



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 and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the well needed half-term break.

First, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown during our Harvest Collection. Our Chaplaincy Team worked diligently to collect and load food donations, which were collected by Broxbourne Food Bank. These contributions are so much more than just items - they offer dignity, hope, and practical support to local families in need.

It was wonderful to welcome parents into school on Wednesday for meetings with class teachers. I hope you all had fruitful discussions about your children's progress and learning journey.

We would also like to say a thank you to all our families who kindly donated new and nearly new toys. Our Eco Council and Teaching and Learning Committee have worked together to lay out all the toys for the children to enjoy and buy. This special event not only encourages recycling and reusing but reminds us of the joy that comes from sharing with others.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations for the SAPTA Christmas Hampers. In this time of Harvest and thanksgiving, we give thanks for your kindness to school.

I have an important staff update to share. Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Hewage. We are so sad to see you go, but we are excited for your new adventure as a London bus driver! You have been an amazing Learning Support Assistant, and we know you will be just as dedicated to getting people safely around the city. Wishing you all the best on the roads!

In response to parent feedback from our recent survey, I am pleased to announce we are introducing additional after-school activity clubs. A detailed letter is attached with information about the clubs and available spaces. We hope this will be a positive partnership that supports our pupils' interests and development.

Our School Council have been busy planning some exciting activities to support Children in Need this year – Friday 14th November 2025! The theme for 2025 is "Challenge 25", and each class will be taking on their very own 25 themed exercise challenge throughout the week. In addition to our active challenges, children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty in an addition to their full school uniform. They will also get a chance to take part in our fun game: "How many Smarties are in the jar?" for £1 a go, with the lucky winner taking home the jar of Smarties. Please make payment on Arbor. All money raised will go towards supporting Children in Need. *Let's get moving, get spotty, and make a difference together!*

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term holiday.

Mrs Joanne Walsh



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 26th October
Luke 18: 9-14



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception & Year 5

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 90.7%

Year 2: 98.3%

Year 3: 97.7%

Year 4: 98.3%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 96.7%

Whole school target 96%

Please see the guidance below for if your child should be in school

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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)

27th – 31st Oct Half Term – school closed

- 3rd Nov** Children back to school
- 5th Nov** Year 5 Mass 9:15am
- 6th Nov** Come and Read Year 4 2:45pm
- 10th Nov** Year 5 & 6 Girl's football trials
- 12th Nov** Year 4 Mass 9:15am
Computing STEM Day
- 14th Nov** John Warner Netball & Football Tournament
Years 5 & 6
'Children in Need' School Council
- 28th Nov** Decorate the Classroom Day
Travelling Nativity Begins
- 3rd Dec** Year 6 Mass 9:15am
- 5th Dec** Year 6 Festival of Carols 9:30am
- 8th Dec** Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:00pm & 6:00pm
- 10th Dec** Nursery & Reception Nativity 9:30am
Flu immunisations mop-up
- 11th Dec** Trust Carol Service 2:00pm (St Augustine's Church)
- 17th Dec** School Carol Service (Reception to Year 6, St Augustine's Church)
- 18th Dec** Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day (jumper to be worn over uniform)
Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm
Nursery closes 2.40pm
- 19th Dec** Whole School Mass 9:15am
School close 1:30pm
- 6th Jan** **Children return to school**
- 16th Jan** School Nurse visiting Reception (1st Cohort)
- 19th – 23rd Jan** Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament
- 22nd Jan** Choir Young Voices Trip
- 9th – 13th Feb** Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament
- 16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed**
- 23rd Feb** Children return to school

Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Oisin
- Reception:** Kaira & Alyson
- Year 1:** Hudson & Louisa
- Year 2:** Chidera
- Year 5:** Nana-Kodjo, Blake & Chloe

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Leon
- Reception:** Maddox
- Year 1:** Sinead
- Year 2:** Luisa
- Year 3:** Ronnie
- Year 4:** Aaron
- Year 5:** Luca
- Year 6:** Lilly

Congratulations on your effort this week!

A huge thank you to Mr. Carjan for providing his expertise and the dough for the Year 4 children who enjoyed making and eating their own Pizza's this week.

