



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,

Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team and Miss Faulkner for leading us reverently through the Stations of the Cross on Monday. As we reflect on this important journey, we are reminded to place all that we have and all that we are at the feet of Jesus. We also thank all the parents who joined us for this meaningful occasion.

We were delighted to welcome Ruth from Judaism School on Wednesday. Ruth led a whole-school workshop introducing the history and culture of Judaism. Later in the day, each class participated in an interactive session exploring the story of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, along with stories from the Torah. It was fantastic to see so many children engaged and enthusiastically taking part, including dressing up.

Thursday saw both our A and B netball teams take part in the HDSSA Netball Tournament at Broxbourne Secondary School. The standard of play across all schools was extremely high, and combined with the beautiful weather, our players truly shone. Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, positivity and tenacity throughout the tournament. Even in challenging matches, they showed determination, enthusiasm and grace in defeat.

The A Team won 4 games and lost 3, finishing 4th out of 8 teams—just missing out on third place. The B Team also performed brilliantly, winning 3 games and losing 3, and likewise finished 4th. Another win would have secured them third place as well. The improvement in skills and teamwork since September has been fantastic—well done to all involved! Thank you to Mrs Faulkner for your training.

Today, our Year 3 and 4 children performed their Easter Play to the whole school. It was wonderful to see their confidence and talent on display, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed watching their peers perform so beautifully. This rehearsal was filmed for you to enjoy as well.

The TTRS competition continues to thrive, with Year 3 currently leading on 1,418 points, followed by Year 2 with 552 points. Congratulations to Alessio R for achieving 1st place in Year 3 and Alessio D for achieving 1st place in Year 2—well done to all!

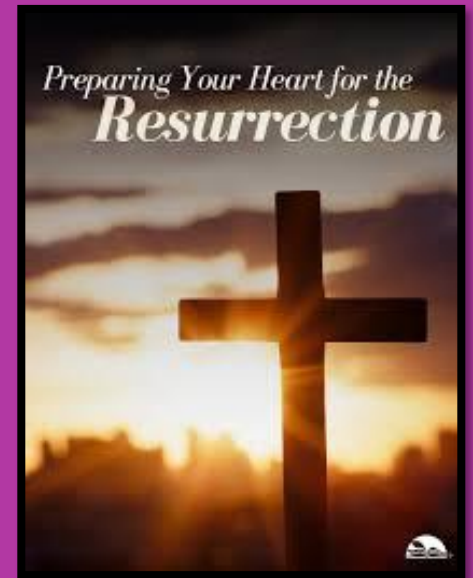
Today, your child will bring home their mid-year school report. We share this in the spring term, rather than at the end of the academic year, so that it can be a purposeful and useful document to help shape and guide the next steps in your child's learning. This report is not simply a reflection on past achievements; more importantly, it identifies clear next steps to ensure that the summer term is as productive and successful as possible for every child. We would also like to invite you to a Book Look next Wednesday from 3:15–4:00pm. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Enjoy the sunshine and have a great weekend. Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

John 11: 1-45



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4

Reception: 89.7%

Year 1: 98.9%

Year 2: 98.6%

Year 3: 94.5%

Year 4: 99.3%

Year 5: 95.3%

Year 6: 97.3%

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)

- 23rd Mar** Judaism Week
Reconciliation Year 5 1:30pm
- 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** Celebration Assembly 9am
School closes 1.30pm

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

- 13th Apr** Children return to school
- 16th Apr** Come and Read Reception - 2.45pm
- 20th – 24th Apr** Intra Hockey Tournament (Years 3 – 6)
- 20th Apr** Class Photos
SAPTA Healthy Eating Workshop
- 21st Apr** Year 4 Trip – Celtic Harmony
Father Julian visiting Yr5
- 23rd Apr** Year 5 Trip – Henry Moore Studios
Come and Read Year 1 - 2.45pm
- 28th Apr** Father Julian visiting Yr3
- 30th Apr** Come and Read Year 2 - 2.45pm
- 1st May** John Warner Football Tournament (Year 3 & 4)
- 3rd May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 5th – 6th May** SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
- 5th May** Father Julian visiting Yr2
- 10th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 11th – 14th May** SAT's Week (Year 6)
- 17th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 19th May** Father Julian visiting Yr1
- 20th May** Year 6 PGL Parent's Meeting 2.45pm
- 21st May** Come and Read Year 3 – 2.45pm

Happy Birthday!

- Year 1:** Blousey-Rose & Franciszek
- Year 2:** Fatima & Giorgia
- Year 3:** Evelina
- Year 6:** Daniel

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Bear
- Reception:** Mia
- Year 1:** Riccardo
- Year 2:** Lorenzo
- Year 3:** Max L
- Year 4:** Lukey
- Year 5:** Valentino
- Year 6:** Amelia

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Empty Kitchen Roll Tubes

Mrs Turner has asked for any empty kitchen roll tubes to be brought into school as Year 5 are doing a marble run project and would be grateful for any donations.



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