

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.

NEWSLETTER ~ 20th December 2023



MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Spring Term 2024 starts Thursday 4th January

"He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High and his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1: 26-38 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Peace

As we approach the fourth Sunday of Advent, our theme is **PEACE**. All our staff wish you a peaceful Christmas as we travel closer to Christmas day. We thank you for your generosity to all our school charity collections and gifts.



We wish all our St. Augustine's Families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

- 1. How do you find moments of PEACE to reflect on HOPE, LOVE and JOY in your life?**
- 2. Could you spend some time to find a moment of PEACE during personal prayer?**
- 3. During this busy Christmas time, how can you connect and share moments of PEACE with those around you?**

THANK YOU and GOODBYE!

We wish a fond farewell to Mrs McIntyre and Mr Long at the end of this term. We offer a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all they have contributed to our school community over the years. I know the whole school, past and present, wishes them the best of luck with their new adventures.



Heart of Gold Award

The 'Heart of Gold' Award acknowledges the outstanding kindness and thoughtfulness of our children.

This week the award goes to:
Marcie ~ Y4 Rauf



Wednesday Word ~ MARY

Please see the link for this week's edition of the Wednesday Word below.

[Christmas Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](#)



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



St John the Baptist



Catholic Multi Academy Trust



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St. Augustine's Awards

House Points

1st Place: **Jerusalem** with 985 points

2nd Place: **Galilee** with 975 points

3rd Place: **Bethlehem** with 944 points

4th Place: **Nazareth** with 916 points



Attendance Awards

Each half term we celebrate the attendance of the best two classes in the school with our 1st Place Pig and 2nd Place Seal awards.



Congratulations our two class winners!

1st Place Pig Award: UKS2 Zephaniah Class (97.14%)

2nd Place Seal: KS1 Jeffers Class (95.85%)



Mini Vinnies Reverse Advent Calendar Charity Drive

The Mini-Vinnies would like to extend a huge thanks for the donations and support for the Reverse Advent Calendar Charity Drive. Your generosity has been amazing, and when the St Vincent de Paul Society came to collect the items, they were very impressed. Your kindness will make a huge difference to many people's Christmas. Thank you once again.



St. Augustine's Awards

Nativity Art Competition Winners

Our School Council judged the Nativity artwork competition for this half term. Here are the results!

The paintings have now been sent to the Knights of Saint Colomba to be entered into their seasonal Nativity painting competition.

Infant results (EYFS & KS1)

1st place ~ Vivien Y2 Henn



Junior results (KS2)

1st place ~ Adele Y3 Morpurgo



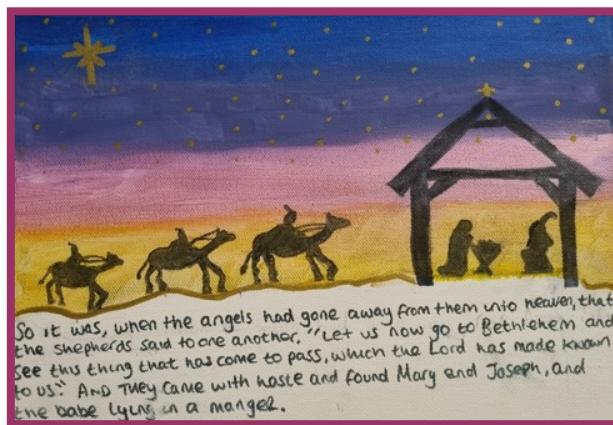
Infant results (EYFS & KS1)

2nd place ~ Trixie YR Foxes



Junior results (KS2)

2nd place ~ Phoebe Y5 Rossetti



Infant results (EYFS & KS1)

3rd place ~ Ariadne Y2 Biddulph



Junior results (KS2)

3rd place ~ Emmanuel Y3 Rauf



St. Augustine's Notices

St Martins Housing Trust Donations

Traditionally after each Christmas Performance we do a collection for a chosen charity. This year, the charity we have chosen is **St. Martin's Housing Trust for the Homeless**.

You can find out more about St. Martin's via their website: <https://stmartinshousing.org.uk/>
Due to our modern cashless society, we have set up an area on WisePay where you can add donations, if this is easier.



You will see on the "Home Page" or under the tab called "General Payments" where to make your donation.

Thank you for all your support and generosity at this time of year.
From all at St. Augustine's.

Update Contact Details

In the event of an emergency or accident, the school MUST be able to contact you immediately by telephone, so we need to have the most up-to-date information on our system.



We send out electronic communications from school, but this will only continue to be successful if you notify us when your email address changes.

The Admin team send home Data Collection Sheets for checking and updating on an annual basis, but if any of your details change (address, home telephone, mobile, email etc.) during the year, we would welcome an update as soon as possible. Please email: office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk with any updates. Thank you for your help with this.

KS1 and KS2 After School Clubs Spring First Half Term 2024

After School Clubs for the Spring Term are now on WisePay. If your child attends a club already you will still need to sign them up and rebook as they are only open for each half term.

KS1 and KS2: PE Kits should be brought to school at the start of the day, so the children can change before the club starts. Children will need to be collected from the Lower Playground at 4:15pm
All clubs run from 3:15pm until 4:15pm.

Monday	Art Club	Reception, KS1 and KS2
Tuesday	Dodgeball	
Wednesday	Basketball	
Thursday	Football / KS1&2 African Drumming	
Friday	Football / Homework Club	



Our Lady and St. Walstan's Roman Catholic Church

Find information about Our Lady and St. Walstan's Catholic church via this website link—[click here](#)

And keep up with events via their weekly newsletter—[click here](#)

Mass times and services—[click here](#)

For more information contact—**Parish Priest: Fr. David Ward**

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Dates



2023 / 2024	School Closes (Last day children attend school)	School Opens (First day children come back)
Christmas Holidays 2023	Wednesday 20th December 2023 School finishes at 1:30pm	Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter Holidays 2024	Wednesday 27th March 2024 School finishes at 1:30pm	Monday 15th April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer Holidays 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 School finishes at 1:30pm	- - -

Event	Date
Reception Visit Vision and Hearing Screening	Monday 29th January 2024
Reception Visit Vision and Hearing Screening	Tuesday 30th January 2024
Shrove Tuesday	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	Wednesday 14th February 2024
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 13th May 2024
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Week 1	Monday 3rd June 2024
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	Monday 10th June 2024
Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check Week 2	Monday 10th June 2024
School Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June 2024

Contact Us ~ During term time, our school office is open from 8:30am-4:00pm.

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