



St. Augustine's News

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

9th May 2025

Riversmead,
Hoddesdon,
Hertfordshire.
EN11 8DP

Tel: 01992 463549

Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

As we approach the middle of May, our school is buzzing with activity and excitement.

Last Friday afternoon, we were privileged to welcome the Hertfordshire police to our school. They delivered an engaging and informative presentation to our Year 6 pupils, covering crucial topics such as bullying, internet safety, and the significant transition to secondary school. These sessions are invaluable in preparing our oldest pupils for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

On Thursday, our school community came together to observe a two-minute silence, commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Our dedicated teachers took this opportunity to explain the significance of this event to our pupils, delving into the VE Day celebrations and Sir Winston Churchill's famous speech

This Sunday marks the beginning of a very special time for some of our pupils – the start of First Holy Communion Mass. This sacred occasion, when our children will receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time, is a momentous step in their spiritual journey. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Chaplaincy Team for their thoughtful gesture of writing cards to the children celebrating over the coming Sundays. A special congratulations to Gianni, Joseph, and Alessia, who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. *'May the blessing of Christ be upon you always'*. May this be a blessed and memorable day for you and your families.

It is great to see our Nursery and Reception pupils enjoying their fantastic new garden and play area. We cordially invite parents of our youngest learners to join us on Friday, 16th May at 2:15 pm for the opening. Please come along to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony, allow your child to show you around and enjoy some tea and cake with us as we celebrate this wonderful addition to our school.

Our Year 6 pupils are diligently preparing for their upcoming SATs tests, scheduled for 12th May. Let us all send our best wishes and support their way as they approach this important milestone.

On a different note, we are holding football trials on Monday lunchtime for those interested in participating in the upcoming Year 4 to Year 6 girl's tournament. Remember, it is not just about winning – it is about teamwork, sportsmanship, and having fun!

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Year 5 pupils who will be embarking on their SPEC residential next Wednesday. We wish them, along with Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Blackwell, a fantastic time during their overnight stay. These experiences often create lasting memories and valuable learning opportunities outside the classroom. The Full SPEC PowerPoint is on the school website – [Year 5 class page](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing our pupils' growth and development.

Have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 11th May 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10: 27-30



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	93.8%
Year 1:	96.0%
Year 2:	98.7%
Year 3:	96.1%
Year 4:	98.0%
Year 5:	90.3%
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.

Key Dates:

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

- 11th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 12th – 15th May** Year 6 SATS
- 12th May** Football trials Year 4-6 Girls
- 14th – 15th May** Year 5 SPEC trip 9am depart
- 14th May** Year 1 Phonics meeting 3pm (parents only)
- 15th May** Year 6 PGL Parents meeting 3pm
- 16th May** Year 6 Trip to park
Reception and Nursery Garden opening 2:15pm
– all parents welcome
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 9.15am
Year 4-6 Girls Football Cranbourne School
- 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 9am depart.
- 6th June** Selected Year 2 St Ed's Athletics
Cricket Year 4 Broxbourne Club
- 3rd June** Father Julian visiting Year 2
- 4th June** Year 3 Mass 9.15am
- 11th June** Year 5 Mass 9.15am
Nursery Toddle 9 – 11am
- 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 Reception & Year 3
John Warner Netball Tournament Year 5 & 6
- 18th June** Year 4 Mass 9.15am
- 19th June** 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!

Year 2: Alessio

Year 3: Liana

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Alessia

Reception: Darragh

Year 1: Samuel

Year 2: Khaleesi

Year 3: Sienna M

Year 4: Alessia

Year 5: Evelyn

Year 6: Archie

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Year 6 Police Presentation



Our local police came in and give a presentation to Year 6 last Friday about bullying, internet safety, and the big step up to secondary school.

Piano or Keyboard Lessons



<https://forms.office.com/e/Azp9sMBMjW>