



St. Augustine's Newsletter

'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 Mr Martin
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have now been at St Augustine's for a little over a month, and I wanted to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the whole St Augustine's community. I have been blown away by the warm welcome and support I have received from everybody, and I am very grateful for how warmly I have been welcomed into the school.

I am beginning to get to know the routines and daily life of the school, and I am really enjoying working alongside the wonderful pupils at St Augustine's. This is a very special school community, and I look forward to continuing to work with and support the school over the coming months.

*This week, we have been reflecting on the values and example of **St Francis of Assisi**, as we approach the 800th anniversary on Sunday 4th October. The children have been preparing for this special occasion and have been thinking about St Francis' love for God, his care for others and his deep respect for creation. St Francis reminds us of the importance of living simply, caring for our world and, most importantly, recognising the dignity and value of every person. These are values that we continue to encourage within our school community as we strive to follow Christ's example and love our neighbours.*

Kind regards,

Mr Martin Maloney



Key Dates:

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

6 th Oct	Father Julian visiting Year 4
7 th Oct	Boys and Girls football trials
8 th Oct	Year 2 come and read with me 2:45pm
10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
21 st Oct	Year 5 Mass 9:15am Parents evening 3:00-7:00pm
22 nd Oct	Year 3 come and read with me 2:45pm
Monday 26th October – Tuesday 5th November Half Term	
7 th Nov	Year 4 come and read with me 2:45pm
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
13 th Nov	Year 5 & 6 Netball and Football Tournament at John Warner
16 th Nov	Flu immunisations mop up session
18 th Nov	Year 3 Mass (Parents welcome)

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**): **Mr. Maloney, 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 Week 4

Congratulations to Year 3

Reception:	97.67%
Year 1:	96.55%
Year 2:	92.41%
Year 3:	98.67%
Year 4:	98.71%
Year 5:	98.33%
Year 6:	98%

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/>

CLASS NEWS

The children have made a fantastic start to their time in Nursery! They are becoming increasingly confident with our daily routines and are beginning to understand our class expectations. It has been lovely to see them settling in, making new friendships and developing relationships with the adults around them. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know each child and watching their unique personalities begin to shine!

Mrs Smitham



Reception have been learning about how God made each and every one of us special and unique. Using our Oracy skills, we talked about the different features that make us who we are, such as our hair, eyes, skin and smiles. The children enjoyed creating their own self-portraits and carefully describing their features. We have been reminded that God made us wonderfully unique, and that we should celebrate and appreciate the special qualities that make each of us different.

Mrs Blackwell



This half term in Religious Education, our topic has been about Creation and Covenant. We have been learning all about the days of creation and made our own paper plate wheels to show each day. We have thought about the Covenant and promise God made, linking this to this half term's Catholic Social Teaching about Care for Creation as well as how they relate to our four new school values of Trust, Friendship, Respect and Perseverance. Our Religious Education display board and prayer table are full of our work and learning, as a real focal point in our classroom.

Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Caparelli



Year 2 have been having lots of fun getting creative as they designed, made and painted their very own animal sculptures! The children carefully planned their ideas before using clay and paint to bring their animals to life. Their wonderful sculptures show lots of creativity and imagination.

Mrs Isolda



In Year 3 we have prepared for the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux by hearing about her life and discussing her message that we can show God's love in small ways.

Using tissue paper, we have made flowers to share with our family, to show our gratitude for their service to us and made with care to share her message of love.

Mrs Hayward



Year 4 have had some fantastic learning opportunities so far! In Science, we have explored the animal kingdom, learning how to identify and classify different vertebrates and invertebrates. In English, we became authors and wrote our own exciting adventure stories, inspired by the explorer Arthur and his incredible journeys. In Music, we have been developing our musical skills by learning how to read and write musical notation and performing pieces on the glockenspiel as part of our *Ancient China* topic.

Mr White



Year 5 have had a very busy start to the year and have already achieved so much. We have been working hard in English, developing our writing through our work on imaginary creatures and non-chronological reports, while in Maths we have tackled place value, rounding and negative numbers. We have also enjoyed our wider curriculum, including learning about St Francis of Assisi in RE. As well as our learning, we are really focusing on becoming responsible Year 5 role models by listening carefully, joining in, persevering when things are tricky and taking pride in our work. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come.

Mrs Turner

Year 6 have had an exciting month, including a trip to Crucial Crew, where we learnt from the emergency services how to stay safe and become responsible members of society. We have also taken part in Bikeability and explored World War II in History, with a particular highlight being baking delicious rock cakes as part of our learning about wartime rationing.

Mrs Baldwin

Gold Book



Congratulations to these children who all made it into the gold book this month:

Nursery: Clara, Zara & Luca B
 Reception: Renz, Lucy & Sofia
 Year 1: Bleu, Mia & Reo
 Year 2: Darragh, Aditi & Hugo
 Year 3: Juras, Teddy & Mia
 Year 4: Alessio R, Rafael & Enrico
 Year 5: Olivia-Rose, Aaron & Georgia
 Year 6: Ibrahim, Darcey & Honey-Mae

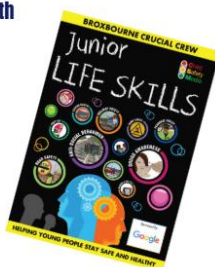
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Crucial Crew

2026-27



On Monday 14th September our year 6 children headed off to Cheshunt Football Club to take part in the Crucial Crew workshop. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at year 6 children. It has been designed to provide children with life skills that will, in the future help to keep themselves and others safe. Our children had a fantastic time and all recieved a book to remind them of the skills they had learnt. Thank you Crucial Crew.



Year 6

Reception Tie Ceremony

2026-27

On Friday 25th September the children filled St Augustine's church with the most beautiful singing. Welcoming the new Reception children to start their journey within the St Augustine's school. A huge thank you to the year 6 children who presented their buddies to collect their tie's.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" Lao Tzu



REMINDER

Reception

Come and Read with me

2026-27

On Thursday 10th September and Thursday 24th September we invited parents to come and read with their children. It was so lovely to see everyone and the children enjoyed being able to show their parents their classrooms and sit down to read a book.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." Garrison Keillor



At St. Augustine's we are dedicated to nurturing our pupils' spiritual, emotional and personal growth.

To give our children further opportunities at break and lunch times in prayer, we have plans to develop the outdoor prayer area space and building.

This will provide a tranquil, serene and open-air space where children are able to pray, sit quietly, reflect or find a moment of calm during a busy school day.



We are kindly requesting for your generous support and donations of garden and prayer items such as:



These may be your own already used items or if you wish, items purchased new.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in advance.

Reception and Year 1