



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 last week it has been!

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible week we have just experienced.

Monday saw the completion of our Year 4 to 6 swimming lessons at John Warner - what an achievement for all our pupils who have worked so hard to develop their swimming skills throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water.

Tuesday brought a particularly positive milestone as we welcomed our School Executive Adviser to work alongside our Mathematics and English leads. I am delighted to share that the governors attended the final feedback session, which highlighted our wonderful results across the school, including our Year 6 SATs results. This confirms that we are all working on a good trajectory, and I could not be prouder of our collective efforts.

This week has been filled with beautiful celebrations that truly capture the spirit of our school community. Fr Julian celebrated Mass with our Year 6 pupils, where the children received a blessing to go with God and continue to grow in His love. These precious moments remind us of the strong Catholic foundation that guides everything we do.

On Thursday, our Nursery children celebrated their last day in the most magical way with a Teddy Bear's Picnic! With their favourite cuddly friends by their side, they shared stories, songs, and snacks on the field. It was such a joyful way to mark the end of a wonderful year, and we are as proud of all our little learners as they get ready for their next big step.

Yesterday, we held our final Year 6 Leavers Assembly, celebrating their seven incredible years with St Augustine's School. We are so proud of you all and wish you nothing but the best as you move on to secondary school. Nelly, as you make your way to Poland. You will always be part of our St Augustine's family.

To all the children, staff and parents, thank you for your support and hard work this year. The school has achieved fantastic results and been through a very successful Ofsted inspection. All the results will be shared with you at the Curriculum Evening on the 10th September at 6pm. For those of you who cannot make the meeting – the PowerPoint will be available on the website. You will also get to meet your child's new teacher and hear about their curriculum for 2025 to 2026.

Thank you to all parents for your kind words, wishes and gifts - we truly appreciate your kindness and the strong partnership we share.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 4th September. Have a wonderful time with friends and family over the summer break.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 20th July 2025

Luke 10:38-42



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6

Reception:	98.6%
Year 1:	96.7%
Year 2:	98.1%
Year 3:	98.0%
Year 4:	96.7%
Year 5:	97.3%
Year 6:	99.3%

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)

- 4th Sept Children return to school 8.40am
- 10th Sept Curriculum Evening 6pm **Parents only**
- 15th – 19th Sept Year 5 Bikeability
- 23rd Sept Individual school photos

Supporting Your Child's Social-Emotional Growth – Strategy Table

What to Do	Why It Helps	Examples / Tips
Be a model	Children imitate what they see	Express feelings respectfully: "I feel frustrated, so I'm going to take deep breaths."
Ask open-ended questions	Builds critical thinking and emotional expression	"What could you do if a friend grabs your toy?"
Play games	Teaches turn-taking, fairness, coping with winning/losing	Board games, role-play games, cooperative play
Ask questions when they're upset	Helps children process and understand emotions	"What happened before you felt sad?" "What might help you feel better?"
Be responsive	Validates their emotions and builds trust	"I see that you're mad. I'm here when you're ready to talk."
Use stories	Builds empathy and perspective-taking	"Why do you think the character felt that way?" "What would you have done?"
Encourage trying new things	Promotes confidence and resilience	Praise effort, not just results: "I love how you kept trying!"
Sit with them during screen time	Makes tech time interactive and relational	Comment on what you see, play together, turn it into discussion

Special Education Community

Happy Birthday!

- Nursery: Bleu, Leo, Victory, Francesca & Montee
- Reception: Archie & Siena A
- Year 1: Josephine, Freya, Samuel & Juras
- Year 2: Esme, Alessio, Luca, William, Alessandro, Devon & Isabel
- Year 3: Adhvik, Luca & Lukey
- Year 4: Honey- Mae, Alessia & Constance
- Year 5: Dakota, Charlie & Olivia
- Year 6: Patryk, Sofia, Phoebe & Lily P

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

Bow's Soccer Afterschool Club

Bow's Soccer will be continuing their Afterschool Football club on Wednesdays. The club will start on Wednesday 10th September until Wednesday 10th December 3.15pm – 4.15pm. To register your interest in this club please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/wAPq6FG52WPjr51w6>

St Francis of Assisi Franciscan Award 2025

This award goes to Ciara Year 6



Year 6 Leavers Assembly



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST