



# St. Augustine's News

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

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

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Dear Parents,

It has been a privilege and honour to witness the First Holy Communion of our pupils. This Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, marks the final celebration, and we hold Luca, Rocco, Erin, Gracie, Julian, Emelia, and Benjamin in our thoughts and prayers. May their special day be filled with blessings and joy. I am delighted to share that the Academy is organising a day of blessing on 2<sup>nd</sup> July for all the children who have made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. We will provide more details about this wonderful event soon.

Last Friday was a significant occasion as we officially opened our new playground, 'St. Francis Garden', for our nursery and reception children. It was heartwarming to see children, parents, staff, and Academy representatives come together to celebrate this delightful space. 'St. Francis Garden' is more than just a playground; it is a place where children laugh, learn, and grow, allowing friendships to blossom. The joy on the children's faces as they proudly showed their parents around, playing and watering plants was priceless.

I must express my gratitude to our Chaplaincy Team for leading the May Procession with Fr. Julian at St. Cross this morning. The children's beautiful singing filled the air, and it was particularly touching to see our youngest pupils, Rocco and River from Reception, alongside Mireya from St. Cross, crowning Mary. Thank you to Mrs. Faulkner for preparing the team for this event.

In sporting news, our Year 4-6 girls thoroughly enjoyed the Football Tournament on Wednesday. They played with skill and sportsmanship, scoring three goals and winning a match. We are proud of their performance and team spirit. Thank you Mr. White for your support.

We are also hoping to create a Peace Garden and Chaplaincy Team meeting area. If anyone has a garden table and chairs they would be willing to donate, we would be most grateful.

Our Art Day is coming up on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and we are asking for a £2 donation, payable on Arbor (under school shop), for ribbon, buttons, and scraps of material. All children will need an oversized white T-shirt for this creative day. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, we will culminate the event with a whole school fashion show, and parents are warmly invited to attend. Your £2 donation will also act as your ticket into the fashion show.

As we look ahead, I would like to draw your attention to the numerous sporting events and tournaments taking place next term. Please keep an eye out for invitation letters and make note of key dates to ensure your child does not miss these exciting opportunities.

Finally, as we return to school on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we will be waving off our Year 6 pupils as they embark on their PGL Caythorpe Lincoln adventure. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. White, and Mrs. Difato for their time, support, and energy in making this trip possible.

Wishing you a happy half term filled with family, friends, and relaxation.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
John 14:23-29



"My Father  
will love them,  
and we will  
come to them and  
make our home  
with them"



John 14:23

## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

Reception:	94.5%
Year 1:	93.7%
Year 2:	91.6%
Year 3:	98.6%
Year 4:	98.3%
Year 5:	97.0%
Year 6:	99.7%

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)

#### 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. Year 3 Swimming
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
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Swimming
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Opera Sheredes 1:15pm
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 Broxbourne 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 with Parents)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 – 6 Swimming commences
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Father Julian visiting Year 6 Chaplaincy Team 'Pilgrims of Hope' Mass Year 4 & Rec Colchester Zoo trip
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Mass 9:15am New Nursery and Reception Meeting 9am Art Day – Oversized white T-shirts needed per child
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Fashion Show 2:30pm Parents welcome
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
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3 Mass 9:15am
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm & 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Mass 9:15am
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### Happy Birthday!

Nursery:	Maria
Reception:	Sienna-Mae & Gabrielius
Year 1:	Harrison
Year 4:	Darcey
Year 5:	Louis

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

### Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Victory
Reception:	Dionisis
Year 1:	Mia K
Year 2:	Rafael
Year 3:	Gracie
Year 4:	Coby
Year 5:	Fori
Year 6:	Liliana

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### Talent Show

ST AUGUSTINE'S  
**A-factor!**  
PRIZES TO BE WON!  
TALENT SHOW **2025**  
FOR ASPIRING SINGERS  
AND MUSICIANS!  
Coming soon - NEXT term!  
Year 1-Year 6 are able to  
audition.  
Finale to be performed to our  
school and parents.  
INTEREST: Follow instructions on the email!  
AUDITIONS: Thursday 12th June

Please complete the form below if your child would like to enter:

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

### Grand opening of our St Francis Garden



### 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.

### Crowning of Mary at May Procession

