



# St. Augustine's News

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

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Dear Parents,

Our Year 2 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their Lego sessions at Hoddesdon Library. It is a joy to hear that they are not only well-behaved but also asking insightful questions. These sessions are a testament to our pupils' curiosity and enthusiasm for learning in different environments.

This week, we have been marking Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme 'know yourself, grow yourself'. Our pupils have been exploring their emotions and learning strategies to nurture positive feelings. I encourage you to chat with your children about what they have discovered during these valuable sessions. Understanding and managing emotions is a crucial life skill, and I am proud of how our pupils have embraced this important topic.

I am thrilled to share that our Year 5 and 6 pupils were treated to a marvelous performance of 'Hamlet' by Young Shakespeare. This enriching experience was generously funded by SAPTA, and we are immensely grateful for their support. The performance has undoubtedly sparked a love for Shakespeare's works, which is fundamental to fostering a lifelong passion for reading. Given the success of this event, I am keen to extend this opportunity to Years 3 to 6 next year.

*"It was really good and interesting." Vienna.*

*"They taught us about the olden times. You did not miss a bit as they went through each step in detail." Tilly.*

*"I liked how you could interact with the actors and become part of the play." George Sc.*

*"It felt like you were actually in the story." Pietro.*

*"I loved the improvisation." Diego*

*"We learned Shakespearian language and when we did not understand they explained it to us." Olivia.*

For our Key Stage 2 parents, I kindly request your [feedback](#) on Atom Learning. Your input is invaluable in helping us enhance our pupils' learning experiences, so thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting visitor planned for 25<sup>th</sup> February. Steve Frew, a British gymnast who has proudly represented Scotland and Great Britain in over 100 competitions, will be joining us. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to meet and learn from a great athlete.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs Joanne Walsh**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Luke 5:1-11**

**'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.'**



**Attendance Award**  
**Congratulations to Year 4**

**Reception: 86.8%**

Year 1: 92.7%

Year 2: 94.5%

Year 3: 96.3%

**Year 4: 98.3%**

Year 5: 94.3%

Year 6: 96.7%

**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.

**Teachers make highly effective use of the curriculum structure. They use it to support pupils to revisit and build upon key concepts in an accessible and routine way. This is true from the moment children join the school in the early years.**

**OFSTED December 2024**

## Key Dates:

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

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Chaplaincy Retreat Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament (all week)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 5 Mass 9.15am
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	School closes half term <b>3.15pm</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half term holidays</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Children return to school 8.40am
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Fr Julian visiting Year 1 Visit from athlete (Year 1 – 6)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 4 Mass 9.15am
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Fr Julian visiting Year 2
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Ash Wednesday Mass at church 9.15am
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	World Book Day SAPTA'S Golden Ticket Come and Read Reception 2.45pm
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Science workshop
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 Mass 9.15am
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Reconciliation 10.30am
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Mass 9.15am
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Come and Read Year 3 2.45pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 5 Mass 9.15am Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Rocksteady concert 2.15pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	SAPTA Mother's Day Sale
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	Parents Consultation Meetings 2pm – 5pm School Hall 5.30pm – 7.30pm School Cloud
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	Year 5 Reconciliation 10.30am
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	Year 4 Mass 9.15am Stations of the Cross at school 2.45pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	School Closes for Easter <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>	Children return to school 8.40am

## Happy Birthday!

<b>Nursery:</b>	Reo
<b>Reception:</b>	Cruz
<b>Year 1:</b>	Mesut
<b>Year 2:</b>	Adeo
<b>Year 3:</b>	Valentina & Rocco

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

## Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	Crew
<b>Reception:</b>	Riccardo
<b>Year 1:</b>	Alessio S
<b>Year 2:</b>	Faithful
<b>Year 3:</b>	Lukey
<b>Year 4:</b>	Lois
<b>Year 5:</b>	Diego
<b>Year 6:</b>	Liliana

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

## Great Athlete: Steve Frew Visit

We are thrilled to be able to share some information about our upcoming Great Athletes event. We are excited to announce that the athlete who will be visiting us will be Steve Frew!

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Their athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end!

Fundraising for the event will begin next week when the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school!



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