



St. Augustine's News

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

21st November 2025

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Dear Parents,

This week, our classes recognised International Men's Day, reflecting on positive male role models and the importance of kindness, respect, and responsibility. The children enjoyed discussions and activities celebrating the male role models in their lives.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome new parents to St Augustine's School. They enjoyed being shown around the school and appreciated the opportunity to see the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms.

Year 1 and 2 parents: please could you complete the online survey regarding permission for the recording of the Nativity Play. Your responses will help us prepare and ensure everything is organised smoothly. Thank you for your prompt attention.

On the afternoon of Thursday 5th December, our School Council and Eco Council will be hosting a Christmas Fair.

- Each class will receive an allocated time slot to visit the fair.
- Children will have the opportunity to play games and enjoy a variety of festive stalls.
- Stall prices will range from 50p to £1.

We are very proud of the hard work our pupils are putting into preparing this event and look forward to a wonderful afternoon of Christmas fun.

On Friday 28th, we look forward to welcoming you into school to help with 'Decorate the Classroom Day'. This is a joyful event, and we appreciate the time you give to make our learning spaces feel festive and welcoming.

Next Friday, Nativity tickets will be sent home with your child. Please check their book bags to ensure you receive them.

During our Celebration Assembly, the Travelling Nativity will begin its journey to your homes. We hope that these moments of reflection will bring joy and peace to each family it visits.

Wishing you and your families a warm and peaceful weekend.

Please see the website for next year's term dates 2026 – 2027.

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=68&action=saved>

Mrs Joanne Walsh



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
23rd November**



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 98.6%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 94.5%

Year 4: 96.2%

Year 5: 99.0%

Year 6: 96.0%

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.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Key Dates:

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

24th Nov	Parliament Week
28th Nov	Decorate the Classroom Day (non-uniform) 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) SAPTA Christmas Raffle being drawn
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
12th Feb	Year 3 trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens
16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed	

Magazines/ Catalogues

If you have any unwanted magazines or catalogues please bring them in on Monday 24th November for Mrs Turner who would like them for a DT project she is starting with the children.

Thank you in advance.



Happy Birthday!

Year 1:	Azzura
Year 2:	Toby
Year 4:	Alexia
Year 6:	Tilly & Pietro

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery:	Jeronimo
Reception:	Gabriella
Year 1:	River
Year 2:	Alessio D
Year 3:	Rafael
Year 4:	Rocco H
Year 5:	Lorena
Year 6:	Eva

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>

Parent Workshops

Please see this week's attachments alongside the newsletter with the following upcoming Parent Workshops.

- It's a Dad's Life
- Navigating the Storm
- Communicating Well, Sleeping Well (please email the school office to book onto this as spaces are limited).