



St. Augustine's News

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

24th January 2025

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we've had at St Augustine's! It has been filled with excitement, achievement, and the spirit of hope that we hold so dear in our school community.

Today marks a significant milestone for us as we officially launch 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This initiative, rooted in our Catholic ethos, encourages us all to embrace hope in our daily lives. Yesterday, Mrs Faulkner led an inspiring assembly, explaining the beautiful tradition of marking doors with blessed Epiphany Chalk. It was a joy to see each class participate in this meaningful ritual, symbolising our collective journey of faith and hope. I invite you to take a moment to look at the photos in the newsletter, which capture these special moments.

I must express my gratitude for the positive comments we have received regarding our recent Ofsted report. Your support and encouragement mean the world to us. I am delighted to share with you a letter from the Director of Education Service at the Diocese of Westminster, which I have attached to this newsletter. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Our pupils continue to make us proud, both in and out of the classroom. This week's interhouse netball tournament was a shining example of the spirit and character we nurture. It was truly heartwarming to witness the sportsmanship displayed by all participants. The support and encouragement our pupils showed for one another, regardless of which house they represented, was simply wonderful. These moments of camaraderie and fair play are what make our school community so special.

In line with our focus on hope, each pupil will be bringing home a sunflower seed today. This initiative is part of our engagement with the Holy Father's proclamation of a jubilee year of hope. As we plant these seeds, we are reminded of the hope we hold for a world facing numerous challenges - from the impacts of war to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. The papal bull, "Spes Non Confundit" or "Hope does not disappoint", serves as our inspiration. As these sunflowers grow, may they serve as a beautiful reminder of the hope we cultivate in our hearts and in our community.

As we move forward into this term, let's continue to nurture hope, celebrate our achievements, and support one another.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 26th January 2025
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 1: 1 – 4; 4: 14 - 21



Gold Book Award

Nursery: Amira

Reception: River

Year 1: Leo

Year 2: Rafael

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Lorena

Year 5: Eva

Year 6: Ciara

*Congratulations on your effort
this week!*

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Tommy & Sienna K

Year 4: Ava-Grace

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

Pupils enjoy each other's company and build secure relationships with the staff. Pupils are taught how to be kind. This results in a community where the care and consideration of others is a shared priority. Pupils' attitudes in lessons are exemplary, showing a deep commitment to the exciting curriculum lessons on offer.

OFSTED December 2024

Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#)

28th Jan	Fr Julian visiting Year 3
29th Jan	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
24th Feb	Children return to school
25th Feb	Fr Julian visiting Year 1 Visit from athlete (Year 1 – 6)
26th Feb	Year 4 Mass

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

Reception:	97.1%
Year 1:	98.3%
Year 2:	98.1%
Year 3:	99.3%
Year 4:	96.2%
Year 5:	92.7%
Year 6:	100.0%

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

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.

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.



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