

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 16th February 2024



St John the Baptist



Catholic Multi Academy Trust



"Repent, and believe the Good News"
Mark 1:12-15 ~ The 1st Sunday of Lent



In the Gospel reading this week, we hear that the Holy Spirit guided Jesus into the desert, where he stayed for forty days.

The desert helped Jesus find silence, stillness and prayer. The desert was a place where there were no distractions. The silence helped Jesus to feel God's peace as he shared his thoughts and worries.

We can do this too. Through prayer, we can listen to God through our hearts and discover how God wants us to live.

During Lent, we are guided to spend some time away from life's distractions, to be silent and still, so we can draw close to God and feel God's peace. Lent is a time to pray for our loved ones, and the needs of people all over the world.



1. Can you remember how long Jesus was in the desert?

2. How might Jesus have felt whilst he was in the desert?

3. Where could you go to find silence, stillness and peace, to find time for prayer during Lent?

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:
Oscar ~ Y3 Wilson



Wednesday Word ~ LENT

Please see the link for this half term's booklet edition of the Wednesday Word below. You will note, due to the extra weeks/pages contained in the half term booklet, a page turn facility has been included.

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St. Augustine's Notices

CAFOD Day

Thank you for supporting CAFOD Day, we all had such fun!
Your generosity helped us raise:

£241.05



Your support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal can help hardworking people, get the tools they need to feed their families for good.

House Points

1st Place: Nazareth with 1241 points

2nd Place: Jerusalem with 1219 points

3rd Place: Galilee with 1155 points

4th Place: Bethlehem with 1122 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 (95.98%)



2nd Place Seal:

UKS2 Rossetti Class (95.25%)

World Book Day ~ Thursday 6th March

Don't forget it is World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. Children can dress up as a book character, or add a favourite book cover to a plain old T-Shirt.



Before the half term break, children received a World Book Day voucher. You can find out how to spend these vouchers at the website:

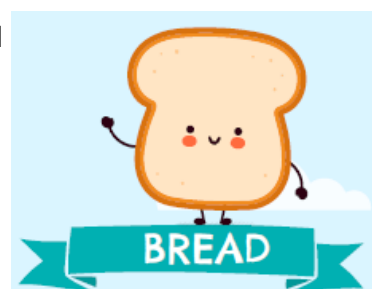
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Aspens Food Festival Lunches

Aspens make sure that their Food Festival school lunch menus are packed with comfort dishes and, at the same time, we help pupils to take their first steps with new tastes to explore.

They don't just provide food, but try to play their part in educating children to raise awareness about nutrition, food and where it comes from, so that they can make informed and mindful choices.

You will find attached a delicious Bread Recipe that you may wish to try out at home. Enjoy!



Book Fundraiser

At St Augustine's we want to foster a love of reading in all our pupils. In order to achieve this, we know that our children need to feel inspired.

We would like to raise funds for a collection of high-quality new books, so there is something to engage all our children, whether they are already a keen reader in search of their next great read or a reluctant reader looking for something to transform them into a lifelong reader. We want all of our pupils to develop a love of reading for pleasure.

Reading is a skill we take for granted, yet one that is essential to support us throughout our whole lives. As a child grows up, being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities. Therefore, we are aiming to raise £3000 which will enable us to purchase new books for all our year groups, from nursery to Year 6, so that all our pupils will find something to ignite their imagination and passion for reading. The sets we have chosen come from Books For Topics Recommended Reads collections, including high-quality reading for pleasure choices specially chosen to boost reading in each year group. You can see the collections at www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/.

These collections of books will form part of our plan to create new and high-quality library areas in UKS2, LKS2 and KS1/EYFS that will benefit all our children as they progress through the school.

To donate, please visit: <https://supportyourschool.org.uk/st-augustines-catholic-primary-school/booksfortopics-year-group-recommended-reads>

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Best wishes, Our St. Augustine's Family



Plastic lid collection

Our Eco-Warriors have been sharing Pope Francis' message from his letter titled Laudato Si.

As part of their work to promote sustainability and Caring for our common home, the Eco Warriors would like to re-use and upcycle plastic lids to create a piece of permanent art work.

