



St. Augustine's News

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

5th December 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent is truly here, and our school is brimming with festive spirit and joy. Our hall has been transformed into a beautiful display of faith and creativity, with each class crafting nativity scenes that beautifully illustrate the story from Luke's Gospel.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who performed in the town centre this morning. Their beautiful singing touched the hearts of many, and I am grateful for the wonderful parental support that makes these experiences possible.

A highlight of recent weeks was our Chaplaincy Team's visit to Westminster Cathedral for the Advent Carol Service hosted by the Catholic Children's Society. Led by Bishop Paul McAleenan, the service was a memorable experience made even more special by the unexpected appearance of two donkeys and a goat! Our pupils were impeccably behaved and sang beautifully in the choir. After the service, we enjoyed a lovely lunch together, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to SAPTA for organising Santa's grotto. The children's faces lit up with excitement as they met Santa, shared their Christmas secrets, and received presents. Your support and time make these magical moments possible.

I am also immensely proud of our School and Eco Council for organising the Christmas Fair supported by Miss Stone and Mrs Turner. The younger children were thrilled to attend and play the games, showcasing the incredible leadership and kindness of our pupils. It was a wonderful demonstration of community and compassion within our school. **Pope Leo has said, no sign of affection, however small, will be forgotten.**

On Tuesday 9th Dec we are running a phonics workshops for parents and carers to find out more about the teaching of Phonics at St Augustine's. The workshop outlines what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing and provides a range of ideas for activities and resources you can use to support your child at home. Reception parents you are all welcome to attend.

Wishing you a warmest weekend,
Mrs Joanne Walsh



7th December 2025
Matthew 3:1-12



Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Reception**

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 98.3%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 96.5%

Year 4: 93.8%

Year 5: 95.0%

Year 6: 93.7%

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)

8th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:00pm & 6:00pm
9th Dec	Reception Parents 2:45pm Phonics Workshop School Hall
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 Women in Science Week
11th Feb	VR Workshop
12th Feb	Year 3 trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Maia

Year 1: Olivia

Year 6: Ryan

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Adele

Reception: Sienna F

Year 1: Daisy

Year 2: Romeo

Year 3: Sienna-Lou

Year 4: Joseph

Year 5: Ivy

Year 6: Asher

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>