St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 12th September 2025

Wisdom Love Might

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."
John 3:13-17 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This half term, our school is studying Creation & Covenant in our Religious Education lessons. Part of this study is the belief in the key Catholic Social Teaching ~ Human Dignity. As part of God's creation, each of us is made beautifully in the image and likeness of God.

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness."
Genesis 1:26

We work with all people, regardless of gender, disability, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, sexual orientation, political or religious belief. We celebrate diversity as we come together and seek justice for all. Since we believe each person is made in the image and likeness of God and has inherent dignity, we work with people living in poverty to have access to food, water, housing and other basic amenities which many of us can often take for granted.

Help us to teach our children that human dignity, and helping & serving others, is what makes people truly great, warmly remembered and deeply loved. The happiest people on earth are actually those who are self-giving and serve others.



1. Which people do you know that are self-giving?

2. In what ways are those people self-giving?

3. How can we be self-giving? What little ways can we give at home, school or in the community?



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:
Masha ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ SELF-GIVING

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come.

Please see the link for the holiday special version of the *Wednesday Word*: click here



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St. Augustine's Notices



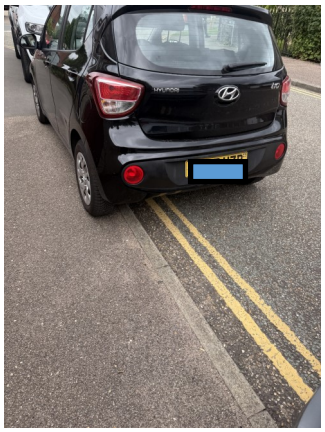




Road Safety and Parking Around Our School

We are at risk of losing all parking around our school environment.

We are getting daily complaints.



Dropping off and collecting children does not give families permission to park dangerously and illegally.

We know that there are not enough parking spaces close to our school. We ask that you consider parking further away and walking.

Bad parking will lead to:

- **A serious accident or tragedy to a child's, or adult's, health and wellbeing;**
- **Heavy parking fines;**
- **A whole school parking ban from the Costessey Centre, and Church car park;**
- **More road restrictions for travelling to school.**





This could lead to serious attendance issues for our school that can impact on funding and our children's learning environment.

THINK and ...

- **park safely and legally;**
- **be polite and kind to our neighbours;**
- **plan extra time for your journey.**





St. Augustine's News

Summer Holiday Activities – Nelson's Journey Fundraiser

A huge well done to Harry in Year 4 (and Pops), who completed an incredible 25-mile bike ride over the summer in support of Nelson's Journey, a charity that helps bereaved children in Norfolk.

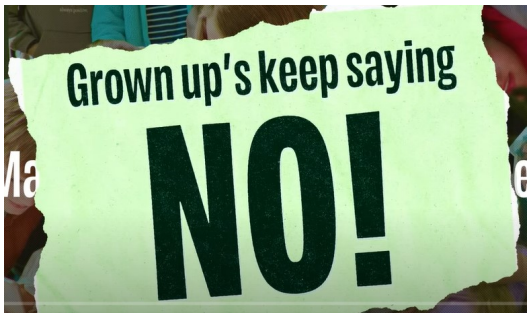
Harry raised **£375**, plus **£90 in Gift Aid** — a fantastic achievement for a very worthy cause!

To learn more about the work Nelson's Journey does, please visit: Nelson's Journey: Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk





Join the movement → www.smartphonefreechildhood.org



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw

We want to support a global community of families delaying smartphones — and this video is made to help spark those conversations with children.

Anish, a former Facebook engineer turned SFC advocate, created a video for kids aged 10–13years – the years when phone pressure hits hardest.

It's fast, fun, and full of the big ideas:

- How smartphones changed the world
- How they're designed to grab your attention
- The hidden superpowers you unlock by waiting
- Real teens on why smartphones aren't all they're cracked up to be



Watch it together – it's short, fun, and the perfect way to spark the conversations kids really need.

Further information can be found here: **https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/**

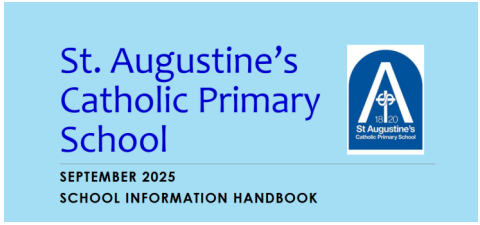
If you are interested in starting a group to co-ordinate with parents, then please find the Norfolk Smartphone Free Childhood page **here**

St. Augustine's Notices

School Handbook

For information and reminders about our school routines and uniform etc. please read our School Handbook. It is on our website 'Home' page and can be accessed by following the link below.

http://www.st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/school-handbook/





Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is information concerning term time absences. Please make sure you read this and take note of the information before booking your holidays. We have also attached our quick guide policy information.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, please try and book medical appointments for your children out of school hours, or during the school holidays. Thank you.

Leave of Absence Requests & Information

Visit our webpage: **Parent Information > Absence**

NDHS Admissions and Open Events
Year 7 Admissions (September 2026 entry)

Key Dates:
18-09-2025 Open Evening 5:00-8:00pm
The school is open for viewing including a welcome talk in the Sports Hall.

07-10-2025 Open Day for St. Augustine's pupils
Parents and their children can see what a day at Notre Dame High School is really like.

