



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,

As we begin this new Summer Term, I invite you all to join me in joyfully singing our song of praise, for we truly are the "Easter people"! May the joy of the risen Lord ignite our hearts, so that the St. Augustine's family continues to illuminate God's presence in our world today!

We have started the term as we mean to continue – with no wasted minutes, never mind days! Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Johnson, and I met with all our teachers on Wednesday to discuss the progress of every child and how we can continue to move learning forward throughout the Summer Term. It was a highly productive meeting, reaffirming our shared commitment to ensuring that every pupil reaches their full potential.

The coming term is incredibly busy, with additional tournaments and inter-house events on the horizon. Please do keep an eye on key dates and the calendar on our website, as some arrangements may change when coordinating with other schools.

Our pupils look exceptionally smart in their Summer Uniform, and their behaviour at Mass was exemplary. Their singing was truly beautiful to hear. Fr Julian shared a powerful message—that God is very real and loves us, even though we cannot see Him with our eyes or touch Him with our hands. This resonates deeply with our Catholic values, and I hope it has given our pupils much to reflect upon.

Thank you to our Year 5 parents who joined us this week for the SPEC meeting—your involvement and support are invaluable to our school community.

Today, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Kateri Tekakwitha, and Year 5 have created something truly special. They have made wooden crosses for children to find hidden throughout the school grounds. St Kateri's final prayer, "Jesos Konoronkwa" ("Jesus, I love you"), is a beautifully simple message for our pupils. She encourages children to be brave, kind, and to trust in God in all things—what a wonderful inspiration for our school.

We warmly welcome baby Lena, sister of Florence in Nursery and baby Honey, sister of Bear. We are delighted to have them as part of our St Augustine's family.

Finally, thank you to all our Reception parents who supported our school on Thursday with "Come and Read." We had a fantastic response, and it was wonderful to see so many families engaged in this important activity.

Just a gentle reminder that the whole school will be having class photos on Monday. For PE, please ensure your child brings their PE kit in a bag to change into later.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 19th April 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:13-35

"We are the Easter people
and alleluia is our song."
St John Paul II



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception:	96.6%
Year 1:	98.9%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3:	87.0%
Year 4:	98.6%
Year 5:	98.3%
Year 6:	93.7%

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)

- 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 Year 5
- 23rd Apr** Year 5 Trip – Henry Moore Studios
Come and Read Year 1 - 2.45pm
- 28th Apr** Father Julian visiting Year 3
- 29th & 30th Apr** Spurs Football Workshops (Rec – Year 6) PE Kits to be worn on both days.
- 30th Apr** Come and Read Year 2 - 2.45pm
- 1st May** John Warner Football Tournament (Year 3 & 4)
Cricket Training (Y4 & 5)
- 3rd May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 5th – 6th May** SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
- 5th May** Father Julian visiting Year 2
- 6th May** Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (A Team)
- 10th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 11th – 14th May** SAT's Week (Year 6)
- 14th May** Ascension Mass 2pm (Whole School – St Augustine's Church, parents welcome)
- 15th May** Cricket Training (Year 4 & 5)
- 17th May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 19th May** Father Julian visiting Year 1
- 20th May** Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (B Team)
Year 6 PGL Parent's Meeting 2.45pm
- 21st May** Come and Read Year 3 – 2.45pm
- 25th – 29th May** Half Term Holidays – School closed
- 31st May – 3rd June** Year 6 PGL Trip
- 2nd Jun** Father Julian visiting Reception and Nursery
- 4th Jun** Sherede's Opera Year 5
Come and Read Year 4 – 2.45pm
- 5th Jun** Sports Day
- 8th – 12th Jun** Intra Football Tournament (Years 3-6)

Happy Birthday!

- Reception:** Francesco & Sienna F
- Year 3:** Harry S & Sienna-Lou
- Year 5:** Elizabeth

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

Gold Book Award

- Nursery:** Leo E
- Reception:** Lucia
- Year 1:** Gabrielus
- Year 2:** Teddy
- Year 3:** Esme
- Year 4:** Alexia
- Year 5:** Elizabeth
- Year 6:** Olivia

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