



# St. Augustine's News

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

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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Dear Parents,

What a busy and wonderful week -there is so much to celebrate and share.

This week our Year 6 children completed their Key Stage 2 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare for their tests and we are genuinely pleased that they have tried their very best this week. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Year 6 staff team for their exceptional support in preparing the children. They have ensured that our pupils have been motivated to achieve personal excellence whilst always retaining a sense of perspective – which is so important. We look forward to sharing the pupils' results with year 6 parents after the 7th July. I would also like to thank the rest of the school community for being so considerate during the test process – your support has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Father Julian for leading Ascension Mass and for speaking to the children about the importance of this feast day for Catholics and what the Ascension means for us in our lives today. The Mass was made even more special as some of our Year 3 children received Holy Communion alongside their classmates for the first time – it was a lovely moment for everyone to share.

This week, Year 2, 3 and 4 have taken part in an exciting times table competition, with an impressive 67 children out of 88 participating. The class scores were outstanding: Year 2 achieved 25,423, Year 3 reached 42,250, and Year 4 scored 49,104, with a total of 116,777 correct answers across the three year groups. We would like to give special mention to our star players: Samuel M in Year 2 with 9,068 points, Max L in Year 3 with 20,590 points, and Luigi in Year 4 with 25,416 points. We are so proud of all of you – well done!

Thank you to everyone who dressed in yellow this week to acknowledge Mental Health Awareness Week, with the theme of Take Action. Together we have raised £97 for HABs, a local charity who work closely with the school to support our families in need of someone to talk with. The donation tab on Arbour will remain open this weekend if you would like to contribute further.

Finally, thank you for the overwhelming response to the School Council's and Year 6's appeal for Summer Fair prizes. Your support has been fantastic and truly appreciated.

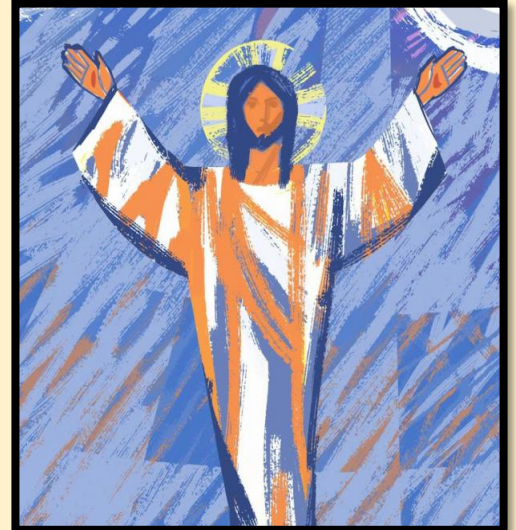
To the children making their Holy Communion this last weekend – Alessio I, Alessio R, Dario, Devon, Enrico, Evelina, Kian, Luca, Max T and Sienna-Lou – may you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Joanne Walsh**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**John 17:1-11**



## Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Reception*

**Reception: 99.1%**

**Year 1: 92.9%**

**Year 2: 94.0%**

**Year 3: 85.8%**

**Year 4: 97.8%**

**Year 5: 97.9%**

**Year 6: 95.0%**

**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)

- 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Round auditions for Talent Show (no parents)
- 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** Sheredes Opera Performance 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)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Round auditions for Talent Show (no parents)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jun** Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jun** Year 5 Sheredes Opera Performance
- 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
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jun** Talent Show Final (parents of children performing and  
choir parents invited, 2 parents per child)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jun** Reception Trip to Lea Valley Farm  
Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming  
Come and Read Year 1 – 2.45pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jun** School Fair
- 1<sup>st</sup> July** Rock Steady Concert – 2.15pm (Wednesday students –  
2 parents only per child)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming  
Rock Steady Concert – 2.15pm (Thursday students – 2  
parents only per child)

### Happy Birthday!

**Year 5:** Aine-Mae

**Year 4:** Evelyn & Sofia-Mia

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

### Gold Book Award

**Nursery:** Leo D

**Reception:** Francesca

**Year 1:** Dionisis

**Year 2:** Dogu

**Year 3:** Harry S

**Year 4:** Sienna E

**Year 5:** Edoardo

**Year 6:** Charlie

*Congratulations on your effort this  
week!*

### Aspens Theme Day 21<sup>st</sup> May

Please be advised that on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Aspens lunch menu has changed (copy attached). Any previous orders made for this day have been cancelled so you will need to book again. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### Talent Show Dates

Please note the following dates:

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> Round Auditions

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Auditions

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June – Talent Show Final with a special performance from the Choir (2 parents per child invited if your child is performing in show or in the choir.)

Please see Mr White if you would like to take part.

