



St. Augustine's News

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

6th February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week 2026, with the national theme 'This is My Place'. This theme focuses on belonging and how feeling part of a community supports positive mental health and wellbeing.

At St Augustine's, our aim is to ensure that every child knows they are loved, valued, and that we are all part of one family. Each class will enjoy a special 'Tea and Talk' session, giving children time to talk, listen, and connect with one another in a relaxed setting. We will also be exploring smart technology and making safer choices when using AI, helping children to develop awareness and responsibility in the digital world on Tuesday – Safer Internet Day.

Monday also marks the start of our Key Stage 1 Intra-School Football Tournament. Matches will take place during lunchtime, with Mr. White kindly giving up his time to referee. The whole school will come together to watch the final on Friday. Children in Years 1 & 2 are to come to school wearing their PE kit all week.

On Wednesday, as part of our work recognising Women in Science, all pupils will take part in exciting VR Science workshops, giving them the opportunity to explore science in an engaging and immersive way.

We will be acknowledging World Book Day on 5th March, next half term. Our whole-school theme this year is characters from 'Alice in Wonderland'. Children are invited to dress up, and the best original outfit in each class will win a prize. We look forward to seeing the creativity on display.

Finally, the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis has been proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, running from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. We have begun discussing the life of St Francis with the children and have asked them to think of meaningful ways we can celebrate his life and values here at St Augustine's.

Please see attached letters with details of after school activity clubs for the next half term which are available to book on Arbor tomorrow and details of events run by Hertfordshire Family Centres in the school holidays.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a busy and enriching last week of term!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 8th February 2026
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Matthew 5: 13 – 16

'let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception:	97.7%
Year 1:	97.6%
Year 2:	98.3%
Year 3:	96.8%
Year 4:	99.7%
Year 5:	94.0%
Year 6:	95.3%

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)

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
Visit from Great Athlete

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 - Alice in Wonderland Theme

6th Mar Indoor Athletics (Broxbourne School)
School nurse visiting Reception (2nd 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!

Nursery: Lucy

Reception: Reo

Year 2: Dogu

Year 4: Valentina Ca & Rocco

Year 6: Mattia

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Arthur W

Reception: Kaira

Year 1: Aditi

Year 2: Holly

Year 3: Jake

Year 4: Emay

Year 5: Conor

Year 6: Aurora

*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