



St. Augustine's News

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

27th June 2025

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Dear Parents,

What an absolutely wonderful week we have had at St Augustine's.

Year 5 had a marvellous opportunity to visit St Mary's, where they worked in a real science laboratory - what an adventure! The children were thrilled to use microscopes and take part in a chromatography session. It was such a valuable experience for them to get a taste of secondary school life, and I know they returned buzzing with excitement about their scientific discoveries.

Meanwhile, Reception and Year 4 had their own adventure at Colchester Zoo. Our Reception pupils took part in an Explore Workshop, where they became real detectives, identifying different animals from X-ray pictures, fur patterns and skulls - fascinating! Their journey then took them to the Edge of Africa, where they marvelled at the giraffes, elephants and rhinoceros. Year 4 showed tremendous independence using their map reading skills to navigate the zoo, and everyone was captivated by the lions and seals. What a great day they had! I must extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Blackwell and Mr. White, along with all our dedicated staff and wonderful parent helpers who made this trip possible.

Wednesday brought us our whole school Art Day, and what a creative day it was! Every class learned about a different artist and created the most beautiful t-shirts inspired by their chosen artist's style. The confidence and joy I witnessed on our catwalk this afternoon was absolutely remarkable - their artwork was truly fantastic. Thank you Mrs. Turner for organizing the day and to parents for your contribution of t-shirts and material, buttons and bows.

Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Smitham and I were delighted to welcome our new and exciting families on Wednesday for our Nursery Class and Reception meetings. As St Augustine of Hippo believed, education should nurture a love of learning, cultivate good habits, and foster a deeper understanding of God and oneself - values that remain at the very heart of everything we do.

Our Chaplaincy Team had a wonderful experience travelling to Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, where they participated in a Pilgrims of Hope liturgy with Cardinal Nichols. The drama was absolutely brilliant, weaving in and out of the church and sharing the powerful message that nothing can separate us from God.

Looking ahead, the children are tremendously excited about visiting the library next week with their friends - such a wonderful initiative to promote holiday reading! Please remember to bring your library card into school for your visit. Thank you Hoddesdon Library.

Please do not forget our SAPTA Fun Day on Saturday - I cannot wait to see you all enjoying yourselves and watching our Year 6 pupils run their stalls.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 29th June 2025
Matthew 16:13-19



Saints Peter and Paul (Year C)



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	97.1%
Year 1:	97.0%
Year 2:	99.7%
Year 3:	97.9%
Year 4:	98.0%
Year 5:	97.0%
Year 6:	96.0%

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.

Key Dates:

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

28th June	SAPTA Family Fun Day 11am – 2pm
30th June	Year 4 – 6 Swimming
1st July	Father Julian visiting Year 4 District sports Year 3 - 6 at John Warner 9am
2nd July	Year 3 Mass 9:15am Year 1 Trip Sacramental Gathering (St Augustine's Church)
3rd July	Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm
7th July	Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm & 6pm Swimming Year 4 - 6
9th July	Year 5 Mass 9:15am Year 3 Trip
10th July	Transition Day
11th July	Reports sent home FHC Celebration Assembly 9:00am Talent show final 2:30pm
14th July	Swimming Year 4 - 6
16th July	Whole School Mass 9:15am
17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2:30pm Nursery closes 2:40pm
18th July	School closes 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
4th Sept	Children return to school 8.40am

Academy Chaplaincy Trip



Class Library Visits

Monday 30 th June 9.30am	Year 5 & Rec
Monday 30 th June 1.30pm	Year 3 & 1
Tuesday 1 st July 1.30pm	Year 4 & 2
Wednesday 2 nd July 1.30pm	Year 6

Children can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge whilst visiting the library. However, the children will need to go back to collect their starter pack once the challenge is under way (from Saturday 5th July 2025).

Happy Birthday!

Year 1:	Leo
Year 4:	John & Herbie

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Frankie
Reception:	Hugo
Year 1:	Leo
Year 2:	Max T
Year 3:	Gianni
Year 4:	Elena
Year 5:	Vienna
Year 6:	Viola

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Year 4 & Reception trip to Colchester Zoo



Year 4 & Reception had a wonderful day at Colchester Zoo. They took part in an Explore Workshop, identifying different animals from X-Ray pictures, fur patterns and skulls and their adventures took them to the Edge of Africa, viewing Giraffes, Elephants and Rhinoceros! A great day was had by all!

