



# St. Augustine's News

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

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it has been! Dare I say that spring may finally be on its way!

Our Year 6 children have now received their secondary school allocations. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter as families start to know where their children will continue their educational journey. The next step will be for the secondary schools to begin reaching out with further information.

Congratulations to our Rotary Year 6 Essay finalists. Dakota shared her aspiration to become a therapist, Alissa hopes to become a criminal lawyer, and Daniel would like to be a commercial pilot. We wish them all the very best as their essays are entered into the local primary school competition.

For World Book Day we were delighted to welcome a young author, Zana, a Year 5 pupil from St Paul's Primary School in Cheshunt. Zana has already published two books and is currently working on three further manuscripts. After giving a very informative and inspiring talk to the whole school, Zana kindly left us two of her books which have been making their way around the classes.

The children looked wonderful in their costumes, and it was a very difficult task choosing the most creative and authentic outfits.

Our winners are:

Nursery: Millie

Reception: Ophelia-Rose

Year 1: Tommy

Year 2: Leo

Year 3: Joseph

Year 4: Gracie

Year 5: Elena

Year 6: Sophia-Mia

Well done to everyone who dressed up. You all looked fantastic!

Today we also welcomed the NSPCC into school to deliver workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6. The interactive and age-appropriate sessions help pupils to understand what abuse is and how to spot the signs, know what to do if they are ever made to feel scared or worried, learn about healthy relationships and their right to feel safe and respected, and build confidence while overcoming any feelings of loneliness. The speaker also commented on how wonderfully well-spoken our children were, particularly noting how effectively they used the Oracy 21 sentence stems.

A reminder that the Rocksteady Concert will take place on Wednesday for the Wednesday participating group of children. Each performing child may invite up to two adults to attend.

Next week we look forward to celebrating Science Week. On Monday we begin with a Marvellous Materials Workshop!

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

John 4:5-42



## Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 4*

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| Reception:     | 98.6%        |
| Year 1:        | 96.8%        |
| Year 2:        | 96.9%        |
| Year 3:        | 97.4%        |
| <b>Year 4:</b> | <b>99.7%</b> |
| Year 5:        | 98.3%        |
| <b>Year 6:</b> | <b>91.3%</b> |

**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)

- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mar** British Science Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar** Cranbourne Football Tournament (Y5 & 6 A Team)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** Chaplaincy Team (Mass at St Joseph's)  
Rocksteady Concert (Wednesday Students, tickets only)  
2.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** Stations of the Cross (2.30pm – School playground)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** Reconciliation Year 6  
Judaism Workshop (whole school)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar** Judaism Week  
Broxbourne Netball Tournament (Year 5 & 6)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Reconciliation Year 5
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** Year 1 Trip - The Hive  
Reconciliation Year 4
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Rocksteady Concert (Thursday students & tickets only)  
2.15pm  
**Nursery closes 2.40pm**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** **School closes 1.30pm**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter Holidays – School closed**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** Children return to school
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Apr** Intra Hockey Tournament (Years 3 – 6)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** Class Photos  
SAPTA Healthy Eating Workshop
- 21<sup>st</sup> Apr** Year 4 Trip – Celtic Harmony
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** Year 5 Trip – Henry Moore Studios
- 1<sup>st</sup> May** John Warner Football Tournament (Year 3 & 4)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May** SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** SAT's Week (Year 6)

### Happy Birthday!

- Reception:** Milena
- Year 2:** Romeo
- Year 3:** Max L
- Year 5:** Olivia

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

### Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Reggie
- Reception:** Bleu
- Year 1:** Hugo
- Year 2:** Fatima
- Year 3:** Enrico
- Year 4:** Luca C
- Year 5:** Blake
- Year 6:** Elia

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*