



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,

What a way to start the week! We were absolutely delighted to welcome Steel – Zack George – to St Augustine's Catholic Primary School. For those who may not be familiar with him, Zack is a CrossFit athlete who has featured on the cover of Men's Health magazine and was named one of the fittest in the UK in 2020.

Zack is passionate about inspiring others to believe that they too can make positive changes in their lives, no matter where they start from. His visit to our school focused on promoting healthier lifestyles, fitness, and resilience – values that are so important for our pupils to understand and embrace. The children and staff were thoroughly engaged and inspired by his presence and his message! It was wonderful to see them energised and motivated by someone who has achieved so much. I must extend our heartfelt thanks to our parents and SAPTA for organising this wonderful surprise visit. The fact that even the staff did not know it was happening made it all the more special!

This week, our Year 4 pupils embarked on an extraordinary journey back in time during our Boudicca Warrior Day at Celtic Harmony Camp. It was truly an immersive experience as the children explored what life was like during the Iron Age, when the fierce Iceni queen Boudicca led her remarkable rebellion against the Romans. The pupils were completely engaged throughout the day – they practised archery just as ancient warriors would have done, painted their faces blue using traditional Celtic styles to demonstrate strength and identity, and designed and tested shields to understand how they were used in battle formations. It was wonderful to see our Year 4 children so fully absorbed in their learning, bringing history to life in such a memorable way. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr White, Mrs Difato, Mrs Ferraro and Mrs Adamo for their support on the day.

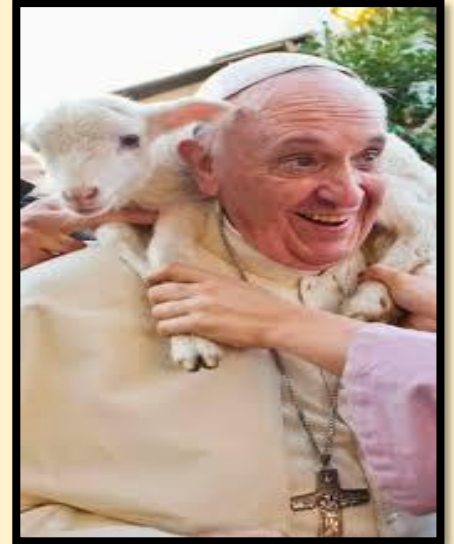
On Thursday, our Year 5 pupils had an absolutely wonderful trip to Henry Moore Studio and Gardens. What an awesome experience it was! The children were absolutely wonderful throughout, and they thoroughly enjoyed every single moment. Henry Moore Studio and Gardens is such a beautiful place to visit, and it provided the perfect setting for our pupils to engage with art and nature. As they were leaving, one of the staff members took the time to speak with Mrs Turner and shared that everyone who had come into contact with our pupils had spoken very highly of them. They were genuinely impressed with their behaviour and engagement, which made Mrs Turner incredibly proud. Thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Gulisano, Mrs Ferraro and Mrs Collins for supporting this enriching trip.

Across the week, our Year 3 to Year 6 pupils have also been competing in the Inter-house Hockey competition. Today saw the Finals with an exciting match between St Augustine's and St Albans. Congratulations to St Augustine's on their victory with two goals! A huge thank you to Mr White for giving up his lunchtime to support and organise this wonderful sporting event.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10: 1-10



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 3

Reception:	96.6%
Year 1:	96.4%
Year 2:	96.9%
Year 3:	100%
Year 4:	96.6%
Year 5:	97.7%
Year 6:	95.7%

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)

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)
4th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
5th – 6th May	SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
5th May	Father Julian visiting Year 2
6th May	Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (A Team)
8th May	Whole school walk to Barclay Park – Scavenger hunt to celebrate David Attenborough's 100 th Birthday (parents welcome to join)
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	Non-uniform day in support of World Mental Health (wear something yellow) 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 – 11am start
8th – 12th Jun	Intra Football Tournament (Years 3-6)
9th Jun	Year 2 Trip (Royal Gunpowder Mills)
10th Jun	Sponsored Toddle (Nursery & New Reception starters)

Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Elia

Reception: Theo

Year 2: Liam

Year 6: Alisia

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Arthur G

Reception: Maia

Year 1: Franciszek

Year 2: Freya

Year 3: Kian

Year 4: Julietta

Year 5: Aine-Mae

Year 6: Tiago

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Notices:

I would also like to inform you of some exciting dates coming up. On 8th May, we will be celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday. To mark his incredible work as the storyteller of our natural history and the natural world, the whole school will walk to Barclay Park after our Celebration Assembly for a scavenger hunt, collecting natural objects along the way. We will then return to school and later that day create a giant 100 on the playground using the items we have gathered. Parents are very welcome to join us on the walk – it promises to be a lovely community experience.

Our School Council and Year 6 pupils are also busy planning this year's Summer Fair, which will take place during school hours on Friday 26th June. To support this event, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th May. Rather than a monetary donation, we kindly ask that children bring in a packet of party bag toys suitable for Nursery through to Year 6, which will be used as prizes for the games at the fair. Thank you in advance for your support in making this event memorable for our children. We will also acknowledge World Mental Health Day – Please could your child wear an item of yellow on the 15th May and make a donation of £1 on Arbor. Thank you