



St. Augustine's News

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

7th November 2025

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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has returned from half term feeling refreshed and ready to work hard. As we approach the festive season, I am excited to share some important updates and celebrations with you.

It is that special time of year when our Travelling Nativity comes to life! I encourage you to look out for the attached letter and sign up. We would love to see photos of your assembly at home, capturing the joy and spirit of the season.

Mark your calendars for our Decorate the Classroom Day on 28th November! Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers and own clothes. We are delighted to invite parents to join us in each class. We have three session times available: 9-10:30am, 10:45am-12pm, and 1:30-3pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and spread some festive cheer.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to Elia and Louie, our Autumn Term 1 Head Boy and Head Girl, for their assistance in our school assemblies.

A warm congratulations to our new leaders, Diego (Head Boy) and Dolly (Head Girl), who will be joining me this Sunday in Hoddesdon to lay a wreath on behalf of our governors, staff, children, and parents. We would be delighted if you could join us for this meaningful occasion.

Next Monday, 10th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day, which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate our individual uniqueness! Pupils are invited to wear odd socks with their uniform. Throughout the week, teachers will be addressing anti-bullying themes in their PSHE lessons. This year's powerful theme is 'Power for Good', which reminds us of our collective responsibility to create a kind and supportive environment.

Just a reminder, we will be supporting Children in Need this Friday 14th November. 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.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Time Sunday 9th November
John 2:13-22



Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Reception**

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 92.8%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 99.4%

Year 4: 97.9%

Year 5: 97.3%

Year 6: 95.0%

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)

10th Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week Year 5 & 6 Girl's football trials
12th Nov	Computing STEM Day
14th Nov	John Warner Netball & Football Tournament Years 5 & 6 'Children in Need' School Council wear something spotty with uniform
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)
15th Dec	Shakespeare Day Romeo & Juliet Y3- 6
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 (1 st 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	

Happy Birthday!

Reception:	Sophia, Mauro & Lucia
Year 2:	Ace & Marcel
Year 3:	Evie & Lily
Year 6:	Aurora

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Diego
Reception:	Ophelia-Rose
Year 1:	Luisa
Year 2:	Kayana
Year 3:	Lily
Year 4:	Valentina C
Year 5:	Bonnie
Year 6:	Oliver S

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Consultation on Admissions Policy

St Augustine's Primary School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2027/28 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups. Please visit the website on the link below to view the proposed arrangements.

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=57>