



# St. Augustine's News

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

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Dear Parents,

This week has been assessment week for all our pupils. They have been working diligently, showcasing their knowledge and skills across various subjects.

One of the highlights of our week was undoubtedly the magnificent production by Year 3 and 4. Their performance of 'The Easter Times' was truly a sight to behold. Each child shone brightly on stage, remembering their lines, words, and actions with precision. The joy radiating from their faces as they sang was infectious, filling the audience with pride. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff and parents who supported our young performers. Your dedication and encouragement have played a crucial role in making this production such a resounding success.

I hope that you found the recent book look beneficial as we prepare for the upcoming Parents' Evening. These opportunities to engage with your child's learning journey are invaluable, and I encourage you to make the most of them.

On a practical note, we have noticed an increase in dentist and doctor appointments occurring during school hours. While we appreciate that these appointments are often necessary and evidence is always provided, they can disrupt your child's learning. If possible, we kindly ask that you try to schedule these appointments towards the end of the school day or after school hours. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I am thrilled to report that Wheelie Wednesday has been a tremendous hit with our pupils. However, I must remind everyone that for safety reasons, children should dismount from their scooters once they enter the school grounds. This precaution helps prevent any accidents around staff cars and younger children. Thank you.

Just a reminder for our Key Stage 1 parents about the upcoming inter-house football tournament taking place next week from Monday, during school hours.

Next Wednesday, as a school, the Chaplaincy Team and Year 6 children will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. Weather permitting, it will be outside and parents are welcome to join us.

Looking ahead, for our current Year 5 parents, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school by 8:40am. This earlier start will provide an opportunity for pupils to engage in additional reading activities, helping to enhance their skills and prepare them for the challenges of Year 6. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and will significantly benefit your child's educational journey.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to wish all the mothers in our school community a very Happy Mother's Day. I hope your day is filled with laughter, joy, and precious moments with your loved ones.

**Mrs Joanne Walsh**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**



**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**



### Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 3*

Reception:	95.9%
Year 1:	95.7%
Year 2:	93.5%
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
Year 4:	97.7%
Year 5:	94.8%
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.

**Teachers make highly effective use of the curriculum structure.**  
**They use it to support pupils to revisit and build upon key concepts in an accessible and routine way.**  
**Ofsted Dec 2024**

## Key Dates:

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

<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 children to wear PE kits all week)
<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 Parents welcome weather permitting
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	Reception nurses visit (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cohort) <b>Nursery closes 2.40pm for Easter</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	School Closes for Easter <b>1.30pm</b> (no afterschool club)
<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>30<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Whole School Mass 9.15am
<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>Year 3:</b>	<b>Emelia &amp; Erin</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Valentino</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>George Sn &amp; Lochlan</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Kevin, Viola &amp; Oliver</b>

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

## Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Milena</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>George</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Freddie</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Devon</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Matteo</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Sofia</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Lochlan</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Viola</b>

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

## Football Tournament - Wednesday

On Wednesday, children from Year 5 attended the Hoddesdon and Broxbourne District B Team Football tournament. During the afternoon, they played against four other local primary schools in the group stage in which they showed great determination, effort and team play throughout. It was wonderful to see their positivity and encouragement of each other in every game: their confidence and partnerships grew with each game as the tournament progressed despite not making it past the group stage. For excellence in her play, understanding of space to move into and ability to make the right choice when passing, well done to Amelia for being awarded player of the tournament by Mrs Faulkner and Josh from Bows Soccer.