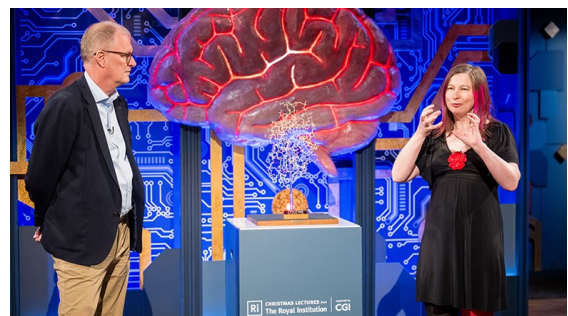
The idea is to create a large picture of our school's patron, Saint Augustine of Canterbury. Please start collecting any finished plastic lids, of any colour, and any size and bring them into school after half term.



Royal Institute Christmas Lectures 2023

Linked to Computing, and the future of technology, the Christmas Science Lectures on AI (Artificial Intelligence), are fantastic episodes, suitable for all ages. There are 3 hour long episodes, including exciting and enlightening experiments that dispel many AI myths and show how AI is already used all around us, with great benefits. It is not all part of a scary future and highly recommended viewing!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00pmbqq/episodes/player>



Whole School Parent Teacher Consultations Meetings

Parent teacher consultations will be taking place after school on:

Tuesday 5th March 2024 from 3:30pm to 7:00pm
Thursday 7th March 2024 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

These will be face to face appointments in your child's classroom.



Y1&2 Henn class ONLY:

Tuesday 5th March from 3:30pm to 7:00pm & Wednesday 6th March from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Nursery Mice Class ONLY:

Tuesday 5th March from 3:30pm to 6:00pm & Wednesday 6th March from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Reception Fox Class ONLY:

Wednesday 6th March from 3:30pm to 6:00pm & Thursday 7th March from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

You will be able to make your appointments on School Cloud from the week beginning Monday 29th February. If you have any issues booking appointments please contact the school office by telephoning 01603 743317.

If you are unable to attend please email your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

School Meals Taster Sessions

Aspens/Select our school meals provider, will be offering taster sessions in the hall on Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March.

If you would like to see what is on offer, at lunchtimes for our children, you are welcome to go in the main hall between 3:30pm until 6:00pm on these days.



Lost Property

The coat in the picture was found in the KS2 area. If you believe this may be your child's coat please collect it from the office.

Can we please remind parents to name all their children's property as we cannot return any lost items if they are not labelled.

Any items that are not claimed will be put out on the playground before the Easter break, and we will be asking for a donation for each item. All money raised will go towards the Book Fundraiser.



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.



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

Get Into Teaching with UEA's PGCE Courses this February

Do you want to be a teacher?

Find out about UEA's PGCE teacher training courses at our February events.



If you've ever considered a teaching career, UEA is holding information sessions where you can learn more about how to train to teach Primary or Secondary schoolchildren. The events will take place on UEA's campus, and are open to anyone, whether you are making a tentative enquiry or are ready to apply.

The PGCE Primary Teacher Training Information Session (3-11 years age range) is on Saturday 3 February from 9.30 - 12.30.

The PGCE Secondary Teacher Training Information Session (11-16 years age range) is on Thursday 29 February from 16.00 – 19.00.

A Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) will provide a solid foundation for your teaching career. UEA's PGCE courses are also offered with 90 Master's credits, which means that as well as graduating with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in England and Wales, you will gain credits towards a Master's degree.

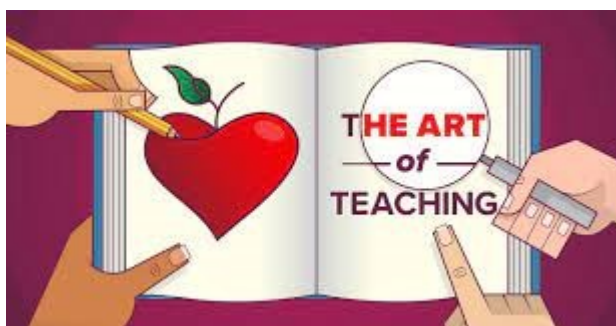
We work with schools across East Anglia, covering a wide geographical area from inner city to rural settings, enabling us to offer you a broad range of school placement opportunities.

Both sessions will begin with a general information talk about the PGCE course and then offer the opportunity to speak directly to subject tutors, current students and early career teachers. Members of the Admissions team will also be available to offer advice and answer questions.

