



# St. Augustine's News

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

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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Dear Parents,

As we journey through this Lenten season, I am delighted to share the wonderful happenings at our school.

Year 2 concluded their Lego sessions this week, showcasing their newly acquired skills to supportive parents. It is always heartening to see our young learners embracing new challenges with such gusto.

Our Year 6 pupils experienced a profound moment of spiritual reflection as Fr Julian guided them through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament nurtures our love for Jesus, helps us discern right from wrong, and underscores the importance of forgiveness. Building on this, Years 5 and 6 attended the Lenten Mass in Church, further deepening their spiritual journey during this penitential season.

On Wednesday, our school choir had the incredible opportunity to perform at Wembley's OVO Arena alongside 6,000 other children. They represented our school with pride, showing impeccable behaviour and a wonderful sense of teamwork. Throughout the long and exciting day, they sang, danced, and gave it their all, using up every bit of energy!

A special highlight was when three of our pupils took to the stage to proudly showcase our school's banner during the parade – a truly unforgettable moment! A huge thank you to Mr White, Mrs. Difato, Mrs. Faulkner, and Mrs. Ferraro for their invaluable support on the trip. It would not have been such a success without you!

Looking ahead, exciting times await our Year 3 and 4 pupils as they prepare for their play next week. Tickets will be coming home with the children, and I can already hear their enthusiastic singing echoing through the corridors!

I am thrilled to announce that Archie, Viola, and Alaura have made it to the final of the Rotary writing competition. They will represent us at the Rotary Presentation at Hoddesdon Library on 26th March. Well done to our budding writers!

Mrs. Hayward will be running a new coding club in the Summer Term 1. It will be open to Years 2 and 3, the club will meet on Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm at £3.00 per session. Bookings can be made via Arbor under the Trips Heading.

Lastly, we have noticed some friendship issues arising from online gaming. To support parents in navigating this challenge, I recommend exploring the [National College's](#) podcasts on the effects of online gaming.

Let us continue to embrace the spirit of Lent and the joy of learning in all we do.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**Luke 13: 1-9**  
**Repent or Perish**



### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 4*

Reception:	94.1%
Year 1:	97.0%
Year 2:	96.1%
Year 3:	97.5%
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
Year 5:	97.9%
Year 6:	98.0%

**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.

**The school provides high-quality training opportunities for its staff.**  
**This means that all staff have strong, shared knowledge about how best to support all pupils to learn.**  
**OFSTED Dec 2024**

## Key Dates:

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

<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 4 Reconciliation 10.30am
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	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 Year 3 Swimming Lessons (6 weeks)
<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>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Children return to school
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 PGL trip
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nursery Toddle
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	SAPTA Father's Day Sale
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Royal Gunpowder Mills Trip
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Y4 – 6 Swimming catch up (4 weeks)

## Happy Birthday!

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Blousey &amp; Franciszek</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Fatima &amp; Giorgia</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Evelina &amp; Ronnie</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Daniel</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Rocco</b>

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

## Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Sofia</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Jensen</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Kayana</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Isabel</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Jimmy</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Aurora</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Lilly E</b>

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*



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