



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,

What a joy it is to see the sun shining brightly, bringing warmth and cheer to our school grounds! Our pupils are absolutely thriving in this lovely weather.

This week commenced with the excitement of class photos. Your child will be bringing home a QR code, granting you access to view and order these memories. Do take advantage of the free delivery option to the school, available until a specified date.

In addition to our school news, your child will be coming home with the Academy Newsletter today. This publication is brimming with celebrations of events across our Trust, offering you a broader perspective of our educational community's achievements.

Wednesday saw us gathering at St Augustine's for a beautiful Easter Mass. Father Julian enlightened us about the feast day of Pope Pius V and St. Catherine of Sienna. I was immensely proud of our pupils, whose behaviour was impeccable and whose voices filled the church with song.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our families for ensuring that our pupils are wearing the correct PE uniform, in line with our policy. Your support in maintaining our school standards is truly appreciated.

Speaking of uniforms, I am delighted to announce that SAPTA has generously funded new football and netball kits for our school teams. We looked incredibly smart at today's football tournament, showcasing not just our skills but our school pride as well. Our Year 3 and 4 football teams represented us brilliantly at John Warner today and came in fourth place! A big thank you to Mr. White, Mrs. Woolford and Bows Soccer for accompanying our young athletes and supporting them throughout the event.

The sporting spirit continued with Mr. White's inter house hockey matches, culminating in Thursday's thrilling final. We are delighted to announce the victorious house - St Catherine's, congratulations to all involved!

In staffing news, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Frederiksen on Wednesday. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on her new adventure. Moving forward, Mrs Faulkner will be working closely with Mrs Capparelli to ensure the continued excellent education of our Year 1 pupils.

On that note, I would like to extend a special invitation to our Year 1 parents. We are hosting a phonics meeting on 14th May at 3pm here at the school. This will be an excellent opportunity to gain insights into your child's learning and how you can support their progress at home.

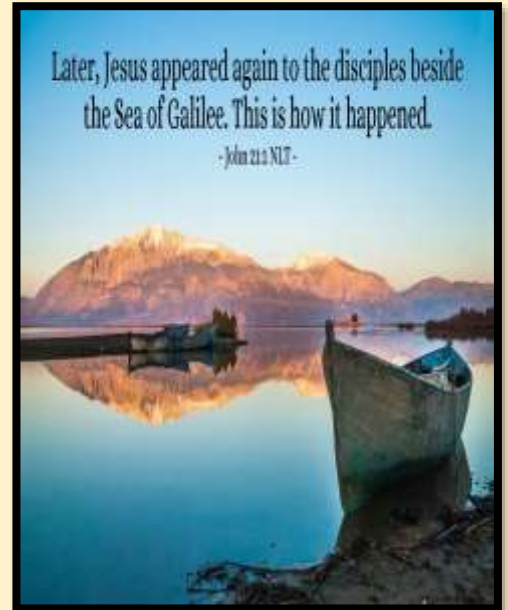
Let us continue to work together, celebrate our successes, and nurture the growth of every child in our care.

Please enjoy the extended weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 4th May 2025

John 21: 1-19



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4 & 6

Reception:	88.8%
Year 1:	94.2%
Year 2:	94.4%
Year 3:	87.9%
Year 4:	96.7%
Year 5:	90.5%
Year 6:	96.7%

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.

Key Dates:

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

- 5th May** School closed – bank holiday
- 6th May** Father Julian visiting Year 3
- 7th May** Year 4 Mass
- 11th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 12th – 15th May** Year 6 SATS
- 14th – 15th May** Year 5 SPEC Trip
- 14th May** Year 1 Phonics meeting 3pm (parents only)
- 15th May** Year 6 PGL Parents meeting 3pm
- 16th May** Year 6 Trip to park
SAPTA Non uniform day
- 18th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 20th May** Father Julian visiting Year 1
District Sports trials
- 21st May** Year 6 Mass
- 23rd May** May Procession Pilgrimage to St Cross School
9.30am, Parents Welcome
- 26th - 30th May** Half Term
- 2nd June** Children return to school
- 2nd – 6th June** Year 6 PGL trip
- 3rd June** Father Julian visiting Year 2
- 4th June** Year 3 Mass
- 11th June** Year 5 Mass
Nursery Toddle
- 12th June** Come and Read Year 4 2.45pm
SAPTA Father's Day Sale
- 13th June** Sports Day
- 17th June** Year 2 Royal Gunpowder Mills Trip
Father Julian visiting Nursery and Reception
John Warner Netball Tournament Year 5 & 6
- 18th June** Year 4 Mass
- 19th June** Whole School Mass (Corpus Christi) 9.15am
Aspens smoothie making workshop
- 20th June** St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament
(St Mary's School 12.30pm)
- 23rd June** Year 4 – 6 Swimming commences
- 24th June** Father Julian visiting Year 6

Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Amira
- Year 2:** Joseph & Kian
- Year 6:** Lucia

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Leo
- Reception:** Archie
- Year 1:** Marcel
- Year 2:** Max T
- Year 3:** Semcho
- Year 4:** Emma
- Year 5:** Leo
- Year 6:** Patryk

Congratulations on your effort this week!

New Football and Netball Tournament Kits

