St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 19th September 2025

Wisdom Love Might



"The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great."

Luke 16:10-13 The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This half term, our school is studying Creation & Covenant in our Religious Education lessons. As part of this study, our children learn about the gifts of creation that God trusted humankind to look after.

God's creation is a wonderful world and universe to be enjoyed and cherished. At school we learn how to look after all things, because they are all special, even the little things. As the children grow older, we begin to trust them more and more with small responsibilities, leading up to the greater responsibilities.

You can help with this too, giving your children small jobs to help their independence, to grow into trustworthy adults that will care for each other and the planet we live in.

1. Who would you trust with a really important job?

2. What qualities do you look for in a trustworthy person?

3. What jobs are you trusted with and how have you earned that trust?



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Maya ~ Henn



Wednesday Word ~ TRUSTWORTHY

While on earth, we are given 'free will' and God our Father trusts us to use it wisely. There may be times when we make a wrong choice, but we can trust that God is always there to help us start again.

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



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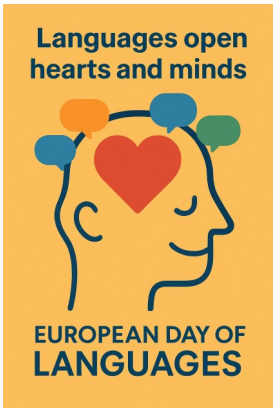
St. Augustine's Notice

European Languages Day 26th September

To celebrate the European Day of Languages this year, we would love for you to create a poster about the 25th anniversary motto of the European Day of Languages "Languages Open Hearts and Minds!"

There will be a prize for the top three entries. This could be about any language you want!

Please hand all entries to the office or to Rossetti class by:
Friday 17th October.



"Eco Warriors" School Uniform Sale

All Uniform is £2.

The Eco Warriors' school uniform sale is now available all year round!
If you would like any high quality second hand uniform, please email hmailkindr4@nsix.org or contact the office office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

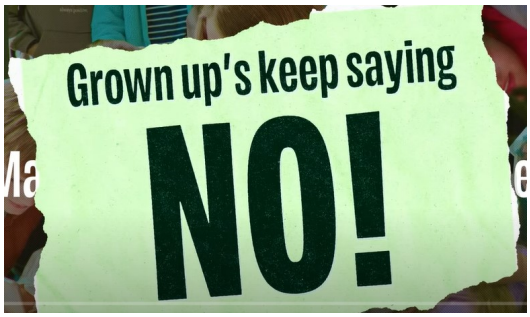
All money raised will go to the Eco Warriors' projects.



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

St. Augustine's Art Competition
Pilgrims of Hope Mascot

Meet Luce, the mascot of the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025. She is a character inspired by the aesthetics of Japanese manga, representing a new openness of the Church towards pop and youth culture. You can find out more here.

For our school art competition, we would like our children to create and design their own Pilgrim of Hope mascot?

Think about:

★ **What the mascot will need for their pilgrim's journey.**

★ **What the mascot will need to wear.**

★ **What symbols to include to represent the ideas of a Pilgrim of Hope.**

Deadline:
Monday 3rd November 2025



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)

07-10-2025 Open MORNING 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

'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**

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
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.



flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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