



# St. Augustine's News

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

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the halfway point of this term, I am delighted to share some updates and celebrate our recent achievements.

Unfortunately, the unpredictable British weather has forced us to postpone the Year 1 and 2 Inter-house football tournament. But fear not, young athletes! We will be rescheduling this event for after the half-term holidays, giving you more time to perfect those football skills!

In our ongoing commitment to pupil health and wellbeing, we are thrilled to introduce two new initiatives. Firstly, 'Monday Mile' will be starting soon. We are asking all pupils to bring a pair of trainers to school on Mondays if they are in uniform. This will allow everyone to participate in running/walking a mile on our track at lunchtime. To manage this effectively, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have separate time slots. For our Years 1-3 pupils, we have an extra treat in store. 'Wheelie Wednesday' will commence on the 26th February, allowing these year groups to bring in their scooters and ride the daily mile at lunchtime – Wednesdays only. If you have a helmet, please bring it along for safety. Please do not forget to clearly label both scooters and helmets with your child's name.

This week, we observed Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February. Our teachers focused on promoting safe, responsible, and positive use of digital technology.

I would like to gently remind everyone about our Attendance Policy 2023, particularly regarding lateness. Any pupil arriving after 8:50 am should report to the School Office via the main entrance. Parents or guardians should provide a reason for the lateness. Persistent lateness can disrupt not only the late pupil's education but also that of their classmates. Let us work together to ensure all our pupils receive the full benefit of their school day.

Finally, an important message from Fr Julian: Application forms for First Holy Communion (May 2026) for current Year 2 pupils are available from the presbytery. You can collect these in person or request them via email. Please note that the course requires a commitment to attending weekly Mass. If you're unable to commit at this time, consider deferring your application to next year. The deadline for returning forms is 16th February 2025.

I wish you all a lovely half term and hope you all get to enjoy time with family and friends.

**Mrs Joanne Walsh**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**"How happy are you who are poor:  
yours is the kingdom of God."**

**Luke 6: 17, 20 - 26**



### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Reception*

**Reception: 97.9%**

Year 1: 95.3%

Year 2: 94.8%

Year 3: 95.3%

Year 4: 97.6%

Year 5: 96.6%

Year 6: 97.3%

**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.

**Since the previous inspection the school has established and refined an ambitious curriculum. The structure of it supports all teachers to maximise pupils' achievement. The curriculum has clear and progressive aims for learning content in all subjects.**

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## Key Dates:

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Half term holidays

- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** Children return to school 8.40am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** Fr Julian visiting Year 1  
Visit from athlete (Year 1 – 6)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Year 4 Mass 9.15am  
Year 6 John Warner Netball Tournament
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar** Fr Julian visiting Year 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar** Ash Wednesday Mass at church 9.15am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar** World Book Day  
SAPTA'S Golden Ticket  
Come and Read Reception 2.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** Science workshop
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 3 Mass 9.15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 6 Reconciliation 10.30am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 6 Mass 9.15am
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar** Come and Read Year 3 2.45pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 5 Mass 9.15am  
Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** Rocksteady concert 2.15pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** SAPTA Mother's Day Sale
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** Parents Consultation Meetings  
2pm – 5pm School Hall  
5.30pm – 7.30pm School Cloud
- 1<sup>st</sup> Apr** Year 5 Reconciliation 10.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** Year 4 Mass 9.15am  
Stations of the Cross at school 2.45pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr** Reception nurses visit (2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Apr** School Closes for Easter **1.30pm**
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Apr** **Easter Holidays**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr** Children return to school 8.40am

## Happy Birthday!

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Bella</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Tobias</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Enrico &amp; Faithful</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Emma</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Izabelle</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>

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

## Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Lia</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Hudson</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Fatima</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Harry S</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Valentina</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Chloe</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Charlie</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Sofia</b>

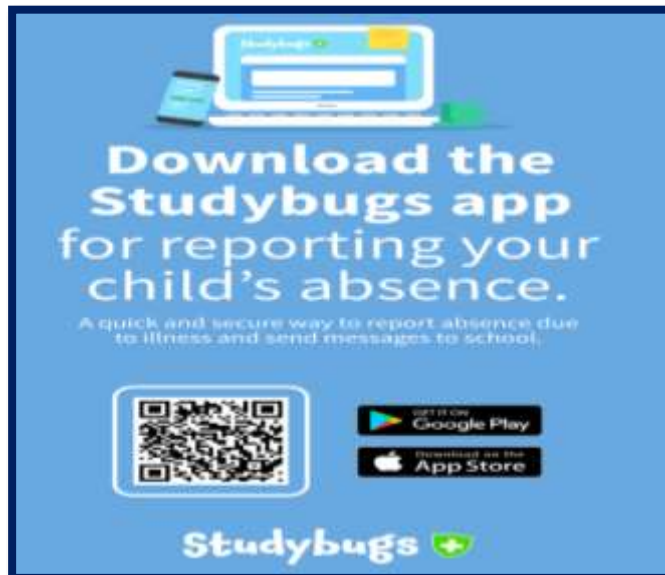
*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

## World Book Day Class Books

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from the book their class has chosen.

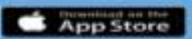


### Class Book

<b>Nursery:</b>	Charlie Cook's Favourite Book
<b>Reception</b>	The Tiger Who Came to Tea
<b>Year 1</b>	Stanley's Stick
<b>Year 2</b>	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
<b>Year 3</b>	Alice in Wonderland
<b>Year 4</b>	Harry Potter
<b>Year 5</b>	The Promise
<b>Year 6</b>	Spiderwick Field Guide



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