



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

Diary Dates

*Important updates in purple

Monday 15th January

EYFS open morning @9:15am

Deadline for Reception 2023 Admissions:
15th January 2024 for both school SIF
and Herts County Council online
application.

Wednesday 17th January

Year 3 Class assembly @2:30pm

Monday 22nd January

EYFS open morning @9:15am- Nursery only

Thursday 25th January

Early Writing and Phonics parent workshop
@2:30pm

Monday 29th January

EYFS open morning @9:15am- Nursery only

Monday 5th February

EYFS open morning @9:15am- Nursery only

Wednesday 7th February

Year 4 class assembly @2:45

Friday 9th February

Parent Forum meeting @2pm

SAPTA Valentines disco TBC

Friday 16th February

End of half term finish @3:15pm

SAPTA Non uniform for Rainbow Raffle

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February HALF TERM

Monday 26th February

Pupils return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had, with the children settling back in to the routines of school. This week has been a busy one with our EYFS open morning, a Kingswood information session, a visit from Sir Charles Walker and a very important staffing update.

Staffing update

Mrs Gillian Napier is retiring from her position as Headteacher at the end of the summer term 2024. Mrs Napier will be missed by all. The school has thrived under her leadership, and she has always prioritised the provision of an excellent quality of education for all pupils. I'm sure we will all extend our very best wishes to Mrs Napier for a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

Norah Flatley

Chair of Governors

Full letter: [Staffing Update From Chair of Governors 12.1.24.pdf](#)

School Council:

Today Sir Charles Walker came to visit School Council. The School Council thoroughly enjoyed his visit and spent time asking him questions about his time being an MP in Broxbourne. He was really impressed with our questioning skills and how the children behaved. The children learnt all about his early childhood, time in school, his time in Parliament and about him being knighted by King Charles III (when he was the Prince).



Curriculum Overview

As part of developing our children's Cultural Capital, curriculum overviews were sent to you for the Spring Term. If you haven't had chance to look please click the link below. Feel free to research some of the topics with your child and look at some of the places you could visit with your child based on what they will be learning in class.

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/curriculum>

SAPTA Volunteers

Please consider becoming a member of SPATA. It is rewarding, or you can volunteer for one event over the year; Choose a term and let SAPTA know. To find out more or register your interest please email st.augustinesptahoddesdon@gmail.com, or talk to one of our friendly SAPTA team.

Cold Weather

With expected cold weather next week make sure your child/children as the following items each day: coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please make sure all of these items are named.

Please see the Emergency Closure Plan below-

[N:\Parent Letter Emergency Closure Procedures.pdf](#)



Stars of the Week

Reception - Eoin

Year 1 - Luna

Year 2 - Julietta

Year 3 - Edoardo

Year 4 - Oliver

Year 5 - Ellis

Year 6 - Renee

Our Stars of the Week are chosen for their conscientious effort and hard work throughout this week as well as exemplary behaviour.



New start

Reception	We are excited for the start of the new year in Reception.
Year 1	We thank God for our new start and a new time to shine.
Year 2	God gives us a new start every day.
Year 3	The year 2024 is a new start for us.
Year 4	Each year, we are blessed with the opportunity of a new start.
Year 5	The children in Year 5 have made a great new start to the new year 2024.
Year 6	A new year is a time for a new start.



Our Subject Learning This Week

Reception	In Italian we have been practicing our numbers.
Year 1	In Literacy we have been looking at the text 'Stanley's Stick' and developing our writing.
Year 2	In Maths this week, we have started to look at how we can represent data in tally charts.
Year 3	In Science, we have started our new topic of Light.
Year 4	In Geography, we started our new topic, Somewhere to Settle, learning what a settlement is and what human beings need to survive.
Year 5	In PE, the children really enjoyed their dance lesson.
Year 6	In Music, we are really enjoying our new topic of a New Year Carol.



Nursery Places Available

Our Nursery applications are decided entirely by us and we are OPEN for applications immediately, so do contact our office on phone 01992 463549 or email address admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk Our details and further information can also be found on our website <https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines>, which will give you an excellent flavour of our wonderful school and community. You are all welcome. Parents, please put out the word.

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Deadline for Nursery 2023 Admissions: 25th February 2024 for school SIF only.

HOCKEY IN THE COMMUNITY

St Edmund's College & Prep and Bishop's Stortford Hockey Club are pleased to introduce our community hockey programme for 2024.

£3
per session

For boys and girls of all abilities!

Every Friday starting on 19th January

Year 2-4 5pm-6pm
Year 5-8 6pm-7pm

St Edmund's College, Ware, SG11 1DS
Led by professional Bishop's Stortford Hockey coaches.

To book or for more information, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

**God Bless,
Mrs Napier
HEADTEACHER**

REMEMBER

when you leave this earth,
you can take with you
nothing that you have received,
only what you have given:
a full heart,
enriched by honest service,
love, sacrifice, and courage.

St. Francis of Assisi

