



# 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 wonderful start to the new academic year! It has been absolutely lovely to welcome all our children back to school, and I must say how smart they all look in their school uniform. Thank you so much for ensuring they arrived looking so well-presented.

I am delighted to share some exciting developments that have been taking place over the summer holidays. Work has commenced on our new fencing project, which is making St Augustine's more secure and safer for all our pupils, staff and families. While this important work is not yet complete, I wanted to keep you informed about the progress we are making. Over the next few weeks, you will notice that automated gates will be replacing our existing gates, and we will be introducing a keypad entry system on the pedestrian gates positioned in front of the main office. This enhanced security system will provide better protection for our school community while maintaining easy access for families and visitors. Additionally, twelve new cameras have been installed around the school boundary. These improvements represent a significant investment in our school's infrastructure, and I know you will appreciate the enhanced safety measures we are putting in place.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, I would like to extend a warm invitation to our Curriculum Evening, which will take place on **Wednesday 10th September at 6pm**. The evening will begin with a welcome from myself, followed by staggered 'meet the teacher' sessions in each year group. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with your child's new teacher and learn more about the exciting learning ahead.

These curriculum evenings are always valuable occasions for strengthening the partnership between home and school, and I encourage you to attend if at all possible. I am very much looking forward to outlining the year ahead for your child and sharing our plans for what promises to be another successful academic year.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

## Key Dates:

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

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Whole school Mass 9:15am-  
**children in uniform- Year 5 and 6 to bring PE Kits in a bag.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Curriculum Evening 6pm  
**Parents only**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept Come and read- Reception  
2:45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 6 Bikeability
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5 Mass 9:15am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Academy Photographer Visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Individual school photos
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Come and read- Year 1  
2:45pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Tie Ceremony 9:15am @ St  
Augustine's Church  
Reception and Year 6  
Parents Welcome
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Academy Chaplaincy team  
liturgy @ St Joseph's
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Year 4 Mass 9:15am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Come and read- Year 2  
2:45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Year 3 Mass 9:15am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Year 6 Mass 9:15am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Parents Evening 2-8pm

## PE Timetable

Year Group	PE Days
Reception	Monday & Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2	Monday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Friday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday
Year 5	Tuesday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday

## 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.

### Class ambassadors

We are pleased to announce this year's class ambassadors are:

Reception: Theo

Year 1: Archie

Year 2: Alessio S

Year 3: Vienna

Year 4: Julian

Year 5: Chloe

Year 6: Dolly-Rae



Please click on the link below to read:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/>

### Congratulations!

I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Sophia and Olivia, who became big sisters to a beautiful baby girl during the summer break. What an exciting time this must be for Sophia and Olivia and their entire family!



### Bow's Soccer Afterschool Club

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

<https://forms.gle/wAPg6FG52WPjr51w6>

### BTA Tennis Coaching Afterschool Club

BTA Tennis will be continuing their Afterschool club on Thursdays. The club will start on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

To register your interest in this club please follow the link below:

<https://www.btatenniscoaching.com/schools/st-augustines/>

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our Nursery and Reception Families. We welcome you with open arms to our St Augustine's family. The children have settled in beautifully and we look forward to watching them grow.

### EA 2025 Test -

Just a gentle reminder that the UK government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm**. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You will not need to take any action.

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency.

Find out more at [gov.uk/alerts](https://gov.uk/alerts).