

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 1st March 2024



St John the Baptist



Catholic Multi Academy Trust



"Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
John 2:13-25 ~ The 3rd Sunday of Lent



Happy St. David's Day!

Today in KS1 and KS2 Mass, we celebrated St. David's Day. St. David was a Welsh Bishop during the 6th century. He is the patron Saint of Wales and famous for founding several monasteries. St. David's last sermon, just before his death, included the words,

"Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do."

This half term, during Lent we are thinking about the Catholic Social Teaching value of **Solidarity**. We understand that, *God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.*



As we think about, St. David's words and how we can support each other in solidarity, it is often the little things that can help us build stronger relationships. Remembering our manners, sharing a smile, or offering to help someone, is a wonderful gift to give.

- 1. Take notice of the little things that bring joy to your life.**
- 2. Give a little gift, or gesture, to someone to help build positive relationships.**
- 3. Find time to say a little prayer for anyone that you know needs help.**

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Zofia ~ Y2 Biddulph



Wednesday Word ~ ENTHUSIASM

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

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



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St. Augustine's News

Knights of Saint Colomba Christmas Painting Competition Winners

The results are in for the Knights of Saint Colomba Province 27 Nativity Scene 2023 painting competition. The children received their prizes on the last day before the half term break.

Results for St. Augustine's Catholic Primary, Costessey

KS1

1st: Vivien ~ Y2 Henn
2nd: Ariadne ~ Y2 Biddulph
3rd: Osinachukwu ~ Y2 Jeffers

KS2

1st: Grace ~ Y5 Rosen
2nd: Angelina ~ Y6 Rossetti
3rd: Adele ~ Y3 Morpurgo
4th: Phoebe ~ Y5 Rossetti

Highly Commended additional prize:
Victoria ~ Y6 Rossetti



St. Augustine's Recycled Art Competition Winners

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

1st place
Mia ~ Y2 Jeffers



2nd place
Laurel ~ Y5 Rossetti



3rd place
Vivien ~ Y2 Henn



St. Augustine's Notices

World Book Day ~ Wednesday 6th March

Due to P.E enrichment activities, St. Augustine's will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 6th March **NOT** Thursday 7th March

Children can dress up as a book character, or add a favourite book cover to a plain old T-Shirt.

Children received a World Book Day voucher on Wednesday. You can find out how to spend these vouchers at the website:

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



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.



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

Books 
for Topics



Supportyourschool

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

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Deadline: Friday 15th March 2024





Funeral at St. Walstan's ~ Thursday 14th March 2024 in the afternoon

There will be a funeral at St Walstan's Church on Thursday 14th March 2024 from 2:00pm.

Please **DO NOT PARK AT THE CHURCH** when collecting your children from school at the end of the day.

Please find alternative parking, or if it's a nice day, please consider walking to collect your child/ren.

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.



Our Lady and St. Walstan's Roman Catholic Church

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

Keep up to date with events via the weekly newsletter—[click here](#)

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

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

The Presbytery, Townhouse Road, Costessey, Norwich. NR8 5AA

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

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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)
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
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
KS2 Disco	Thursday 21st March 2024 Year 3&4 5:00pm-6:00pm Year 5&6 6:30-7:30pm
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