



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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Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully busy week it has been at St Augustine's!

We began the week with *Young Shakespeare* delivering a fantastic performance of *Romeo and Juliet* for Years 3 to 6. The children loved being part of the play and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our sincere thanks go to SAPTA for their generous donation, which made this opportunity possible.

Thank you to all parents for supporting your children in the beautiful Advent Service. It was a reverent and reflective occasion, offering a much-needed quiet moment during such a busy time of year. The children sang beautifully—like angels—and the Year 6 readings were clear and articulate. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children so thoughtfully.

The Rocksteady Concert was another highlight of the week. It was wonderful to see how much the children have progressed and how confidently they performed. The enthusiasm was palpable, and we are incredibly proud of them. From January, we have two afternoon sessions with Rocksteady Team! Due to the popularity of the concert and the number of participating children, the next concert will be ticketed, with a limit of two tickets per performing child.

A special thank you to the SAPTA team, led by Rosa, for your continued hard work and support. It truly means so much to the school community.

We are grateful to our school governors, Chair - Steve Britto and Vice Chair - Alex Hanou, for attending the recent Nativities and Carol Service. To our Governor Body, your presence and support are invaluable to the school.

Parents, thank you for your kind words, thoughtful messages, and generous gifts. They are very much appreciated by all the staff.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the staff of St Augustine's for your tireless dedication to our children. Please take time to rest and enjoy precious moments with your families over the festive period.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 6th January 2026!

Mrs Joanne Walsh



Matthew 1:18-24



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	20.0%
Year 1:	91.4%
Year 2:	96.6%
Year 3:	88.4%
Year 4:	93.4%
Year 5:	88.0%
Year 6:	90.0%

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)

5th Jan	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
6th Jan	Children return to school
7th Jan	Whole School Epiphany Mass 9:15am (parents welcome)
13th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 4
16th Jan	School Nurse visiting Reception (1 st Cohort) John Warner Netball & Football Tournament (Y5 & 6)
19th – 23rd Jan	Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament
20th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 5
22nd Jan	Choir Young Voices Trip Worries and Sleep Support Workshop 6:00pm (Parents must email the office to book)
27th Jan	Father Julian visiting Year 6
3rd Feb	Father Julian visiting Year 3
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
16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed	
23rd Feb	Children return to school
24th Feb	Father Julian visiting Year 1
25th Feb	NSPCC Workshop (Years 2, 5 & 6)
3rd Mar	Father Julian visiting Year 2
4th Mar	Year 5 & 6 Mass (parents welcome)
5th Mar	World Book Day
6th Mar	Indoor Athletics (Broxbourne School) School nurse visiting Reception (2 nd Cohort)
9th-13th Mar	British Science Week
10th Mar	Cranbourne Football Tournament (Y5 & 6 A Team)
18th Mar	Reconciliation Year 6 Stations of the Cross 2:15pm (parents welcome)
23rd Mar	Reconciliation Year 5

Happy Birthday!

Nursery:	Leon, Leo E & Jacob
Reception:	Ronnie J & Nicoletta
Year 1:	Riccardo
Year 2:	Alessio D & Holly
Year 3:	Henry
Year 4:	Semcho, Julian & Luca A
Year 5:	Bonnie
Year 6:	Asher

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

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>

Reception Admissions 2026

Please note if you currently have a sibling in the school and are applying for a place in Reception 2026, you must also complete a School Information Form (SIF) available on the website or from the School Office.

Applications close on 15th January 2026