



# St. Augustine's News

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

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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Dear Parents,

Today, we joyfully celebrated the start of Advent! Parents, teachers, and children all agreed—it was the *best day ever*. Our classrooms look absolutely fantastic, and everything was completed in just one day without interrupting learning.

The Travelling Nativity has now begun its journey around our homes. When it arrives at yours, please take a photo of it set up and send it in—we would love to see your family's display!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rosa, Luca's Mum in Year 4, for beautifully decorating the Hall Christmas Tree. A special thank you also goes to Mr. Dance and Mrs. Woolford for setting up the stunning backdrop for our Nativity plays. Your hard work ensures that this year's performances will look magical, and the photos are sure to be absolutely beautiful!

The eldest child in each family will receive an Advent Calendar today, providing your family with a daily reflection throughout this special season.

Your child will also bring home tickets for the Nativity performance. If you have any spare tickets, please share them among yourselves.

On Thursday, we all joined together for the Academy Year of Hope Liturgy. A special thank you to Vienna, who read a prayer for St Augustine's so eloquently and with such poise—well done! All children also wrote prayers of hope on doves, a beautiful reminder of the theme for the Jubilee Year, which involves actively carrying and sharing hope through actions, words, and perseverance, even in difficult times.

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, please provide your child with a named envelope containing money for the fair. Stalls will range from 50p to £1.00. For Nursery, who will visit the fair at 11am, donations can be given to the class teacher in the morning. Thank you for your support! Celebration Assembly will be at 2:45pm.

A safety reminder at drop-off and pick-up - Please drive slowly and carefully near the school gates. Children can be unpredictable, and their safety is our top priority. Never accelerate when signalled to slow down—let us work together to keep every child safe.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making today so special for our children and families.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Joanne Walsh



30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Matthew 24:37-44



## Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Reception**

**Reception: 100%**

Year 1: 97.9%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 92.3%

Year 4: 95.9%

Year 5: 97.3%

Year 6: 95.3%

**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.

## 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)

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	Year 6 Mass 9:15am Chaplaincy Trip
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 6 Festival of Carols 9:30am SAPTA Father Christmas Grotto Christmas Fair 2 – 3pm run by School / Eco Council
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:00pm & 6:00pm
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9:30am Flu immunisations mop-up
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Trust Carol Service 2:00pm (St Augustine's Church)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Shakespeare Day Romeo & Juliet Y3- 6
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Carol Service (Reception to Year 6, St Augustine's Church) SAPTA Christmas Raffle being drawn
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day (jumper to be worn over uniform) Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm <b>Nursery closes 2.40pm</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Whole School Mass 9:15am <b>School close 1:30pm</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	School Nurse visiting Reception (1 <sup>st</sup> Cohort)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	Choir Young Voices Trip
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament Women in Science Week
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	VR Workshop
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3 trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Half Term – school closed</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Children return to school

### Happy Birthday!

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Kane</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Jake &amp; Charlie</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Gianni</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Ivy</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Amelia &amp; Oliver R</b>

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

### Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Florence</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Aidan</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Minnie</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Liam</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Harry H</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Sienna M</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Darcey</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>George Sn</b>

*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 Workshop.

- Communicating Well, Sleeping Well

Please email the school office to book onto this as spaces are limited. If the uptake for this is low it will be postponed until the new year.