



St. Augustine's News

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

13th February 2026

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Dear Parents,

What an incredible week it has been! Alongside our continued wider development of the curriculum, we also experienced something extraordinary — the Air Ambulance landed on our school field! It was a powerful reminder of the vital role emergency services play in our community.

This week, pupils took part in an exciting VR workshop, exploring: the human body, ocean animals and space. Class VR truly brings the whole curriculum to life for our children. These shared immersive experiences spark imagination, develop vocabulary and help children grasp complex ideas.

This week, we welcomed our RE Advisor from the Diocese of Westminster, who spent time reviewing the teaching of Religious Education and looking at the children's work. As a qualified teacher myself, it is both inspiring and a privilege to see colleagues carrying out the vocation with such skill and dedication. We are blessed with a great teaching team, and I was delighted that our visitors recognised this too.

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic and hands-on Stone Age Day at Waltham Abbey Gardens. They began the morning by creating a timeline of history, helping them understand where the Stone Age fits into the past. The children examined a range of Stone Age artefacts and worked collaboratively to identify what they might have been used for. One fascinating fact they discovered was that beeswax was once used for fillings! Next, Year 3 explored the beautiful grounds in groups, searching for plants that existed millions of years ago and discussing how Stone Age people relied on natural resources to survive. It was eye-opening to see just how essential the natural world was to daily life in prehistoric times. It was a truly enriching and memorable day for everyone involved. A heartfelt thank you to the knowledgeable staff at Waltham Abbey Gardens, and especially to Mrs Hayward, Mrs Amato, Mrs Urso, Mrs Moy and Mrs Brown for supporting the children so wonderfully and helping make the day such a success.

During our recognition of Children's Mental Health Week, the children attended an assembly led by Mrs Johnson and Miss Rama. The focus was on practical strategies to improve emotional well-being, break down stigma and reduce feelings of isolation. The children thoroughly enjoyed "Tea and Talk" time in their classes — a valuable opportunity to share thoughts, strengthen friendships and support one another in a safe and nurturing environment.

Please remember that the afternoon pedestrian gate opens at 3:00pm.

Please note that we have amended the term dates for 2026–2027. This adjustment has been made to accommodate an Academy Inset Day. The updated term dates are available on the school website. We kindly ask parents and carers to check the revised dates carefully.

Thank you for your continued support. Happy half term!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 15th February 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:17-37



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception:	95.0%
Year 1:	94.1%
Year 2:	90.7%
Year 3:	94.2%
Year 4:	99.0%
Year 5:	93.0%
Year 6:	97.0%

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)

16th - 20th Feb Half Term – school closed

- 23rd Feb** Children return to school
Intra Football Tournament Years 1 & 2
NSPCC Assembly (Whole School)
- 24th Feb** Father Julian visiting Year 1
Visit from Great Athlete
- 25th Feb** NSPCC Workshop (Years 2, 5 & 6)
- 26th Feb – 3rd Mar** Book fair (school hall)
- 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

30th Mar – 10th Apr Easter Holidays – School closed

- 13th Apr** Children return to school
- 20th Apr** Class Photos
- 21st Apr** Year 4 Trip – Celtic Harmony

Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Jeronimo
- Year 1:** Cruz & Tobias
- Year 2:** Mesut
- Year 3:** Adeo, Enrico & Faithful
- Year 4:** Max
- Year 5:** Emma
- Year 6:** Izabelle

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Noella
- Reception:** Crew
- Year 1:** Sienna K
- Year 2:** Harrison
- Year 3:** Raiya
- Year 4:** Julian
- Year 5:** John
- Year 6:** Izabelle

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Walk with Me – Lent Calendar

The oldest sibling in each family will come home today with their "Walk with Me – Lent Calendar."

We hope you enjoy using this together as a family.

