



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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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

This week has been filled with vibrant learning and important moments that I want to share with you.

On Thursday, our School Executive Advisor visited St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, and it was truly wonderful to observe our children so actively engaged during classroom learning. The pupils were on task, providing thoughtful responses and confidently justifying their answers. Following his visit, he provided valuable positive feedback to our Governors, Mrs. Faulkner, and myself.

We began the week celebrating uniqueness and kindness through Odd Socks Day. Our pupils participated in focused lessons and an assembly about anti-bullying, emphasising the importance of positive actions that counter harm and hurt.

At the recent Cross Country event held at Broxbourne Secondary School last Friday, our team competed admirably, securing 6th place overall out of ten local primary schools. A special mention goes to Emay, who achieved an outstanding 3rd place in the Year 4 girls' category. Well done to all taking part, and thank you to Mrs. Difato and Mr. White for supporting the team.

We hosted our first open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents. Our wonderful Class Ambassadors played a crucial role, proudly greeting new parents and explaining our current topics and learning approaches.

A few important notices for our school community:

- International Men's Day (19th November) will be marked with acknowledging positive role models and raise awareness of men's and boys' well-being.
- We still have places available for Decorate the Classroom Day and the Travelling Nativity.
- Please note a small price adjustment for After School Club: sessions from 3.15pm to 5.30pm will increase from £9.00 to £10.00 in January 2026.

Over the Harvest Period, an incredible 5 tonnes of food items were donated, supporting those in need within our community. We, at St Augustine's contributed 56 KGs for the Broxbourne Foodbank – thank you for your donation and support.

A special thank you to Diego and Dolly for laying the wreath during our Remembrance Sunday

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th November

Luke 21:5-19



Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Reception**

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 98.6%

Year 2: 93.7%

Year 3: 93.2%

Year 4: 99.3%

Year 5: 96.7%

Year 6: 96.3%

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)

19th Nov	Year 3 Mass 9:15am
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 SAPTA Father Christmas Grotto Christmas Fair 2 – 3pm run by School / Eco Council
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
23rd Feb	Children return to school

Happy Birthday!

Nursery:	Ava
Reception:	Ronnie A
Year 3:	Raiya
Year 4:	Sienna M
Year 5:	Lois & Conor
Year 6:	George Sc & Oliver Sc

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Arabella- Rose
Reception:	Mauro
Year 1:	Araliya
Year 2:	Giorgia
Year 3:	Alex
Year 4:	Matteo
Year 5:	Herbie
Year 6:	Evelyn

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>