Sarah Woodall, who undertook her PGCE with UEA said, "I signed up to one of UEA's information sessions when I was researching my teacher training options. I found the session to be really inspiring, it was great having the opportunity to talk to the specialist tutors and current teacher trainees, and it confirmed my decision to apply for the PGCE course."

"The event was also a great opportunity to ask questions about my application, to get support about gaining school experience, and to find out more about what day-to-day life as a teacher is really like."

Register your interest to attend on the [UEA website](#) or contact the [PGCE Admissions Team](#).



St. Augustine's Competitions

Knights of Saint Colomba ~ 2024 Prayer Writing Competition

Can you write a prayer on the theme of:

"Prayer for all our Priests as they lead our Parishioners and for our Reverend Sisters as they all work in the Lord's Vineyard"?



Prayers will be judged on
1) spiritual content and 2) composition.

Think about your language, phrases and check your prayers make sense and are correctly punctuated. They can be typed or handwritten.

Send your prayers into school and hand into the school office.

Please include:

- child's name, age and year group

★ **Provincial Council Prizes £7, £5, £3**

★ **National Prizes £30, £20, £15**

Deadline: Friday 22nd March 2024

The school of the National winner receives a donation prize of £200.

Knights of Saint Colomba ~ 2024 Lenten Scene Painting Competition

Can you paint a scene that portrays a biblical scene from the start of Lent to Maundy Thursday (the feast of the Lord's supper?)



Make sure you include a Bible Chapter and Verse with your painting, that best describes the scene depicted. Paintings without a verse will not be entered.

Ideas may include: 40 day season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, 40 days in the desert or any symbols of Lent.

Send your paintings into school and hand into the school office.

Please include:

- child's name, age and year group

★ **Charter Council Prizes £5, £3, £2**

★ **Provincial Council Prizes £7, £5, £3**

★ **National Prizes £30, £20, £15**

Deadline: Friday 8th March 2024

The school of the National winner receives a donation prize of £200.

Knights of Saint Colomba ~ 2024 Easter Photography Competition

Can you capture a photo using a phone or camera, with permission, that is a thoughtful image of your church. There are two themes to choose from:

1) Altar with candles ~ capture an image of an altar dressed with candles in a Parish church or Cathedral. Try to capture the best image possible.

2) Parish backdrop ~ capture an image of a Parish Church or Cathedral back drop with or without the altar in view. There are some beautiful backdrops in so many Cathedrals and Parishes. Traditional or modern, all the same beautiful. Try to capture the best image possible taken during the day or night.

Email your photos to the school: office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

Please include:

- child's name, age and year group
- Bible verse relating to each image
- Name of cathedral or church, town, parish and date
- Name of phone or digital camera used
- Submit as a **png** or **jpeg** file please

★ **Charter Council Prizes £5, £3, £2**

★ **Provincial Council Prizes £7, £5, £3**

★ **National Prizes £30, £20**

Deadline: Friday 15th March 2024



Dates

Click the link to view 2024-2025: [St Augustine's Term Dates](#)



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
KS1 and KS2 St. David's Day Mass at St. Augustine's School Hall	Friday 1st March 2024 at 9:30am ALL WELCOME
Dress Up for World Book Day (a day early)	Wednesday 6th March 2024
Parent Consultation Meetings	Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 3:30-7:00pm Thursday 7th March 2024 at 3:30-6:00pm
Parent Consultation Meetings (Nursery Mice, KS1 Henn ONLY)	Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 3:30pm-7:00pm Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 3:30pm-6:00pm
Parent Consultation Meetings (Reception Foxes ONLY)	Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 3:30pm-6:00pm Thursday 7th March 2024 at 3:30pm-6:00pm
World Book Day Dress Up	Wednesday 6th March 2024
Year 5&6 BMX Enrichment Day	Thursday 7th March 2024
Year 5&6 BMX Enrichment Day	Friday 8th March 2024
Norfolk County Music Festival The King's Centre, King St Norwich	Monday 11th March 2024
30 Children from Year 5&6 Trip to Norwich Cathedral	Wednesday 13th March 2024 finishes at 5:45pm
LKS2 Performances of 'The Magic Flute'	Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 2:00pm Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 2:00pm
LKS2 Year 3&4 Trip to Norwich Castle	Monday 25th March 2024
LKS2 Year 3&4 Trip to Norwich Castle	Tuesday 26th March 2024
School Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June 2024