

# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

**NEWSLETTER ~ 26th April 2024**

Wisdom

Love

Might



***"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty"***

**John 15: 1-8 ~ The 5th Sunday of Easter**

This month we continue to focus on the Catholic Social Teaching theme of **Subsidiarity ~ We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have their say.**

So far we have learnt about: **Human Dignity, The Common Good, Stewardship, Solidarity** and **Preferential Option for the poor.**

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus compares himself and his people to a tree and its fruits. We grow and develop as a fruit tree would. By looking after the tree carefully, it grows ripe and delicious fruits.

We look at our school and education in the same way, hoping that we can grow each child to develop our values and the learning skills to be happy and successful. This includes developing all the ideas of Catholic Social Teaching, and empowering our children to speak up for themselves and for others, who may not be strong enough to share their views.



**1. What values or skills do you wish to grow, to be happy and successful?**

**2. How can you practice and develop these values or skills?**

**3. How can you help others to grow and develop to be happy and successful?**

## Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

**Louisa ~ Y6 Rossetti**



## Wednesday Word ~ GROWING

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=126.8>



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# St. Augustine's News

## Pyjama Day ~ Thank you!

Everyone has had a fantastic Pyjama Day. So far, we have raised just over **£200** for our Book Fundraiser.

We started the day, nice and relaxed in our PJs, sharing stories across different classrooms. It was delightful to see older and younger children sharing stories and reading to each other.

Thank you for the great comments supporting Pyjama day and how easy it was to get all the children to school today. We look forward to more shared reading days in the future.



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## Art Competition ~ Fantastic Beasts

Each half term we hold an art competition. This is a chance for children to express themselves and share their creative talents, to explore a chosen idea and theme. This half term, the theme is **Fantastic Beasts!**

Create your own amazing animal using as many ideas as you want. You can draw, paint or sculpt your fantastic beast, using any media that you wish.

**Deadline: Friday 17th May 2024**



## 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/](http://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



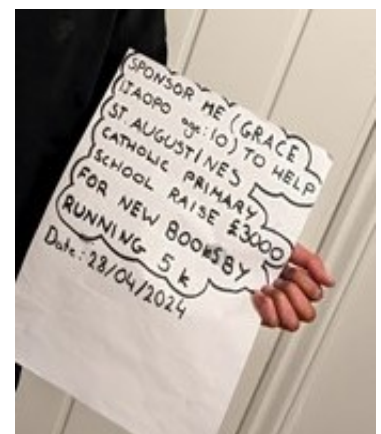
## We're raising £500 to Help My School Library buy New Books

Grace ~ Y5 Rosen, is doing a 5K road run on the 28th of April. Grace decided to challenge herself and run 5k to raise £500. She has been training and hopes to complete the run in less than an hour, non-stop!

So far Grace has already raised £640 from families and friends. Her crowdfunding page link is below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/grace-ijaopo-books?utm\\_term=jn](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/grace-ijaopo-books?utm_term=jn)

If you are inspired by our school fundraiser and Grace's 5K run, please let our school know if you have had any new ideas, or are doing any personal fundraising challenges.



# St. Augustine's Notices

## Preventing Online Radicalisation and Extremism

Please find attached a digital flyer about some online sessions for parents, carers and youth workers about preventing radicalisation and extremism.

These sessions will assist in raising awareness about young people who are susceptible to online radicalisation and extremism. The sessions will be run by a reformed Extreme Right-Wing (ERW) activist who now supports people to leave extremism and helps them build resilience for the future.



Attendees will be given information about where to go for help if they are worried about a family member or other young person they know.

Anyone can be vulnerable to radicalisation, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, education or age but some factors can make a person more at risk of being targeted by people with extreme views. With young people having access to the online world at an increasingly earlier age, it is really important that we are all aware of the signs of radicalisation, how it happens and where to go for help.

## School Carpark ~ Staff ONLY

We want to remind families that the carpark is not to be used to drop children off in the morning or collect them at the end of the school day.

### The carpark is for staff use only!

It has been noticed that vehicles are entering and trying to reverse out of the carpark when there are children walking past the gate entrance. This is very unsafe for all pedestrians and other road users. Can we also remind you not to park on the yellow zig-zags outside the school and the double yellow lines opposite the school. We have permission to use the carparks at Our Lady and St. Walstan's Church and the Costessey Centre.

## DON'T PARK HERE



## Taxis

If parents arrive at school in a taxi to drop off or collect their child/ren, they should not enter the carpark and wait. Staff are trying to leave to get to meetings or appointments at this time.



## 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)
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 Mass at St. Walstan's Church Feast of the Ascension	Thursday 9th May 2024 at 9:15
Reception/Y1 Dental Checks	Friday 3rd May 2024
Year 6 SAT's Week	Monday 13th May 2024
Walk to School Week	Monday 20th May 2024
Reception Trip to Gressenhall	Tuesday 21st May 2024
EYFS & KS1 Disco	Thursday 23rd May 2024
KS1 Trip to Banham Zoo	Wednesday 5th June 2024
School Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June 2024
Whole School Sponsored Walk	Thursday 20th June 2024

### KS1 and KS2 After School Clubs Summer First Half Term 2024

After School Clubs for the Summer 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, and KS1/Art and Design KS2
Monday	~ Guitar Club: KS2 only Contact the school to see if there are spaces available
Tuesday	~ Tag Rugby
Wednesday	~ Basketball
Wednesday	~ Camera Club: KS2 only. Contact the school to see if there are spaces available
Wednesday	~ Tennis Years 1-3 sign up on the provider's website (Flyer attached)
Thursday	~ Football
Thursday	~ KS1&2 Dance Fit
Thursday	~ Zumba
Friday	~ Football

