



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,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very short but busy half term! It has felt rather strange not being able to attend church together to mark Ash Wednesday as a school community. Ash Wednesday is always such a special moment in our Catholic calendar, when we begin our Lenten journey. Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team, who have made purple ribbons for us to wear as a reminder of this important season. Purple is a powerful colour, symbolising the 40-day season of penance, repentance and preparation for Easter. Wearing the ribbons helps us to visibly and prayerfully mark this sacred time together.

This week also saw the exciting start of our Key Stage 1 intra-house football tournament. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play football, develop their skills and proudly represent their houses. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship on display. Thank you Mr White! Well done to the winners – St Catherine's!

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome a very special visitor into school as part of our Great Athletes event with Saffron Severn. Every class from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a challenging 10-minute fitness circuit, demonstrating fantastic determination, energy and teamwork throughout. Afterwards, Saffron delivered an inspiring presentation about her journey to becoming a professional athlete. She spoke about the hard work, resilience and dedication required to achieve your goals. The children asked thoughtful and insightful questions and were clearly motivated by her experiences. We are hopeful that, through our fundraising efforts linked to this event, we have raised a fantastic amount of money to support new outdoor equipment for our school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Reggie's Nan in Nursery, who very kindly donated 60 high-visibility jackets for our school outings through 'Fibron Cable'. The children have already made excellent use of them during their recent trip to Waltham Abbey. Thank you once again for your kindness and support — we know these jackets will be put to great use for many years to come.



Please see the [Academy Spring Newsletter](#) linked. It beautifully highlights and celebrates the collaboration between our nine Catholic schools, showcasing the many ways in which we work together to enrich the experiences of all our children. We are proud to be part of such a strong and supportive Catholic community.

This is a reminder that our Book Fair is taking place all week as we celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. As part of the celebration, children are invited to come dressed in an "Alice in Wonderland" themed costume. A prize will be awarded to the child with the most creative costume. We look forward to seeing everyone's wonderful outfits and sharing a fantastic week of reading and fun!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 1st March 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception:	96.7%
Year 1:	91.0%
Year 2:	95.9%
Year 3:	96.8%
Year 4:	97.6%
Year 5:	96.7%
Year 6:	94.3%

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)

- 26th Feb – 3rd Mar** Book Fair (school hall)
- 3rd Mar** Father Julian visiting Year 2
World Book Day – Author Visit
- 4th Mar** Year 5 & 6 Mass (parents welcome)
Year 6 SAT's Parents Meeting – 2.45pm
- 5th Mar** World Book Day - Alice in Wonderland Theme
- 6th Mar** School nurse visiting Reception (2nd Cohort)
NSPCC Workshop (Years 2, 5 & 6)
- 9th-13th Mar** British Science Week
- 10th Mar** Cranbourne Football Tournament (Y5 & 6 A Team)
- 11th Mar** Chaplaincy Team (Mass at St Joseph's)
Rocksteady Concert (Wednesday Students, tickets only)
2.15pm
- 16th Mar** Stations of the Cross (2.30pm – School playground)
- 18th Mar** Reconciliation Year 6
Judaism Workshop (whole school)
- 19th Mar** Judaism Week
Broxbourne Netball Tournament (Year 5 & 6)
- 23rd Mar** 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)
Year 5 & 6 B Team Football Tournament (Cranbourne 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** **School closes 1.30pm**

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

- 13th Apr** Children return to school
- 20th – 24th Apr** Intra Hockey Tournament (Years 3 – 6)
- 20th Apr** Class Photos
SAPTA Healthy Eating Workshop
- 21st Apr** Year 4 Trip – Celtic Harmony
- 23rd Apr** Year 5 Trip – Henry Moore Studios

Happy Birthday!

- Year 2:** Luisa
- Year 6:** Diego

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Ava
- Reception:** Frankie
- Year 1:** Rocco
- Year 2:** Mesut
- Year 3:** Evelina
- Year 4:** Jimmy
- Year 5:** Lilly
- Year 6:** Oliver R

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Families Feeling Safe



Families Feeling Safe Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

BROXBOURNE starting April 2026

A FREE course for Mums, Dads, and Carers of children 5-19yrs

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This 9 week fully-funded term time course can help you to:

- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe

Friday mornings 9.30am–11.30am
24th April to 26th June (excluding half term)
At
Wormley School Community Room
Cozens Lane East,
Broxbourne, EN10 6QA

For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please use this link or the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/1z348mRiaq8>
or email: enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk

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