th February 2025

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

WEDNESDAYS
3.15PM - 4.15PM
FROM JANUARY 2025

B&WS
JOSH@BOWSSOCCER.CO.UK

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