



St. Augustine's News

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

26th September 2025

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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

It gives me great joy to welcome our Reception children and their families, both new and existing, to our St Augustine's family. This is the beginning of a very special journey of learning, friendship, and faith. I was particularly touched by how our wonderful Year 6 buddies presented the children and created a heart-warming welcome card for them.

This week has been filled with important learning experiences. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a GamFam workshop, which was designed by an experienced primary school teacher with lived experience of gambling harms. In our increasingly digital world, where TV programmes highlight the complexities of online access, it is crucial we educate our young people about the blurring lines between gaming and gambling.

During our learning walks, I was delighted to observe the children's behaviour and attitude to learning. There was a wonderful buzz of engagement in our classrooms that truly warmed my heart.

Our Eco Council and School Council have been busy this week, developing exciting ideas for the year ahead. Look out for details about their upcoming bring and buy sale - a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to get involved in school community activities.

A few important notices for parents:

- For Y5 SPEC and Y6 PGL residential trips, please ensure you keep instalments up to date to manage interim payments.
- Please see below the promised link to your child's RSE learning in their year group.

We are also preparing for World Mental Health Day on 10th October. We will be joining forces with 'Strength in Mind' and invite everyone to wear yellow to school. We ask for a £1 donation, and we will be running assemblies and activities promoting mental health awareness that week. Please note: no football kits should be worn on this day.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our pupils' education.
Mrs Joanne Walsh



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Sunday 28th September
Luke 16:19-31**



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 3

Reception:	98.0%
Year 1:	96.8%
Year 2:	98.7%
Year 3:	100.0%
Year 4:	96.6%
Year 5:	97.3%
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.

TenTen Resources

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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Key Dates:

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

2 nd Oct	Academy Chaplaincy team liturgy @ St Joseph's
3 rd Oct	St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
6 th Oct	School nurse visiting Year 6
8 th Oct	Year 4 Mass 9:15am Mayor visiting School Council 9:15am
9 th Oct	Come and read Year 2 2:45pm
15 th Oct	Year 3 Mass 9:15am School nurse visiting Year 6
16 th Oct	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
21 st Oct	Flu immunisations
22 nd Oct	Year 6 Mass 9:15am Parents Evening 2-8pm
23 rd Oct	Come and read- Year 3 2:45pm
27 th – 31 st Oct	Half Term – school closed
3 rd Nov	Children back to school
5 th Nov	Year 5 Mass 9:15am
6 th Nov	Come and Read Year 4 2:45pm
12 th Nov	Year 4 Mass 9:15am Computing STEM Day
14 th Nov	John Warner Netball & Football Tournament Years 5 & 6
28 th Nov	Decorate the Classroom Day
3 rd Dec	Year 6 Mass 9:15am
8 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:00pm & 6:00pm

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

If your child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2027, please do contact St Augustine's presbytery to register your interest.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please visit the link below for more information and an application form:

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=8>

Happy Birthday!

Year 1:	Sinead
Year 2:	Freddie & Max
Year 6:	Leo

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

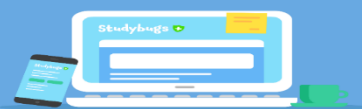
Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Renz
Reception:	Ronnie A
Year 1:	Blousey-Rose
Year 2:	Josephine
Year 3:	Henry
Year 4:	Erin
Year 5:	Santino
Year 6:	Tilly

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Eco Council Bring and Buy Sale

The Eco Council are excited to announce that we will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale, recycling toys and books that are undamaged and complete. Items will be sold for £1-£2, and the sale will be run by the children during the school day on Friday 24th October. Monies raised will go towards new equipment for the children to play with outside, whilst also supporting the Eco Council's work on reusing and recycling. Please bring in your toys and books to sell from Monday 20th October, and remember to send your child in with money to spend on the day! Any unsold items will be donated to the local charity shops. Thank you for your support.



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