



# St. Augustine's Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

*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 12<sup>th</sup> February

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm-  
Year 1

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Shrove Tuesday Pancake races

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday Mass Y3-Y6  
Parents Welcome

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

End of half term finish @3:15pm  
SAPTA Non uniform day for  
Rainbow Raffle

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**HALF TERM**

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Pupils return to school at 8:40am  
Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm-  
Year 2

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 5 Class assembly @2:45pm

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Reading for Pleasure 2:45-3:05pm  
Year 3

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 & 6 Hoddesdon District  
Sports Football tournament



### Stars of the Week

Reception - John

Year 1 - Lily

Year 2 - Christian

Year 3 - Bonnie

Year 4 - Oliver

Year 5 - Viola

Year 6 - Finn

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

## Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been! This week St Augustine's welcomed a new tiny addition to the family, congratulations to Mrs Faulkner who welcomed a beautiful baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet him. As we enter into the last week before half term we would like to thank you for all your donations for the EYFS area.



## Compassion

Reception	Jesus shows us compassion.
Year 1	Jesus shows compassion to others when he heals them.
Year 2	Jesus teaches us to show compassion to our neighbours around the world.
Year 3	We are compassionate with our friends because Jesus was compassionate with his followers.
Year 4	We embrace compassion to foster love and unity in our school community.
Year 5	Compassion is the key to the door of our classroom, creating a successful future and being one step closer to God. (Our class motto).
Year 6	Jesus teaches us to show compassion.



## Our Subject Learning This Week

Reception	We have been developing our counting and number sequencing skills.
Year 1	In Science this week, we have been naming the parts of the body and thinking about the role of each part.
Year 2	In History, we have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London. We used our Literacy skills to write our own newspaper report about The Great Fire of London.
Year 3	In PE, we looked at how to be defenders and attackers in Tag Rugby.
Year 4	During our class assembly, we enjoyed performing the rap song we have been learning this half-term, 'Stop Bullying'.
Year 5	In Italian, we are learning how to describe our appearance and daily activities.
Year 6	In Writing, we have been creating balanced arguments.

## Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity

Over the last two weeks, we have been exploring racial justice across our school. All pupils completed a reflection and added their thumbprint to postcards produced and coordinated by St Mary's, Bishops Stortford. This comes from the idea that each child in our care is a unique thumbprint of God. The postcards will become a piece of a huge collage at St Mary's that will spell out 'Imago Dei' (Image of God).

This is just a small part of the work we have started on Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity. As a school we are working to make our curriculum more representative of the community we serve. We will soon be asking for your support with the Cultural-Heritage week we are planning in April to best represent the cultures and traditions of our St Augustine's families. We would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and participation in the homework, it has been so lovely to have so much back and to see how enthusiastically everyone has completed this.



## The Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2024 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great "Symphony" of prayer, "to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."

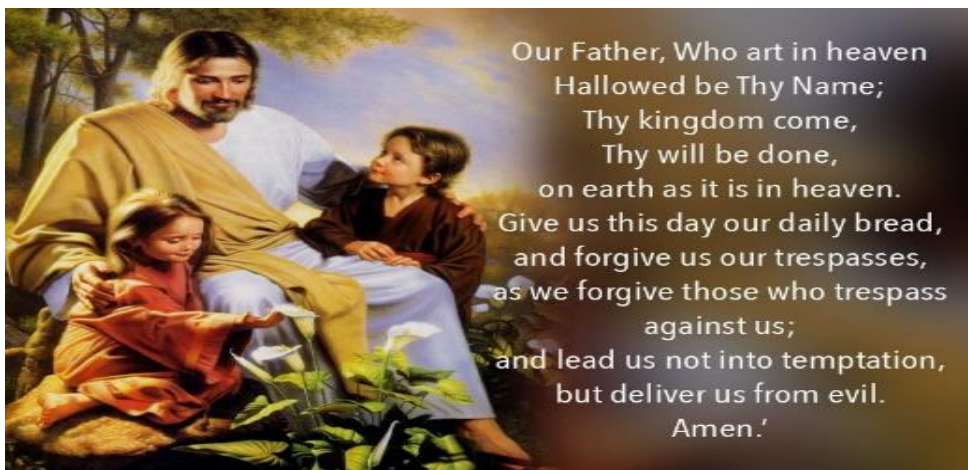
Throughout the year, we will be focusing on different aspects of prayer to enable us to deepen our relationship with God both at school and at home. There will be a particular focus on The Lord's Prayer, which we will be saying every morning.

