

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ~ 12th January 2024



"John said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God, the one who has come to save us.'"

John 1: 35-42 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our school mission is, **"We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world."** This links directly to our new year's theme of **Stewardship**, as part of Catholic Social Teaching.

Catholic Social Teaching are lessons that guide us to make good and right choices. We learn lessons that show us how to live out our faith in God.

Stewardship, is all about caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. God gave us the gifts of **Wisdom, Love and Might**. These gifts help us to follow in the footsteps of Christ, caring for His creation. Stewardship means that we should care for the Earth, tackling the scandal of global poverty, vulnerability, inequality, injustice and exclusion. Sofia the Sloth (pictured below) is helping us to remember how to be good stewards.



Our school Eco Warriors will be leading projects this Spring Term, to help us tackle the issue of Climate Change and Sustainability. Look out for more news from them soon.

- 1. What gifts from God are you most thankful for?**
- 2. How do you use these gifts to help care for others and God's world?**
- 3. What have you noticed in your local environment that needs more help and care, so that it is healthy and smart looking?**



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Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Keila ~ Y6 Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ NEW START

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

[New Start - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://paperturn-view.com)



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Smarten Up ~ The St. Augustine's Standard

We are starting the new year with behaviour reminders. St. Augustine's is focussing on one of our learning behaviours, Responsibility.

Everyday we have the choice to do right or wrong and we are free to make those choices. We are learning how to be responsible for our actions and show responsibility for protecting others too.



At school, we are promoting three smart rules and our motto:

Smarten Up!

1. Wisdom ~ Smart behaviour:

We take care of our belongings, our environment and our world. We are safe.

2. Love ~ Smart manners:

We are respectful and kind to everyone.

3. Might ~ Smart looking:

We look after ourselves and others. We aspire to be the best.

Let there be Light! ~ Be smart and bright!

We are the highest St. Augustine's Standard.

Our school rules and motto are the skills and tools that helps us to improve. If we remember these rules, we will be best St. Augustine's Standard.

Smart Behaviour ~ looking after our belongings and the equipment we use.

- walk through the gates (not the car gate)
- walk through the playground (no bikes or scooters)
- look after the toilets (keep the toilets tidy and clean)
- DO NOT pick the plants (especially nut trees)
- DO NOT use the playground equipment and climbing frames in the morning or after school

Smart Manners ~ respectful and kind to everyone in our table manners.

- ~ Holding cutlery in the correct hand. Do not wave cutlery around.
- ~ Finish what you are eating before you speak
- ~ Speak quietly to people on your table. No shouting across the dining hall
- ~ If you have finished all of your dinner, you can have your pudding without asking
- ~ Try to finish all your dinner and reduce food waste
- ~ Keep trying food before you decide. You might change your mind and like it.
- ~ Try cutting your own food into small mouthfuls
- ~ Put your cutlery together when you are finished
- ~ Pick up your mess and check before you leave
- ~ Get the right bin (food waste / other waste)

Smart Looking ~ Looking after ourselves, our health and hygiene

- ~ Hair tied back (if long enough) and off the face. No particular style.
- ~ No large hair accessories
- ~ No jewellery (including no crucifixes). Studs only for freshly pierced ears (to be taped for PE)
- ~ Black school shoes (smart black trainers permissible)
- ~ School uniform PE kit only
- ~ Coats can be worn inside if it is cold

Please encourage your children to follow this guidance. They may remind you too!



Car Gate



Scooters & Bikes



Playground Equipment



St. Augustine's News

The Norwich Science Festival ~ 17-02-2024 to 24-02-2024

The Norwich Science Festival, a celebration of science, is back Saturday 17 - Saturday 24 February 2024. Get ready for intriguing discoveries, inspiring talks, engaging exhibitions, cutting-edge research and lots of family fun. Norwich Science Festival combines cutting-edge research with fantastic events; revealing the fascinating science of the world around us.



With more than 180 events taking place over eight days, there's plenty for everybody to enjoy. As well as free family activities in The Explorium each day, there are lots of family talks, shows and workshops throughout the Festival.

Please find more details following this link - [What's On](#)

Mental health

Talking with your child about mental health can be quite challenging, and it can be difficult to know if you are saying the right thing sometimes.

A leaflet has been attached which offers some tips for talking to your child about their mental health.



'Everyday Counts' Attendance Campaign - January update

We hope you had a great school holiday break!
Get ready to get back to school and make the most of every day.

- Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.
- Remember, if you've got assessments this year, being at school as much as possible is important. Every day adds up and will help you get the results you want.
- Everyday at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.



Additional support and resources link: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Parking ~ Find the right space

Please DO NOT use the staff car park at the front of the school.

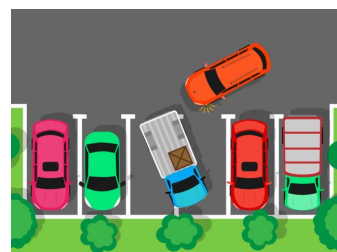
We have two car parks that families can use for dropping off and collecting children at our school.

1. Costessey Centre ~ Longwater Lane
2. St Walstan's Church ~ Townhouse Road

We ask that you do not park on side streets.

DO NOT BLOCK OR USE ANY PRIVATE DRIVE WAYS AT ANYTIME

Many thanks for your consideration.



St. Augustine's Notices

Handwashing and Hygiene

Hand washing is by far the best way to keep kids from getting sick and passing on any illness, so please can you all encourage your children to wash their hands:

- before eating
- after using the toilet
- after touching animals, including family pets
- after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing
- after being outside playing.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



**Wash your
hands please**



The Big Ambition

You may be aware of the Children's Commissioner for England—Dame Rachel Da Souza's national campaign, 'The Big Ambition'. Children or parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

It is really important that the pupils at St Augustine's have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say. We want to ensure that the voices of the children in Norfolk are fairly represented in the findings, so please share their views with the most senior members of the country.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers / other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance.

Further resources are available on the [website](#) and a leaflet is attached with this newsletter.

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

We have added the School Term Calendar for 2024-2025 to the school website.

Please click the link to view: [Term Dates – St Augustine's Catholic Primary School](#)



2023 / 2024	School Closes (Last day children attend school)	School Opens (First day children come back)
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
KS2 Candlemas Mass at Our Lady & St. Walstan's	Friday 2nd February 2024 at 9:30am
Learning Support Plan Meetings for SEND	Week beginning 12th February 2024
Reception Visit Vision and Hearing Screening ***CHANGED DATE***	Monday 12th February 2024 Tuesday 13th February 2024
Shrove Tuesday	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) KS2 Service at Our Lady & St. Walstan's	Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 9:15am
St. Augustine's CAFOD Fast Day Fundraiser Non Uniform Day	Friday 16th February 2024
KS1 and KS2 St. David's Day Mass at St. Augustine's School Hall	Friday 1st March 2024 at 9:30am ALL WELCOME
Parent Consultation Meetings Booking Information to follow later	Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 3:30-7:00pm Thursday 7th March 2024 at 3:30-6:00pm
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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