



St. Augustine's News

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

14th March 2025

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting and enriching week we have had at our school!

Science Week has been in full swing, with each class delving into fascinating themes linked to adaptation and change. Our young scientists have been exploring these concepts through various creative mediums, from PowerPoint presentations to posters, clay models, and paintings. It has been wonderful to see our teachers tailoring these activities to suit their year groups. In Year 2, for instance, our budding botanists have been crafting cacti out of playdoh, learning about how these remarkable plants have adapted to thrive in hot environments. The culmination of this week-long exploration will be a school-wide presentation, where our pupils will showcase their newfound knowledge and creative interpretations.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Fab Science to our school for an exhilarating day of scientific discovery. Our Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 pupils participated in engaging workshops, while Reception, Year 1, and 2 were treated to an interactive show. The focus was 'Fantastic Forces', and our pupils were captivated by the scientific tricks demonstrating air pressure, gravity, and inertia. From eggs disappearing into bottles to tins being crushed by air pressure, the demonstrations were truly awe-inspiring. The highlight for many was the chance to launch air-powered rockets!

The following day, Hertfordshire Zoo visited us, providing an assembly and workshop centred on 'Amazing Adaptations'. This complemented our Science Week theme beautifully and offered our pupils a chance to learn about how animals adapt to their environments.

In sporting news, our Year 6 boys' football team travelled to Cranbourne School on Tuesday afternoon. Mr White, who kindly supported the team, reported that our boys played exceptionally well. Special mention goes to our goalkeeper, who was awarded man of the match for his outstanding performance. Well done, boys!

Lastly, I would like to remind you about our upcoming Teacher Consultation Appointments – Monday 31st March. To make these conversations as productive as possible, we are hosting an open afternoon on Wednesday, 26th March, from 3:15 - 4:30pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to view your child/ren's work before meeting with their teacher.

Thank you for your continued support in making St Augustine's Catholic Primary School a vibrant and nurturing learning environment.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 16th March 2025

Luke 9:28-36



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 1

Reception:	92.6%
Year 1:	98.7%
Year 2:	97.7%
Year 3:	95.7%
Year 4:	97.0%
Year 5:	97.2%
Year 6:	97.7%

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.

**There are the same high expectations for pupils with SEND. Pupils' needs are swiftly identified.
There is a sharp focus on making sure that pupils' needs and interests are well known.**

Ofsted December 2024

Key Dates:

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

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 B Team Football Tournament (Yr 5 & 6) Cranbourne School Book Look (Rec – Y6) 3.15pm – 4.15pm
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 Intra Football Tournament (Year 1 & 2)
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 photos
2nd May	John Warner Football & Netball Tournament (Yr 3 & 4)
5th May	School closed – bank holiday
12th – 15th May	Year 6 SATS
14th – 15th May	Year 5 SPEC Trip
23rd May	SAPTA Own clothes day
26th - 30th May	Half Term
2nd June	Children return to school
2nd – 6th June	Year 6 PGL trip
19th June	St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Dionisis

Year 2: Khaleesi

Year 4: Frankie

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Ashirai
Reception: Sienna K
Year 1: Romeo
Year 2: Adeo
Year 3: Ben
Year 4: Blake
Year 5: Dolly
Year 6: Alaura

Congratulations on your effort this week!



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