



# 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,

This week I attended the Academy Headteacher Meeting, where we were all given a copy of a letter from Zanna, a Year 5 pupil at St Paul's who visited our school during World Book Week. Please see her letter attached.

Thank you to Mrs Stone for organising a fantastic Science Week. This year's theme was "What's Your Question?" The children enjoyed fabulous workshops on Monday and Wednesday, including Marvellous Materials and Fossils, Acids and Alkalis to Heart Dissection. I promise you that these visits are something that both children and teachers never forget! Thank you parents for your support.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 Football Team played against other local primary schools at Cranbourne. They showed great sportsmanship throughout. Thank you to Mrs White and Mrs Difato for accompanying the children.

On Wednesday, we had the first Key Stage 1 Rocksteady Concert with over half of the children from Reception taking part. The children were fantastic and, considering that many of them only started in January, their skills were very impressive. The kindness shown to each other throughout the concert truly reflected our Catholic values.

Our Chaplaincy Team also had the opportunity to attend the launch Mass for the Year of St Francis of Assisi at St Mary's. The Mass was led by Fr Emmanuel from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Fr Emmanuel is well known for his youth work and for supporting the poor. The team thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Mass. Thank you to Mrs Faulkner for accompanying the children.

This week we had an inter-class battle for TTRS between Year 2 and Year 3. The winners were Year 3! The top three children for TTRS were: Max L in first place, Ronnie R in second place, and Harry H in third place. Well done to Year 3 and to the three boys mentioned.

Please note that Year 3 and 4 Easter Play tickets will be sent home with your child today, alongside the summer activity clubs letter.

We have also been informed that some of our children are talking at break/lunch time and at home about the war and ongoing conflicts in the world. I have attached some child-friendly advice on how to handle these conversations at home, should your child mention this to you.

Thank you to all parents and children — the money raised for the Great Athlete event was £985.00.

We have received a complaint about children and parents littering outside the school on a resident's driveway. May I remind everyone to please put rubbish in the bins. After all, we are all Stewards of Creation.

Thank you to SAPTA for organising the Mother's Day gifts today. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mothers a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope that Sunday is not the only day we let you know how special you are and the difference you make to each and every one of us.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Joanne Walsh*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*'I was blind but now I see'*



## Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Year 1*

Reception:	92.1%
Year 1:	100%
Year 2:	99.0%
Year 3:	92.6%
Year 4:	93.8%
Year 5:	98.0%
Year 6:	96.0%

**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)

- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** Stations of the Cross (2.30pm – School playground – all parents welcome to join us.)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** Reconciliation Year 6  
Judaism Workshop (whole school)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar** Broxbourne Netball Tournament (Year 5 & 6)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar** Reports home to Parents
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Judaism Week  
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
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** Come and Read Reception 2.45pm
- 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  
Father Julian visiting Yr5
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** Year 5 Trip – Henry Moore Studios  
Come and Read Year 1 2.45pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Apr** Father Julian visiting Yr3
- 30<sup>th</sup> Apr** Come and Read Year 2 2.45pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> May** John Warner Football Tournament (Year 3 & 4)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May** SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May** Father Julian visiting Yr2
- 10<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)

### Happy Birthday!

- Nursery:** Reggie & Florence
- Year 1:** Ileana & Dionisis
- Year 3:** Khaleesi
- Year 5:** Frankie

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

### Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Athena
- Reception:** Alexander
- Year 1:** Tobias
- Year 2:** Max
- Year 3:** Dario
- Year 4:** Liana
- Year 5:** Alessia
- Year 6:** Daniel

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### A Lenten Reflection

*Time to make the desert journey and renew our way to life.*

*Time for testing and for changing. Time to trust the word of God.*

*Time to recognise holy presence and share Cyrene's work.*

*Time for forgiveness and for healing and to repent our broken lives.*

*Time to build God's dwelling with us and proclaim full life for all.*

*Time to watch and wait with Jesus and to prepare the upper room.*

*Time to turn our lives again to God and to transform our world with love. Amen.*