You can listen to the Lord's Prayer in multiple languages

[www.cbcew.org.uk/the-lords-prayer-in-the-worlds-languages/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-lords-prayer-in-the-worlds-languages/)

For guidance on prayer at home, please refer to our school website or visit

[Family prayer ideas \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Family prayer ideas (cafod.org.uk))



## World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to give your child the opportunity to dress up for this event. There are a number of options for this. Your child may dress up in traditional dress from their culture, an important figure they have been learning about or a character from their favourite fiction book. We will leave this entirely up to yourself and your child to decide! We are mindful that some families may be struggling with the cost of living crisis, so please do not feel you have to buy an outfit for this event. Get creative and use something you already have at home or just make a prop or clue about the book so your child can share this with the class.

Please see the separate letter sent by Mrs Blackwell about the plans for this event.

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

Application forms for children currently in Year 2 who wish to make their First Holy Communion in May 2025 are still available to collect from the Presbytery, or you can email the Presbytery to request the form. Details of the course will be given with the form. You will need to commit to attending weekly Mass. If you are unable to commit, please defer applying for the course until next year. **Please note the deadline to return the forms is on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**



**EYFS Donations**

EYFS would like to say thank you to everyone who has provided donations for the development of the Mud Kitchen area. We really do appreciate your donations and they have already been put to good use!

We are now working on making our Prayer Garden into a more reflective space and are looking for some donations of:

- Soil
- Planters/plant pots/seeds/etc.
- Artificial plants or flowers
- Trellis Archway
- Children's benches

Thank you for your continued support.



**Nursery Places Available**

Our Nursery applications are decided entirely by us and we are OPEN for applications immediately, so do contact our office on 01992 463549 or email [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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.



**Parking and Driving**

Parents, the school have already had complaints from our own parents and our neighbours regarding parking and the speed in which parents drive. Please have due consideration for our neighbours and for each other when parking and driving around the school.



Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November. Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact with an infected person. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

God Bless,  
Mrs Napier  
HEADTEACHER

**Saptas Save the dates for this year.**

Valentines Disco  
Friday 9th February  
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Non uniform day for  
Rainbow raffle 🌈  
Friday 16th February

Mothers day Gift sale  
Friday 8th March 🌸

Easter Raffle  
Tuesday 26th March 🐣

Bags for School  
Friday 26th April 🛍️

Quiz Night  
(Adults only)  
Friday 10th May  
TBC 😊

Break the rules non  
uniform for summer fair  
Friday 3rd May 🚫

Fathers Day Gift sale  
Friday 14th June 🎁

Summer Fair  
Saturday 29th June  
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Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help with the Valentines disco. Unfortunately we couldn't have you all. But please do put your names down for future events. Saptas really appreciated your help and support.

Thank you to all of you that did help at the disco. Without your help it just couldn't go ahead. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did.

We hope the children had a great time dancing and playing all the party games. And for sure made some great memories. We would love to hear their feedback.

A special THANK YOU to Rubello Who did an amazing job to create fantastic lighting and setting for the children. If your planning an event, give them a call Highly recommended

We would also like to thank all you parents for your continued support. We hope to hold more fun events not only to raise money for the school but for our children to have lots of fun and make great school memories.

Best wishes always your SAPTA Team

