



St. Augustine's News

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

31st January 2025

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the midpoint of this term, I am delighted to share with you the energy and dedication that continues to pulse through our school. Our pupils are working diligently, embracing each day with enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Year 5 parents who attended the SPEC meeting with Mrs. Turner this week. I hope you found it informative and enlightening. This trip is a cornerstone of our commitment to nurturing the whole child, offering our pupils a chance to step back from the hustle and bustle of daily life. It is an opportunity for them to reflect, to experience what it truly means to live life to the fullest, understanding God's boundless love for each of them. This retreat reinforces our belief that every child is wanted, loved, and needed in God's grand plan. *"Year 5 2024: I loved the lunch we had together, and time to explore the Forest in the grounds. That night we had a lot of laughs around the camp fire."*

Next week, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, exploring the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. This initiative aligns perfectly with our school's ethos, emphasising the importance of self-awareness and emotional expression. We believe these skills are crucial for our pupils' overall wellbeing and future success.

Next term, we will be hosting a trial tennis afternoon for children from Reception to Year 4. If your child shows interest, an after-school club will be available post-Easter at school. This is a fantastic opportunity for our younger pupils to engage in a new sport and develop their physical skills.

We are keen to hear your thoughts on the Atom Prime Homework for Years 3 to 6. A poll for children will begin next week in school, followed by a parent survey sent out next Friday. Already, our teachers have noted increased engagement and regular completion of homework. Your involvement in this process is invaluable, and we thank you for your continued support.

Looking ahead, our teachers are busy planning exciting trips for their classes. We understand the importance of budgeting for these experiences, so rest assured that as soon as the details are finalised, dates will be added to the calendar on our website, with letters sent home, giving you ample time to prepare.

Lastly, mark your calendars for World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March! Pupils are invited to come dressed as a character from their class's chosen book. Next week, each class will vote on their favourite book, with choices to be announced in next Friday's newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Joanne Walsh



Sunday 31st January 2025
The Presentation of the Lord
Luke 2:22-40



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	93.2%
Year 1:	99.0%
Year 2:	99.4%
Year 3:	98.9%
Year 4:	99.0%
Year 5:	97.0%
Year 6:	97.0%

Whole school target 96%

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.

**This is a happy school environment that is designed to bring out the best in each pupil.
Pupils know there are high expectations for what they can achieve.**

OFSTED December 2024

Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#) (dates subject to change)

5th Feb	Year 6 Mass 9.15am 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 9.15am
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 9.15am
4th Mar	Fr Julian visiting Year 2
5th Mar	Ash Wednesday Mass at church 9.15am
6th Mar	World Book Day SAPTA'S Golden Ticket Come and Read Reception 2.45pm
11th Mar	Science workshop
12th Mar	Year 3 Mass 9.15am
18th Mar	Year 6 Reconciliation 10.30am
19th Mar	Year 6 Mass 9.15am
20th Mar	Come and Read Year 3 2.45pm
25th Mar	Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am
26th Mar	Year 5 Mass 9.15am Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
27th Mar	Rocksteady concert 2.15pm
28th Mar	SAPTA Mother's Day Sale
31st Mar	Parents Consultation Meetings 2pm – 5pm School Hall 5.30pm – 7.30pm School Cloud
1st Apr	Year 5 Reconciliation 10.30am
2nd Apr	Year 4 Mass 9.15am Stations of the Cross at school 2.45pm
4th Apr	School Closes for Easter 1.30pm

Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Sienna & Teddy

Reception: Araliya

Year 1: Dogu

Year 5: Mattia

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Sienna M

Reception: Araliya

Year 1: John

Year 2: Kian

Year 3: Gianni

Year 4: Herbie

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Lucia

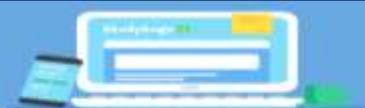
Congratulations on your effort this week!

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.

For further information please email staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01992 460614 to speak to the Team Leader or Deputy Team Leader.

CLOSING DATE Friday 7th February 2025



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.



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