



St. Augustine's News

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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I am sure you will be aware that currently, The Holy Father remains in Gemelli Hospital in Rome, contending with pneumonia and a respiratory tract infection. Please use this prayer below to pray for Pope Francis.

Well done to our talented netballers who represented St. Augustine's at Broxbourne Secondary School this morning. In the group stages, the A team won three of their matches (including a 4-1 win) and drew one game and the B team won three of their matches (including a 6-0 win) and lost one. This meant that both teams were placed second in their groups and were playing in the finals for the coveted first and second place match. Both teams put their hearts and souls into their final games, displaying fantastic team spirit and demonstrating just how much they had improved over the last few months. Both teams, eventually lost against their opponents 2-1 in what the Broxbourne Secondary school sports teacher described as, "Absolutely thrilling, tight and fiercely fought finals." Well done to all of the children who took part: you should be very proud of yourselves for both finishing in a very commendable second place!

On Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming our School Executive Advisor from Hertfordshire for a termly visit. These visits are a cornerstone of our unwavering commitment to continuous school improvement, providing invaluable insights and feedback. Our advisor spent time in classrooms, engaged with our dedicated SENDCO and Teachers, and had meaningful conversations with our wonderful pupils, examining their work. I must say, the experience was truly inspiring. Witnessing the exceptional quality of teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms filled me with immense pride. It is heartening to see so many of our pupils receiving an outstanding education, one that nurtures their potential and fosters a love for learning.

The week has been brimming with activities that promote both physical health and pure joy. Monday saw our pupils enthusiastically participating in the Daily Mile, a fantastic initiative that gets everyone moving and energised for the day ahead. Despite the rain, Wheelie Wednesday was a triumph! Once the ground dried, our pupils took to the track with gusto. The excitement was palpable, with some children declaring it "the best day ever" as they rode alongside their friends. For those without scooters, skipping ropes and balls provided equally enjoyable alternatives. It is heartening to see our pupils embracing physical activity with such enthusiasm.

I must draw your attention to our communication channels. While we work on resolving this issue, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher at the end of the school day if you have any concerns or questions. For those seeking information about what is being taught in the classroom, I encourage you to visit our school website. Each class has its [own page](#) with signposts detailing current topics and learning objectives. This is a great way to stay connected with your child's education. For reporting absences, please continue to use Studybugs. And of course, our school office is always happy to receive your emails and will ensure messages are promptly forwarded to the relevant teachers.

Enjoy your weekend **Mrs. Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 2nd March 2025



Luke 6:39-45

"Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?"



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	96.9%
Year 1:	96.7%
Year 2:	99.0%
Year 3:	97.1%
Year 4:	98.3%
Year 5:	93.1%
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.

Pupils are provided with suitably demanding activities across the curriculum. The work they produce demonstrates their strong knowledge. It also reflects the great pride they take in their learning.

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Key Dates:

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

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 Book Fair
11th Mar	Science workshop Football Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) Cranbourne
12th Mar	Year 3 Mass 9.15am
14th Mar	Year 2 Tag Rugby (St Edmunds)
18th Mar	Year 6 Reconciliation 10.30am Voice in a Million trip (School Choir)
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 Football Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) Cranbourne Sch
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
3rd Apr	Reception nurses visit (2 nd Cohort)
4th Apr	School Closes for Easter 1.30pm
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holidays
22nd Apr	Children return to school 8.40am
28th Apr	Class photo's
2nd May	John Warner Football & Netball Tournament (Yr 3 & 4)
14 – 15th May	Year 5 SPEC Trip
23rd May	SAPTA Own clothes day
26th - 30th May	Half Term

Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Luisa & Romeo
Year 2: Max
Year 5: Diego
Year 6: Alonso & Ellis
Wishing you, another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing.

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Charlie
Reception: Daisy
Year 1: Holly
Year 2: Jake
Year 3: Max
Year 4: Eduardo
Year 5: Louis
Year 6: Oliver
Congratulations on your effort this week!

Heavenly Father.

We lift up Pope Francis to you in prayer. Grant him strength, wisdom, and peace in this time of suffering. May he feel the love and support of the Church worldwide.

Bless those who care for him, that they may be instruments of your healing grace. We entrust him to your loving care, knowing that your will is always good. Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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. Thanks to the generosity of National Book Tokens and various publishers and booksellers, we are thrilled to be giving each pupil a £1 World Book Day token.

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

Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

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