



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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Executive Head Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully busy—and very hot—week we have had as we approach the penultimate week of the academic year! On Monday morning, Fr Julian joined Mrs Faulkner to interview children who had applied to become members of our Chaplaincy Team. We were delighted to receive so many applications, demonstrating the children's enthusiasm to serve others and deepen the Catholic life of our school. The successful applicants will receive their letters today. We look forward to seeing them embrace this important ministry and help nurture the faith of our school community.

I hope you found your child's end-of-year report and Parents' Evening appointment both informative and rewarding. It is always a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps.

On Tuesday, our School Executive Advisor spent the day working alongside me. Once again, he commented on the children's excellent attitudes to learning, their kindness towards one another and the positive atmosphere throughout the school. We also identified several areas for further development next year as we continue our journey of improvement. This work has now been shared with Mr. Maloney to support a smooth transition. I hope many of you enjoyed meeting him at the school gate on Tuesday afternoon. Mr Maloney spoke warmly about the school and reassured me that the many events and opportunities our children enjoy will continue, building on the excellent work of our dedicated staff.

Also on Tuesday, children from Years 3 to 6 proudly represented St Augustine's at the annual District Sports competition, competing against nine other local primary schools in a range of track and field events. Our children demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience, sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Every member of the team showcased the benefits of their hard work and commitment during training, producing some excellent athletic performances. With St Augustine's pupils competing in nearly every final, and several children achieving first place in their respective events, there was a growing sense that the team had performed well. The excitement was palpable as St Augustine's was declared District Sports runners-up—our highest team finish for many years. Congratulations to every member of the team on this superb achievement. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support and encourage the children throughout the event. Your encouragement made a real difference. Thank you to Mrs Faulkner, Mr White, Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Solazzo for their support, encouragement and organisation throughout the day.

This week, our Year 6 children also delighted audiences with their production of ***Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits***, a lively and humorous musical inspired by the classic *Arabian Nights* tale. The children delivered their lines confidently, sang with great enthusiasm and entertained us all with their energy and commitment. We are incredibly proud of every one of them. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Rudd and Miss Clark for their dedication in preparing the children and supporting them to deliver such a memorable performance.

On Thursday, Year 6 visited their secondary schools as part of their transition programme, while the rest of the school enjoyed spending time with their new class teacher and learning support assistant. It was wonderful to see the excitement across the school as the children settled into their new classrooms, worked together and shared talents and interests with the staff who will be teaching them in September.

I wish you and your families a peaceful and restful weekend.
God bless.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)
Sunday 12th July 2026**



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.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception: 96.21%

Year 1: 95.36%

Year 2: 99.31%

Year 3: 98.67%

Year 4: 95.86%

Year 5: 98.67%

Year 6: 97.67%

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/>

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Crew

Year 3: Harry

Year 4: Jimmy & Aaron

Year 6: Elia

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

Gold Book Award

Nursery: Grace

Reception: Reo

Year 1: George

Year 2: Ace

Year 3: Lily

Year 4: Lukey

Year 5: Darcey

Year 6: Alisia

Congratulations on your effort this week!

Key Dates:

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

13th July Reception school trip- Lee Valley Adventure Park

14th July Summer Reading Challenge

15th July Leavers Mass 9:15am
Leavers Assembly 2:00pm (Year 6 Parents)

16th July Years 3 & Years 4 – 6 Catch-up Swimming
Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic 9:30-10:30

17th July School closes 1:30pm

Monday 20th July- Monday 31st August –Summer holidays

1st Sep INSET DAY

2nd Sep Children return to school

14th Sep Year 6 Crucial crew trip (Current year 5)

22nd Sep Individual school photos

28th Sep Flu immunisations

28th Sep-2nd Oct Year 6 Bikeability (Current year 5)

Lost Property

Unnamed lost property will be out on the bench every day next week at pick up time. Please have a good look through anything not claimed will be recycled over the summer.

Free School Meals

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received.

All pupils who are eligible for FSM in Year 2 must reapply when moving into Year 3.

There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving Free School Meals to re-apply.

Applications for the new school year can be made now.

Please see attached letter for further details and link to apply.

Families Feeling

Safe Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

BROXBOURNE
starting
September 2026

A FREE course for Mums, Dads, and Carers of children 5-19yrs



Friday mornings
9.30am–11.30am
18 Sept–20 Nov 2026
(excluding half term)

At
Wormley School Community Room
Cozens Lane East,
Broxbourne, EN10 6QA

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Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This 9 week fully-funded term time course can help you to:

- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe

For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please use this link or the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/xx8X4pUc4>
or email: enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk



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