



# 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 very busy term we have had! Today, our Year 3 children participated in the traditional May Procession, a truly special occasion in our Catholic calendar. Francesca, the youngest member of our Reception Class, crowned Mary. All the children behaved beautifully throughout and sang so well. I was particularly impressed by those children who led each station—they were articulate and clear in their contributions. The rest of the school placed flowers at each station, which will be delivered later to the sick and to our local nursing homes. This is such a meaningful way for our pupils to show care and compassion to those in our community. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported this event, whether through providing flowers or helping with the walking bus.

I would also like to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our Year 5 girls' football team. They thoroughly enjoyed playing in the tournament and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. The girls came second and have brought home a trophy for St Augustine's—a wonderful accomplishment. Thank you to Mr White for his support and dedication to the team.

In our intrahouse football competition this week, St Catherine won against St George with a score of one nil. The standard of play and defending was great, and well done to St Catherine on a great performance. Thank you to Mr White for giving his time to support this competition.

Looking ahead, Year 6 will be embarking on their residential trip to Lincoln PGL on Sunday the 31st May. This is a wonderful time away for the children, building resilience and teamwork through a range of activities. I will be joining Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Turner to support the pupils during this experience. Please note that Thursday will be a day off for Year 6 following their return from the trip. The week will culminate in our Sports Day, which we are all looking forward to. I would like to thank Mrs. Falkner, who will step in to support Year 5 alongside Mrs. Guilisano and Mrs. Rudd during this time.

On a staffing note, Mrs Difato will be leaving St Augustine's Catholic Primary School on 12th June 2026. Nina has been a valued member of our team for many years, joining us as a Midday Supervisor Assistant in November 2011 and transitioning to the role of Learning Support Assistant. We wish her every success in her new role.

Finally, may I remind parents to be mindful when parking at the school gates and to avoid parking across our local residents' driveways.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Happy half term.

*Mrs Joanne Walsh*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Eighth Sunday of Easter**  
**Pentecost**



## Attendance Award

*Congratulations to Reception*

Reception:	95.2%
Year 1:	91.8%
Year 2:	98.6%
Year 3:	87.3%
Year 4:	95.9%
Year 5:	86.3%
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.

### Key Dates:

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

### 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term Holidays – School closed

<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>3<sup>rd</sup> Jun</b>	St Mary's Speak out challenge
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Sheredes Opera Performance Year 5 Come and Read Year 4 – 2.45pm Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Sports Day – 11am start
<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) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round auditions for Talent Show (no parents)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 5 Sheredes Opera Performance
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Year 1 Trip (Barclay Park)
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 6
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Come and Read Reception - 2.45pm Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming SAPTA Father's Day Sale
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	St Mary's Football & Netball Tournament
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Jun</b>	Father Julian visiting Year 4
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Talent Show Final (parents of children performing and choir parents invited, 2 parents per child)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	Reception Trip to Lea Valley Farm Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming Come and Read Year 1 – 2.45pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	School Fair
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Rock Steady Concert – 2.15pm (Wednesday students – 2 parents only per child)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming Rock Steady Concert – 2.15pm (Thursday students – 2 parents only per child)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Chaplaincy Retreat – Aylesford Priory
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Consultations – 1pm – 7pm (in-person and online)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	District Sports Years 3 – 6 at John Warner Sports Centre
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Play 2pm & 6pm
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Day

### Happy Birthday!

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Ennio</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Maria</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Sienna C &amp; Gabrielius</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Max T</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Darcey</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Louis</b>

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

### Gold Book Award

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Vinnie</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Ronnie J</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Azzura</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Juras</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Luca</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Rocco M</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Frankie</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Louis</b>

*Congratulations on your effort this week!*

