



# 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 and Carers,

It has been a very busy and productive week in school.

This morning, our Year 6 pupils and some Year 5 children took part in the John Warner Tournament, competing in both netball and football. The children represented our school wonderfully, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and skill throughout the event. Our Netball A Team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place and the B Team came 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Football A Team came 7<sup>th</sup> and B Team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to all who took part. A big thank you to Mrs. Falkner, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. White and Bows Soccer for accompanying the children and for providing encouragement and support throughout the morning.

This week, I met with all teaching staff to review Autumn Term 2 Pupil Progress Meetings, focusing on attainment and progress across the school. I would like to thank parents who continue to work in partnership with us, particularly with reading at home and supporting children to complete their homework. This commitment is clearly reflected in your child's progress and results—thank you for your continued support.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to SAPTA and to all parents who support their fundraising efforts. Your generosity has enabled the school to:

- Fund Young Shakespeare Company - Romeo and Juliet, which the children thoroughly enjoyed
- Cover the cost of our Science Virtual Reality Day on 11th February for every class
- Provide Year 2 with high-visibility jackets, helping to keep children safe when using pathways

Your support truly enriches the educational experiences we are able to offer.

Yesterday was the deadline for Reception admissions. This year, we received 76 applications for 30 places. Thank you to everyone – staff, governors, and parents - for all that you do to make St Augustine's a school of choice in the local area.

Looking ahead, next week we will be holding the Netball Intra-House Tournament for Years 3–6. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE uniform. I have noticed a number of girls wearing leggings to school this week—please remember that leggings should be worn under skorts, shorts or PE skirts, not on their own. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership.

Have an amazing weekend.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
John 1: 29 – 34



**'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'**

## Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 4*

Reception:	93.8%
Year 1:	94.8%
Year 2:	95.7%
Year 3:	94.0%
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
Year 5:	97.9%
Year 6:	92.5%

**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)

<b>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	Year 3 – 6 Intra Netball Tournament
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 5
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	Choir Young Voices Trip Worries and Sleep Support Workshop 6:00pm <b>(Parents must email the office to book)</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 3
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament Women in Science Week, Mental Health Week & Safer Internet with AI 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 NSPCC Assembly (Whole School)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 1
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	NSPCC Workshop (Years 2, 5 & 6)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 2
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 5 & 6 Mass (parents welcome)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	World Book Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Indoor Athletics (Broxbourne School) School nurse visiting Reception (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cohort)
<b>9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	British Science Week
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Cranbourne Football Tournament (Y5 & 6 A Team)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Rocksteady Concert (Wednesday Students, tickets only) 2.15pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Reconciliation Year 6 Stations of the Cross 2:15pm (parents welcome)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Broxbourne Netball Tournament (Year 5 & 6)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	Judaism Week Reconciliation Year 5
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Year 1 Trip (The Hive) Reconciliation Year 4
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Easter Play (Years 3 & 4) 2pm & 6pm Year 4 Silent Disco Workshop (In School)

### Happy Birthday!

**Reception: Alexander**

**Year 2: Mia**

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

### Gold Book Award

**Nursery: Ariella**

**Reception: Kane**

**Year 1: Cruz**

**Year 2: Eoin**

**Year 3: William**

**Year 4: Olivia**

**Year 5: Chloe**

**Year 6: Alisia**

*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>

### Worries & Sleep Support Workshop

We are running a Worries & Sleep Support workshop here at St Augustine's on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January (see attached poster). Please email the office to book.

### HABS Coffee Morning

HABS will be hosting a coffee morning at Wormley Primary school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30-11.30. Poster attached. Please book using the link below:

[https://form.jotform.com/252801585508056?fbclid=PAAdGRleAPQRhleHRuA2FibQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZA8xMjQwMjQ1NzQyODc0MTQAAaeUzI9tDZOHP49oD1Tq6FpJ6nM2gNhQnjitelkuVtZjrlQm1xPePSJAZi-clog\\_aem\\_sfXMvvO9ViHjs5E-cVaw0g](https://form.jotform.com/252801585508056?fbclid=PAAdGRleAPQRhleHRuA2FibQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZA8xMjQwMjQ1NzQyODc0MTQAAaeUzI9tDZOHP49oD1Tq6FpJ6nM2gNhQnjitelkuVtZjrlQm1xPePSJAZi-clog_aem_sfXMvvO9ViHjs5E-cVaw0g)