



# 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> March 2025

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had: including being able to welcome the warmer spring weather, which has kindly graced our presence. On Wednesday, all children from Reception to Year Six went to church for Ash Wednesday Mass, all receiving ashes on their forehead to mark this significant day. Children will come home today wearing a dark purple ribbon to symbolise this extremely important season of the year in the church calendar. Thank you to the Chaplaincy Team for organising these. Yesterday, they also received Pilgrim of Hope bookmarks to take home: please use these to pray with your children and family as part of our reflections and extra commitments during Lent.

Our celebrations for World Book Day yesterday ensured the school was alive with characters from a variety of books as democratically voted for by the children in each class. Everywhere we looked there were Tigers, Oompa Loompas, Harry Potter and his wizarding friends, Mad Hatters and even Elves! Children started the day with a whole school assembly and a celebration of the wonderful costumes worn. Activities completed included a focus on the development of oracy skills, as part of our Academy Trust Development Plan, by using Voice 21 strategies. This included structured debates and using Talk Tactics question stems to share and develop understanding about the chosen class book, it's characters and themes. A fun day was certainly had by all, including the Charlie and the Chocolate factory golden ticket chocolate bars that the children collected at the end of the day, as organised by super SAPTA!

A date for your diaries – **all children in Reception to Year 4 classes** will be having a tennis taster session **this Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be provided by BTA Tennis Coaching. They are a professional tennis coaching programme from Broxbourne Sports Club and are looking to extend our after-school club programme to give more children the opportunity to take up tennis which will commence after the Easter Holidays. Please ensure your child is in their P.E. kit on this day.

Today, the FA and Barclays hosted the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' ahead International Women's Day tomorrow, to help give girls equal opportunity in football. This flagship day is at the heart of The FA's equal access in school ambition, encouraging schools throughout our country to enable as many girls playing football on the same day. Thank you to Mr White who led this initiative with the girls at lunch time.

After analysing our pupil and parent questionnaire results, and in consultation with class teachers, it is pleasing to announce that Atom Prime has been considered a great success and will continue to be used to deliver homework each week.

Mr. White has the pleasure of announcing that our school raised nearly £1,500 from our Great British Athlete visit, Steve Frew, who won gold in the men's rings at the 2002 Commonwealth Games and clearly inspired all our children with his amazing gymnastics talent. We hope they will continue with their own personal drive and commitment as they too endeavour to achieve their dreams and goals. We will be receiving the children's wristband and poster prizes in the next week.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend. **Mrs. Emma Faulkner**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Luke 4:1-13

'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'



## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

Reception:	88.6%
Year 1:	95.7%
Year 2:	96.1%
Year 3:	95.7%
Year 4:	97.0%
Year 5:	95.2%
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>98.3%</b>

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' achievements are impressive.

This is reflected in the exceptional outcomes achieved by pupils by the end of Year 6.

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## Key Dates:

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

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Taster tennis session (Rec – Yr 4) 1pm – 2.30pm
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Science workshop A team Football Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) Cranbourne School
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 3 Mass 9.15am
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 2 Tag Rugby (St Edmunds)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 6 Reconciliation 10.30am Voice in a Million trip (School Choir)
<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 Team Football Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) Cranbourne School Book Look (Rec – Y6) 3.15pm – 4.15pm
<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 Intra Football Tournament (Year 1 & 2)
<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>3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	Reception nurses visit (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cohort)
<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
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Class photos
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	John Warner Football & Netball Tournament (Yr 3 & 4)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closed – bank holiday
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 SPEC Trip
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	SAPTA Own clothes day
<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

## Happy Birthday!

**Nursery:** Milena

**Year 4:** Olivia

**Year 6:** Bella

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

## Gold Book Award

**Nursery:** Ronnie

**Reception:** Gabrielus

**Year 1:** Chidera

**Year 2:** Sienna-Lou

**Year 3:** Aaron

**Year 4:** Constance

**Year 5:** Evelyn

**Year 6:** Alonso

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*



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