



# St. Augustine's News

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

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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Dear Parents,

It has been another bustling week at our school, filled with remarkable achievements and cherished moments. I am delighted to share some highlights with you all.

Last Sunday, Mr. White and I had the privilege of attending the First Holy Communion Mass. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and community. We extend our warmest wishes to those making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. May your hearts be filled with joy and grace on this special day Georgia, Valentina, Lukey, Julietta, Matteo, Luigi, Liana, Rocco, Jimmy and Olivia- Rose.

Our Year 6 pupils have shown incredible resilience during their SATS this week. Their positive attitude and growth mindset have been truly inspiring. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mrs. Rudd for their tireless efforts in preparing our Year 6 children throughout the year. We hope the pupils enjoyed their well-deserved wellbeing day with friends.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils embarked on an enriching SPEC residential trip. They immersed themselves in the beautiful grounds, participated in Holy Exposition and Mass, and enjoyed campfire activities, games, and hot chocolate. Though we are all a bit tired today, the experience was undoubtedly worthwhile. A special thank you to Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Blackwell for their invaluable support during the trip.

Looking ahead, next Friday will see our Reception to Year 6 pupils walking to St. Cross for the May procession. Our Chaplaincy Teams will lead the parade alongside Fr. Julian, with each child in every class presenting flowers to Mary. The youngest child from both schools will have the honour of crowning Mary. We kindly ask that all children bring a small posy of flowers, which will later be delivered to local care homes. Parents are warmly invited to join us on the walking bus and stay for the procession.

On a more serious note, we have received important information from Children Services regarding an increase in anaphylactic reactions in schools, often linked to birthday sweets. According to the charity Allergy UK, 2-5% of children in the UK live with a food allergy and 20% of severe allergic reactions to food happen whilst a child is at school. To ensure the safety of all our pupils, we have made the decision to no longer allow children to hand out birthday sweets at school. Instead, we encourage bringing a game or book for the class to enjoy. We appreciate your understanding and support in this important matter.

Lastly, for our budding singers and musicians, please see Mr. White's flyer for St Augustine's A Factor. It is a fantastic opportunity for our talented pupils to showcase their skills.

As always, I am immensely proud of our school community and the way we come together to support and celebrate one another.

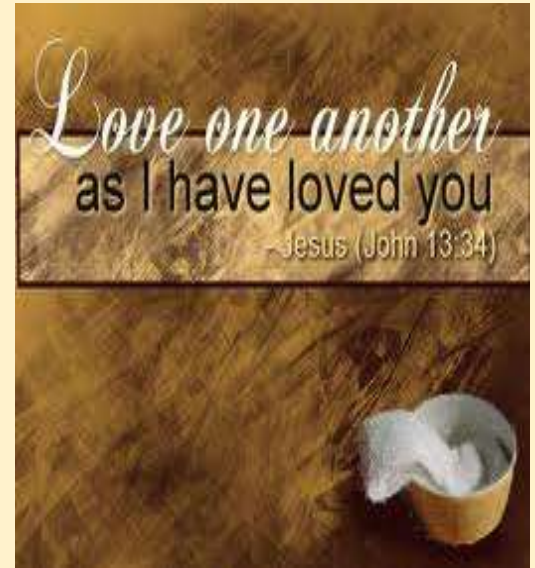
Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



John 13:31-35



## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception:	85.8%
Year 1:	91.3%
Year 2:	96.4%
Year 3:	97.8%
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 5:	97.8%
Year 6:	96.3%

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)

- 18<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May** Father Julian visiting Year 1  
District Sports trials
- 21<sup>st</sup> May** Year 6 Mass 9.15am  
Year 4-6 Girls Football Cranbourne School
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May** May Procession Pilgrimage to St Cross School  
9.30am, Parents Welcome

### 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May Half Term

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June** Year 6 PGL trip 9am depart.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Father Julian visiting Year 2
- 4<sup>th</sup> June** Year 3 Mass 9.15am
- 6<sup>th</sup> June** Selected Year 2 St Ed's Athletics  
Cricket Tournament Year 4 & 5 Broxbourne Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> June** Year 5 Mass 9.15am  
Nursery Toddle 9 – 11am
- 12<sup>th</sup> June** Come and Read Year 4 2.45pm  
SAPTA Father's Day Sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> June** Sports Day  
Sport Carousel 9am  
Parents welcome from 10:45am  
First race at 11am with Nursery children
- 17<sup>th</sup> June** Year 2 Royal Gunpowder Mills Trip  
Father Julian visiting Reception & Year 3  
John Warner Netball Tournament Year 6
- 18<sup>th</sup> June** Year 4 Mass 9.15am
- 19<sup>th</sup> June** Aspens smoothie making workshop
- 20<sup>th</sup> June** St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament  
(St Mary's School 12.30pm)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Year 4 – 6 Swimming commences
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** Father Julian visiting Year 6  
Year 4 & Rec Colchester Zoo trip
- 25<sup>th</sup> June** Year 6 Mass 9:15am
- 28<sup>th</sup> June** SAPTA Family Fun Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> July** Father Julian visiting Year 4  
District sports Year 3 - 6 at John Warner 9am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm & 6pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> July** Transition Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> July** Reports sent home

### Happy Birthday!

- Rec:** Lejend
- Year 2:** Maximilian
- Year 4:** Aine-Mae
- Year 5:** Evelyn & Sofia-Mia

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

### Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Montee
- Reception:** Sinead
- Year 1:** Fatima
- Year 2:** Ronnie
- Year 3:** Georgia
- Year 4:** Aine-Mae
- Year 5:** Leo
- Year 6:** Lily P

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### Under 5's Team Leader Job Advert

St Augustine's Under 5s are looking for an enthusiastic Team Leader to manage our small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early years care and education for children. The Under 5s were awarded an 'Outstanding' Ofsted report in February 2025. As the Team Leader with a good understanding of the EYFS and friendly and flexible approach you will be able to build positive relationships with staff, children and their families ensuring that each child's needs are recognised and met.

The job would involve overseeing staff, day to day administration, finance, maintenance of the setting and reporting to the Trustees. Term time plus 4 weeks. This is a fulltime position.

Salary is competitive and dependent on experience.

Applicants to be qualified to level 3/4 in Early Years Childcare and Education or equivalent. For further information please email [staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk) or call on 01992 460614.

Apply with covering letter and CV by email or via Teach in Herts.