

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 15th March 2024



"And when I am lifted up from earth, I shall draw all people to myself."

John 12:20-33 ~ The 5th Sunday of Lent

At St. Augustine's we have been learning about the **Three Pillars of LENT**. Lent is a time when we try to follow Jesus' example in three steps: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. These link to our motto and rules.

- 1. Prayer ~ with our WISDOM, we reflect on our lives, the good and bad choices. We examine our conscience.**
- 2. Almsgiving ~ with our LOVE, we give what we can, caring for others with acts of charity.**
- 3. Fasting ~ with our MIGHT, we use our self control, resist temptation and try to do better things with our lives.**

The pillars of Lent link to our next focus for Catholic Social Teaching, which is the **Preferential Option for the Poor ~ Putting people in most need first.**



Changes to Teaching Staff

We will be welcoming Miss Turner back to Henn class, following her maternity leave, on Wednesday 20th March. We are also pleased to announce the confirmed teachers for KS2 after the Easter holiday.

Key Stage 1 Classes ~ Y1&2: From 18th March

Jeffers Class – Mrs Casey (Mo, Tu, We) & Mrs Franklin (Th, Fr)

Biddulph Class – Miss Ramsdale

Henn Class – Mrs MacQueen (Mo, Tu) & Miss Turner (We, Th, Fr)

Lower Key Stage 2 Classes ~ Year 3&4: From 15th April

Wilson Class – Miss Costello

Morpurgo Class – Miss Foster

Rauf Class – Miss Malkin (New starter from April 2024)

Upper Key Stage 2 Classes ~ Year 5&6: From 15th April

Rosen Class – Mr Dodson (Mo, Tu, We) & Mr Wright (Thu, Fri)

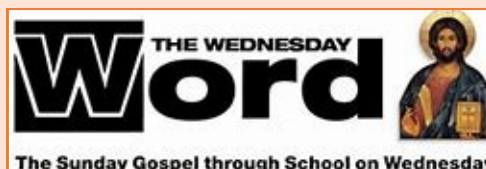
Rossetti Class – Ms Harding

Zephaniah Class – Mr Mather (New starter from April 2024)

Wednesday Word ~ FOLLOW

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=123.5>



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Y5&6 Spring Celebration Singing at Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday 13th March

Some of the Y5&6 children visited Norwich Cathedral on Wednesday to perform in a special performance in celebration of the arrival of Spring! The children performed alongside the Norwich Cathedral Choir and other local school children. As well as singing their hearts out and enjoying being out of school for the afternoon, they learnt about the newly restored cathedral organ (the 4th largest organ in England).

Everyone is able to enjoy this performance that was recorded live for YouTube, using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97bjnG4Sig4>

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**

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

Deadline: Friday 22nd March 2024



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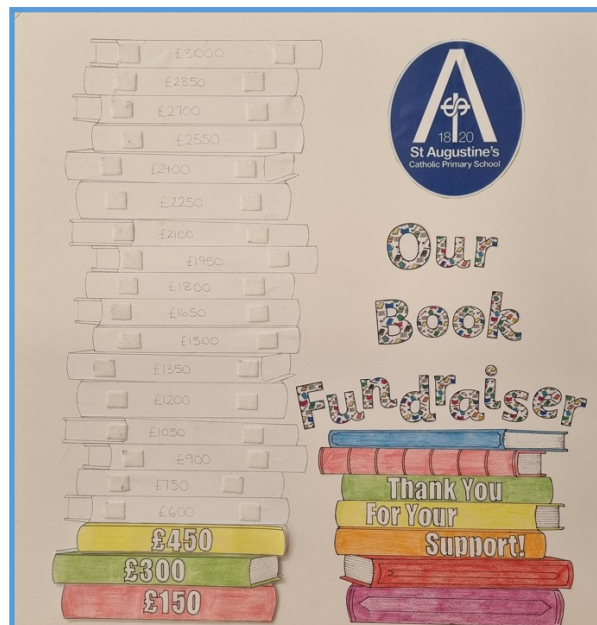
Book Fundraiser

We are so grateful to already have had a huge donation towards our Book Fund. Thank you so much to all families and friends of St. Augustine's.

So far the total has reached: £460!!!

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.



St. Augustine's Notices

Dear Families of St. Augustine's,

Alongside the parent meetings this week, we would appreciate some feedback about our school community, so we can learn and improve on our educational provision.

The online form should take about 5-10 minutes.

Please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/cZ5rQKMDcPySras99>

If you would prefer a paper copy of the form, you can contact the school office, or collect a form at the parent meetings this week.

The survey closes on: Monday 15th April 2024

Many thanks, from St. Augustine's Staff



St. Augustine's Family Feedback Form 2024

School Meal Ordering

We are still having children coming to school without a home packed lunch or a dinner ordered on Aspen Select's website. This is causing issues in the classroom and taking up a lot of the office staff's time having to order dinners for numerous children. If you want your child to have a school meal please ensure these are ordered on Aspens Select website, by following the link:

<https://select.aspens-services.com/>



If a child comes to school without a home packed lunch, or hasn't a meal ordered on the website, then they will be given the tomato pasta as the kitchen has to place the order for the food at the beginning of the week.

Thank you in advance for your help with ordering the meals for your children.

Absences

Illness and First Day Call

If your child is unable to attend school through illness you should inform us by telephone on the first day of absence before 9.15am. Alternatively you can email, phone, or go the school office. It is useful to know the expected day of return. If your child is absent for 3 days or more, proof of the absence will be required. If you do not supply us with this information, we have a duty to contact you so that we may be sure of the child's whereabouts, as this is a safeguarding measure. Where the child is absent through illness this will normally be counted as authorised. Where we have concerns over excessive absence patterns through illness, we will need to discuss this with parents in order to gain a better understanding of the problems, and to offer support.



Medical/Dental Appointments

It is generally better if these can be arranged outside school hours, but we know this is not always possible. Where children need to attend such appointments during the school day it is important that parents inform the office. Please bring your child to the office on returning from the appointment. Please indicate in advance whether your child will be returning for the midday meal. Emergency medical and dental appointments count as authorised absences.

Emergency Occasions

There are some occasions e.g. bereavements, family problems, etc. where it may be inappropriate for children to attend school; we will be sympathetic to such needs.

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
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
Year 6 SAT's Week	Monday 13th May 2024
Walk to School Week	Monday 20th May 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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