



# 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,

On Wednesday, our Year 5 pupils returned from their residential at SPEC, bringing back an infectious sense of energy. It was a delight to hear how polite, engaged, and enthusiastic they were throughout the trip. Their behaviour and positive attitudes were exemplary. Chloe said, "I really enjoyed SPEC and I felt safe and secure, and the chapel was beautiful. *John: When we were at SPEC it made me feel calm and happy. I felt happy in the chapel and really enjoyed going in the forest. Emma: The thing that I liked about SPEC is when I went to Mass it made me feel calm when I reflected on Jesus. I felt safe. Constance: I recommend to the Year 4's as it is a really good experience to go to the chapel and pray and learn all about the Rosary.* Well done also to the children who remained at school — you worked hard and represented the school brilliantly. Thank you. A very big thank you to Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Turner for all of your support during the residential trip.

Today, Friday 8th May, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday in a special way. All of our children walked to Barclay Park for a scavenger hunt, collecting natural treasures to create a giant "100" in his honour. It was magical to see the children so engaged with the wonders of the park — exploring the natural world around them while celebrating a man who has dedicated his life to helping us understand, appreciate, and protect our planet. Happy 100th Birthday, Sir David Attenborough, and thank you for bringing the beauty of the natural world into all of our lives. A huge thank you also goes to all of our staff and parent helpers who made this event possible — your support really does make a difference.

I would also like to celebrate the Year 6 Girls Football Team, who competed in their tournament on Wednesday. Mr. White was proud of their resilience and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. They finished 6th out of the local primary schools, which is a great achievement. Well done, girls!

This weekend, we also celebrate with Isabel, Joseph and Faithful, who will receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to you all. 'May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you every day as you continue your faith journey'

As we move into next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. They have worked tremendously hard alongside our staff, and we want to assure them and you that they are well prepared. Please enjoy the weekend and look forward to us serving you breakfast on Monday — a small gesture to show our support. I want to remind our Year 6 pupils: "You are God's finest work of art and no score can change that. We are so proud of you."

A quick reminder to parents — please encourage your child to disembark from their scooter once they enter the school gates. Unfortunately, some staff cars have been damaged in the car park, and we want to keep everyone safe.

Finally, following the last SATs paper on Thursday, we will be gathering together for our Ascension Mass.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
John 14:15-21



## Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 1 & 4

Reception:	95.9%
Year 1:	98.6%
Year 2:	96.2%
Year 3:	97.3%
Year 4:	98.6%
Year 5:	96.3%
Year 6:	97.0%

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)

- 10<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** SAT's Week (Year 6)
- 14<sup>th</sup> May** Ascension Mass 2pm (Whole School – St Augustine's Church, parents welcome)
- 15<sup>th</sup> May** Non-uniform day in support of World Mental Health (wear something yellow)  
Cricket Training (Year 4 & 5)
- 17<sup>th</sup> May** First Holy Communions (St Augustine's Church)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May** Intra Football Tournament (Years 3-6)
- 19<sup>th</sup> May** Father Julian visiting Year 1
- 20<sup>th</sup> May** Cranbourne Girls Football Tournament (B Team)  
Year 6 PGL Parent's Meeting - 2.45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May** Come and Read Year 3 – 2.45pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May** Half Term Holidays – School closed
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Year 6 PGL Trip
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun** Father Julian visiting Reception and Nursery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun** St Mary's Speak out challenge
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jun** Sherede's Opera Year 5  
Come and Read Year 4 – 2.45pm  
Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jun** Sports Day – 11am start
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jun** Year 2 Trip (Royal Gunpowder Mills)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jun** Sponsored Toddle (Nursery & New Reception starters)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jun** Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jun** Year 5 Sherede's Opera
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jun** Year 1 Trip (Barclay Park)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jun** Father Julian visiting Year 6
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jun** Come and Read Reception - 2.45pm  
Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jun** St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament  
SAPTA Father's Day Sale
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun** Father Julian visiting Year 4
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jun** Reception Trip to Lea Valley Farm  
Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jun** School Fair

### Happy Birthday!

**Year 3: Alessio**

**Year 4: Valentina CA & Liana**

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

### Gold Book Award

**Nursery: Leon**

**Reception: Amira**

**Year 1: George**

**Year 2: Samuel**

**Year 3: Joseph**

**Year 4: Valentina C**

**Year 5: Nana**

**Year 6: Leo**

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

### Notices:

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 15<sup>th</sup> May and make a donation of £1 on Arbor. Thank you