More information: https://www.ndhs.org.uk/admissions

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL NDHS Notre Dame High School

Hellesdon High School Open Evening
Year 7 Admissions (September 2026 entry)

02-10-2025 Open Evening 600-8:30pm
Including an introductory talk in the main hall.

More information:
https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/hellesdonhigh/information/join-our-school

HSH HELLESDON HIGH SCHOOL

'BE A CHORISTER' DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 4th October, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir is a music group for children in school years 2-6 (6-11 years old) who love to sing! It is free to join the choir and there is no audition required.

As well as singing for fun, the Children's Choir performs at various family services and events throughout the year, including the Cathedral's Christmas Eve crib service, on Mothering Sunday and at Easter.

Find more details in the attached poster information.



To register for a place, please visit **www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits**

St. Augustine's Clubs

Places still available on the After School Sports Clubs ~ Available to book on WisePay



Club Details:

- **Start Date:** Week beginning **Monday, 8th September**
- **Led by:** Pav and his coaching team
- **Open to:** KS1 and all KS2 children
- **Cost:** £4.50 per child, per session
- **Spaces:** Limited to **18 children per club**

These clubs are designed for children who are enthusiastic and willing to participate in the activities. If a child is struggling every session to join in, and becomes upset, families will be contacted to collect them, as this disrupts the session for others.

Important Reminders:

- Please inform the school **who will be collecting your child**.
- Ensure your **emergency contact details** are up to date.
- Children will be collected from the **bottom playground**.
- **No child will be allowed to leave the playground alone.**

We look forward to a fun and active term ahead!

Please take note of the following important guidelines regarding our after school clubs:

1. **Punctual Pick-Up** Repeated failure to collect your child on time from any club may result in your child losing their place in that particular club.
2. **Behaviour Expectations** If a child misbehaves during a club session, they will be asked to miss the next session. Continued behavioural issues may lead to removal from **all** after school clubs.
3. **Absence Notification** For safeguarding reasons, it is essential that you inform the school office **before the club begins** if your child will be absent or not attending the club for any reason. This allows us to notify the coaches accordingly.
4. **Refund Policy** Please note that **no refunds** will be issued if a parent cancels or if a child is absent from a session.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all children.

Day Time	Club	Provider	Information
Monday 3:15~4:15pm	Netball	Pav's Team	Encourages communication, strategy and agility.
Tuesday 3:15~4:15pm	Dodgeball	Pav's Team	Fun, energetic, and great for reflexes and teamwork.
Wednesday 3:15~4:15pm	Football	Pav's Team	Great for teamwork, coordination and fitness.
Thursday 3:15~4:15pm	Football	Pav's Team	Great for teamwork, coordination and fitness.
Friday	**NO CLUBS**		

FOSA News

Please contact Louise Dhorajiwala, FOSA Secretary, on 07743 863675 if you would like to join the FOSA events helpers WhatsApp group.

We have also set up a FOSA Facebook Page where we hope to advertise all events and share upcoming information. **https://www.facebook.com/groups/8171783059576512/**

FOSA need ad-hoc volunteers for upcoming events. You will only ever be needed for part of an event to enable you to enjoy the event with your family! To put your name on the volunteer list please contact Louise on: 07743863675.



Next FOSA Meeting:

Thursday 25th September 2025 at 6:00pm

FOSA FUNDRAISER

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St. Augustine's Dates

2025 / 2026	School Closes (Last day children attend school)	School Opens (First day children come back)
Autumn Half Term 2025	Thursday 23rd October 2025	Monday 3rd November 2025
Christmas Holidays 2025	Friday 19th December 2025 **School finishes at 1:30pm**	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
Easter Holidays 2026	Friday 27th March 2026 **School finishes at 1:30pm**	Monday 13th April 2026
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Holidays 2026	Friday 17th July 2026 **School finishes at 1:30pm**	---

EVENT	DATE and TIME
Reception Children stay for lunch Parents collect at 1.00pm on Monday & Tuesday	**Week beginning Monday 15/09/2025**
Notre Dame High School (NDHS) Open Evening For Year 7 Admissions (September 2026 only)	**Thursday 18/09/2025 at 17:00-20:00**
Y6 & Choir attend the Diocesan Schools Mass at St. John the Baptist Cathedral	**Friday 26/09/2025 10.30-14:00**
Hellesdon High School Open Evening For Year 7 Admissions (September 2026 only)	**Thursday 02/10/2025 at 18:00-20:30**
CAFOD Family Fast Day Non school uniform fundraiser ~ £1.00 minimum donation	**Friday 03/10/2025**
Notre Dame High School (NDHS) Open Day Tours For St. Augustine's Year 7 Admissions (September 2026 only)	**Tuesday 07/10/2025 from 09:30**
Y6 National Children's Measurement Prog (NCMP)	**Thursday 09/10/2025**
School Individual Photos and siblings school photos	**Tuesday 14/10/2015**
KS2 Mass in the school hall All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome	**Friday 17/10/2025 at 09:30**
Y6 Residential Trip to Hill Top Sheringham	**Monday 20/10/2025 to Wednesday 22/10/2025**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL before half term	**THURSDAY 23/10/2025**
Year 7 School Applications Deadline Apply both to your Local County Council and school	**Friday 31/10/2025**

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2026

We are welcoming applications from those who wish their child to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2026.

If your child will be in year 3 or above in September 2025, and you wish them to be included, please contact Julia Murphy via email - Boot2982@outlook.com for an application form.

The programme will start in January 2026.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 28 September 2025.

