



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

During the week beginning 9th March, we will be celebrating Science Week. If you have an area of expertise related to STEM that you would be happy to share with the children, we would love to hear from you. This could include talking about your job in medicine, engineering, technology, or even demonstrating what you do as a robotics engineer. The children truly enjoy hearing about real-life applications of science. Please email the school office FAO Miss Stone – Science Week, including: Your availability during the week beginning 9th March, what you would like to talk to the children about, the age group your session would be most suitable for. Thank you.

Next term, Mrs Hayward will be running an after-school Nature Club, where children will have the opportunity to learn about various insects and take part in planting bulbs. This club will be available for children in Years 1–3.

The intra-house netball tournament finally went ahead this week, and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching the final match on Thursday afternoon. Players of the Match: St Augustine's – Aine-Mae, St George's – Lorena, St Catherine's – Eva, St Agnes – Oliver Sc. Well done to all the children who took part. St Agnes were the overall winners of the intra-house netball tournament. It was wonderful to see the children showing their skills, teamwork, and kindness in supporting one another. Well done, St Agnes!

This Sunday marks Racial Justice Sunday 2026. During Celebration Assembly, I spoke to the children about the importance of how we treat other people. God made everyone, and God loves every person. Although people may look different or come from different places, we all belong to God's family. When we are kind and stand up for our friends, we are showing God's love. The children will continue learning about this in class next week.

During the week beginning 9th February, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. As part of this, the children will also be learning about Safer Internet Day, with a particular focus on the use of Artificial Intelligence and staying safe online.

On Wednesday we had a fire alarm drill and were pleased with the way in which the school was evacuated. I know there are many children who find the noise and experience rather unpleasant but we do explain to them that it is absolutely necessary.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 1st February 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:1-12a



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5

Reception:	88.7%
Year 1:	97.2%
Year 2:	97.6%
Year 3:	96.1%
Year 4:	98.6%
Year 5:	99.3%
Year 6:	94.0%

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)

3rd Feb	Father Julian visiting Year 3
9th – 13th Feb	Year 1 & 2 Intra Football Tournament Women in Science Week, Mental Health Week & Safer Internet with AI Week
11th Feb	VR Workshop
12th Feb	Year 3 trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens
13th Feb	SAPTA Break the Rules Day (see attached poster)
16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed	
23rd Feb	Children return to school NSPCC Assembly (Whole 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)
11th Mar	Rocksteady Concert (Wednesday Students, tickets only) 2.15pm
18th Mar	Reconciliation Year 6 Stations of the Cross 2:15pm (parents welcome)
19th Mar	Broxbourne Netball Tournament (Year 5 & 6)
23rd Mar	Judaism Week Reconciliation Year 5
24th Mar	Year 1 Trip (The Hive) Reconciliation Year 4
25th Mar	Easter Play (Years 3 & 4) 2pm & 6pm Year 4 Silent Disco Workshop (In School) Whole School Book Look 3.15pm – 4.15pm
26th Mar	Rocksteady Concert (Thursday students & tickets only) 2.15pm Nursery closes 2.40pm
27th Mar	Year 5 & 6 B Team Football Tournament (Cranbourne School) School closes 1.30pm

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Sienna M

Year 1: Araliya

Year 5: Lilly

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Elia

Reception: Sophia

Year 1: Olivia

Year 2: John

Year 3: Charlie

Year 4: Luigi

Year 5: Ayla

Year 6: Dakota

Congratulations on your effort this week!

St Augustine's Under 5's Job Advert

St Augustine's Under 5's an Ofsted Outstanding provider are looking for an enthusiastic early year's practitioner to join our small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early years care and education for young children.

The successful candidate will be required to start as soon as possible.

As part of the team your duties will include covering playgroup afternoon sessions and helping to run our Tuesday morning toddler and baby sessions. Hours will be flexible as required.

An Early Years Childcare and Education qualification or equivalent would be an advantage, experience working with children is essential. For further information please email staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01992 460614 to speak to the Team Leader or Deputy Team Leader.

Apply with covering letter and CV to St Augustine's Under 5s Charlton Close Hoddesdon EN11 8DR.

CLOSING DATE Thursday 12th February.