



# St. Augustine's News

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

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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Dear Parents,

It has been another wonderful week,

First, I must extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Oleksiak for her generous donation of colouring-in packs and pencils. This thoughtful gift will bring joy to our pupils across wraparound care, and both our nursery and reception classes.

We were also delighted to welcome Spurs Next Generation to St Augustine's this week. The energy and enthusiasm from both our pupils and staff during their two-day visit was infectious. Our children learnt new skills and football drills from the coach, and it was wonderful to see them so engaged and eager to develop their abilities. Experiences like these help us nurture well-rounded individuals who are confident and resilient.

I would like to offer a special congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 4 football team, who competed in a tournament at John Warner today against a number of local primary schools. Both teams came in 5<sup>th</sup> place! Mr White and Mrs Difato were incredibly proud of not only the skills our pupils displayed on the pitch, but also their behaviour and conduct throughout the day. Thank you to Mr White and Mrs Difato for accompanying the team and supporting them so well.

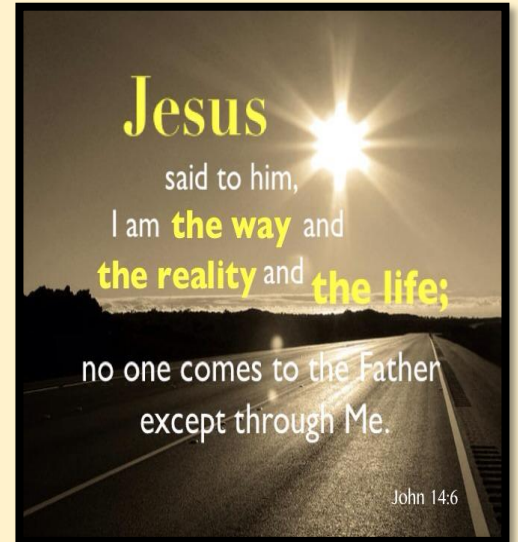
This weekend marks a particularly special occasion for our school community. We celebrate the First Holy Communions of some of our pupils. This is a meaningful milestone in their faith, and through taking part in Communion, our children express their belief in Jesus Christ and all that His Church teaches. I would like to offer my warmest wishes and prayers to Adeo, Charlie, Esme, Harry H, Harry S, Henry, Jake, Lily, Luca, Luna, Max L, Ronnie, Vienna and William as they take this important step. May the truth of God's word grow strong in your hearts, and may the love of Jesus fill your lives now and always. I encourage our entire school family to keep these children in your prayers as they celebrate this sacred occasion.

As we move forward, I wish Year 5, along with Mrs Turner and Mrs Blackwell, all the very best as they head off to SPEC for their two day residential on Tuesday. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful memories and learning experiences they will gain.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the extra-long weekend ahead. It is a well-deserved rest for our pupils and staff.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
John 14:1-12



## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 4 & 5

Reception:	97.6%
Year 1:	98.2%
Year 2:	98.6%
Year 3:	97.0%
Year 4:	99.3%
Year 5:	99.3%
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.

## May, the month of Mary

May is the month dedicated to our Lady and in school we mark this in a number of ways.

'From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God'. St John Paul II

### Key Dates:

Please see our website [calendar](#) (dates subject to change)

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closed – Bank Holiday</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SPEC Residential Trip (Year 5)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 2
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (A Team)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Whole school walk to Barclay Park – Scavenger hunt to celebrate David Attenborough's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (parents welcome to join)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SAT's Week (Year 6)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Ascension Mass 2pm (Whole School – St Augustine's Church, parents welcome)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Non-uniform day in support of World Mental Health (wear something yellow) Cricket Training (Year 4 & 5)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 1
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (B Team) Year 6 PGL Parent's Meeting - 2.45pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Come and Read Year 3 – 2.45pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term Holidays – School closed</b>	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 6 PGL Trip
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Jun</b>	Father Julian visiting Reception and Nursery
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Sherede's Opera Year 5 Come and Read Year 4 – 2.45pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Sports Day – 11am start
<b>8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Intra Football Tournament (Years 3-6)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 2 Trip (Royal Gunpowder Mills)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Sponsored Toddle (Nursery & New Reception starters)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 5 Sherede's Opera
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 1 Trip (Barclay Park)

### Trust Charity week- St Mary's Meals

In total, all the schools in the Academy raised £6,938.00 for Mary's Meals.

This money will feed 362 children for a Year. Thank you so much for your support.

### Happy Birthday!

**Reception:** Amira

**Year 3:** Joseph & Kian

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

### Gold Book Award

**Nursery:** Noella

**Reception:** Victory

**Year 1:** Tommy

**Year 2:** Freddie

**Year 3:** Faithful

**Year 4:** Ben

**Year 5:** Ibrahim

**Year 6:** Pietro

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### Notices:

I would also like to inform you of some exciting dates coming up. On 8<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> June. To support this event, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May and make a donation of £1 on Arbor. Thank you