



St. Augustine's News

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

12th December 2025

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Dear Parents,

Over recent week, our school has been filled with joy, reverence and celebration as our children presented their beautiful Nativity plays for Early Years and Key Stage 1. Through song, prayer and storytelling, they shared the true meaning of Christmas and reminded us all of God's greatest gift to the world. We are incredibly proud of every child for their confidence, enthusiasm and reverence in bringing the Nativity to life. Their performances reflected not only their hard work but also their growing faith and understanding of the Christmas story.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes — rehearsing, encouraging, guiding and supporting the children with such care and commitment. Your time, creativity and devotion made these performances truly special. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our parents and carers for your ongoing support — helping children learn lines and songs, providing costumes, and joining us to celebrate these joyful occasions. Your partnership is greatly valued and strengthens our school community.

This week, the NHS Nursing Team visited to administer the nasal flu vaccine to the remaining children.

Our school choir sang beautifully at the Academy Advent Service, helping to create a prayerful and reflective atmosphere. Their reverent singing was a wonderful witness of faith and a credit to our school community. We are very proud of the children for their commitment, confidence and behaviour, and we thank Mr White and Mrs Difato, who supported them preparing for the service and at the Church.

Today, we are issuing the afterschool activity leaflet, which includes some exciting new opportunities. We are introducing Archery, and Mrs. Hayward will once again lead the popular Lego Computing Club. Due to high demand, Rocksteady will also open a new club on Wednesdays.

Christmas Lunch on Thursday: Please ensure you have booked your child's Christmas lunch. If not, kindly provide a festive lunchbox for your child. Thank you to SAPTA for the Christmas Crackers.

Upcoming Events:

- Carol Service Wednesday 17th December at 6pm
- Celebration Assembly: Thursday at 2:45 p.m., following the Rocksteady Concert.
- Attendance certificates will be awarded to children who have achieved 100% attendance this term.

As we continue to prepare for Christmas, may the message of the Nativity bring peace, hope and joy to all.

Mrs Joanne Walsh



14th December 2025

Year A

Matthew 11:2-11



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 1

Reception:	80.0%
Year 1:	98.6%
Year 2:	98.3%
Year 3:	95.8%
Year 4:	95.9%
Year 5:	96.7%
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)

15 th Dec	Shakespeare Day Romeo & Juliet (Y3- 6)
17 th Dec	School Carol Service (Reception to Year 6, St Augustine's Church) SAPTA Christmas Raffle being drawn
18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day (jumper to be worn over uniform) Rocksteady Concert 2:15pm Celebration Assembly 2:45pm Nursery closes 2.40pm
19 th Dec	Whole School Mass 9:15am (parents welcome) School close 1:30pm
5 th Jan	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
6 th Jan	Children return to school
7 th Jan	Whole School Epiphany Mass 9:15am (parents welcome)
13 th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 4
16 th Jan	School Nurse visiting Reception (1 st Cohort) John Warner Netball & Football Tournament (Y5 & 6)
19 th – 23 rd Jan	Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament
20 th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 5
22 nd Jan	Choir Young Voices Trip
27 th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 6
3 rd Feb	Father Julian visiting Year 3
9 th – 13 th Feb	Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament Women in Science Week
11 th Feb	VR Workshop
12 th Feb	Year 3 trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens
	16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed
23 rd Feb	Children return to school
24 th Feb	Father Julian visiting Year 1
25 th Feb	NSPCC Workshop (Years 2, 5 & 6)
3 rd Mar	Father Julian visiting Year 2
4 th Mar	Year 5 & 6 Mass (parents welcome)

Happy Birthday!

Year 2: Eoin

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Harriet

Reception: Nicoletta

Year 1: Siena A

Year 2: Mia

Year 3: Vienna

Year 4: Georgia

Year 5: Sofia

Year 6: Diego

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>

DSPL Newsletter

Please find the link below for the Developing Special Provision Locally Newsletter:

<http://www.dspl4.co.uk/>