



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,

The final academic week has certainly flown by and has been filled with many memorable moments. Our School Council, alongside Year 6, did a fantastic job organising our Summer Fair. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as the children moved from stall to stall, enjoying the wide variety of games and activities on offer. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a tremendous success.

Earlier in the week, our Reception class enjoyed a wonderful visit to Lea Valley. The children were delighted to feed the goats, meet the pigs and explore the farm. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were a joy to witness, and the visit provided a wealth of valuable learning experiences that will stay with them for a long time.

I would also like to celebrate the creativity and imagination our children have shown this week. Mrs Turner organised a special day to mark the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures*. Throughout the day, the children designed and created beautiful, imaginative masks inspired by the celebration. The day culminated in a wonderful Masquerade Ball on Thursday afternoon, where the children proudly showcased their creations and thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. It was a fitting celebration of creativity, community and the wonder of God's creation.

This week, we also celebrated our Year 6 Leavers' Mass – a particularly poignant occasion. The children sang beautifully, conducted themselves with great reverence, and it was a privilege to witness them receive their blessing. Through the prayers, readings and words of encouragement, they were reminded that they leave St Augustine's carrying with them the friendships, memories and values they have nurtured during their time with us. Later that day, our Year 6 pupils delighted us with their Leavers' Assembly. Through songs, reflections and treasured memories, they shared the many experiences that have shaped their journey at St Augustine's. Their confidence, humour and gratitude shone through, making it a fitting celebration of their time in primary school. During the assembly, we were also proud to present our special award. The St Francis of Assisi Award was presented to Matilda in recognition of her kindness, care for others, love of creation, and the Christian values she demonstrates each day. Congratulations, Tilly!

Before we break for the summer holidays, I would like to remind parents that you will have received a letter this week from our new catering company with instructions on setting up your account. Please keep this email safe, as you will need it to select your child's lunches when we return to school in September.

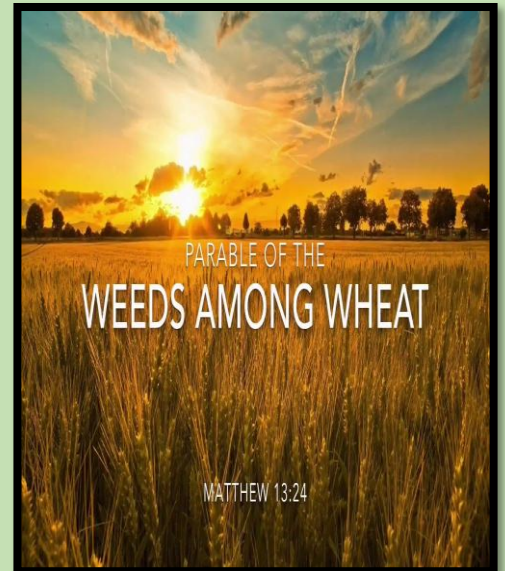
Finally, I would like to thank all our parents and families for the kindness, encouragement and support you have shown throughout my time here. When people ask me what I will miss most, they often expect me to say the Christmas performances, Sports Days or the many wonderful events that have filled our school calendar. Of course, I will treasure those memories. But what I know I will miss most are the ordinary days—the smiles, the conversations, and standing at the school gate each morning to welcome the children as they arrive. Those simple moments have always reminded me why this vocation is so special. It has been a privilege to serve the children, families and staff of St Augustine's, and I will always cherish the memories we have created together.

I wish you all a restful, happy and safe summer with your family and friends. Mr Maloney and the staff look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at St Augustine's.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)

Sunday 19th July 2026
Matthew 13:24-43



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/>

100% Attendance

Tiago Year 6

Elena Year 5

Matteo Year 4

Alex Year 3

Ava Nursery

Elia Nursery

Key Dates:

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

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

1st Sep	INSET DAY
2nd Sep	Children return to school
8th Sep	Start of year Mass 9:15am (Parents Welcome)
9th Sep	Parents curriculum evening (6:00pm-7:00pm)
10th Sep	Reception come and read with me 2:45pm
14th Sep	Year 6 Crucial crew trip (Current year 5)
16th Sep	Year 6 Mass 9:15am
22nd Sep	Individual school photos
24th Sep	Year 1 come and read with me 2:45pm
25th Sep	Reception Tie ceremony 9:15am (Reception parents welcome)
28th Sep	Flu immunisations

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

1st Oct	Black History Month Chaplaincy team welcome St Joseph's Bishop Stortford 10:00am
5th Oct	St Francis of Assisi Feast day celebration and Mass
7th Oct	Year 4 Mass 9:15am
8th Oct	Year 2 come and read with me 2:45pm
10th Oct	World Mental Health Day
21st Oct	Year 3 come and read with me 2:45pm

Monday 26th October – Tuesday 5th November Half Term

Happy Birthday!

Nursery: Adele, Vinnie, Harriet, Leo, Amelia, Ariella & Nelly-Mae

Reception: Bleu, Gabriella, Victory & Francesca

Year 1: Archie & Sienna A

Year 2: Josephine

Year 3: Esme, Alessio, Luca, William, Alex, Devon, Isabel

Year 4: Lukey & Luca

Year 5: Honey-Mae, Alessia & Constance

Year 6: Dakota, Charlie, Olivia

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

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.