St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ~ 26th September 2025

Wisdom Love Might



"When Lazarus dies, he was carried by the angels to Abraham."
Luke 16:19-31 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our school mission statement is:
"We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's World."

We teach and practice this message so we can all achieve the best St. Augustine's standard in evrything that we do.

We can practice showing more **LOVE** to our family and friends by **SHARING**.

Ways we practice sharing at St. Augustine's:
~ CAFOD Fast Day donations
~ Second Hand Uniform sales
~ Bags2School clothing donations
~ Prayers together each day
~ Using equipment in lessons
~ Playing games together at break times

Today, Year 6 and the choir shared Mass together with schools from all over the Diocese. We were very proud of our children singing and celebrating together.

1. What difference would it make to our school and to the world if we shared more?
2. Can you choose a way in which you can SHARE AT HOME this week?
3. Can you choose a way in which you can SHARE AT SCHOOL this week?





Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:
Isaac ~ Rosen



Wednesday Word ~ SHARING

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate – and the rich man does nothing to help him.

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



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St. Augustine's Notice

CAFOD Fast Day ~ Brighten Up!



Friday 3rd October 2025
Non-Uniform Day ~ £1.00 minimum donation

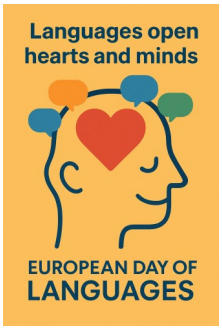
You can donate on WisePay: Go to your child's homepage and choose Donations to CAFOD, this will open the payment section.

We invite our children to bring in a donation of £1.00 and they can come in to school in BRIGHT non-uniform clothes.

The donations will support our CAFOD Harvest appeal, sharing hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need.

You can find out more about how CAFOD uses our donations by visiting their website: **https://cafod.org.uk/**

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.**



Parent Meetings

Tuesday 4th November between 3:30pm and 7:00pm
Thursday 6th November between 3:30pm and 6:00pm

The School Cloud booking system will be open next week.
Please look out for the email messages.

Bags2School Collection Monday October 20th.



Clothing Collection
We're preparing for our upcoming **donation initiative**, and we'd love your support!

What to do:
Please start collecting any **unwanted clothes** you'd like to donate.
Once the donation bags arrive, we'll let you know where to collect them.

Drop-off Instructions:
If you're on the **lower playground**, we kindly ask that you **bring your donation bag up to the gazebo on the upper playground**.

Signs will be placed to guide you.
Thank you for helping us make a difference!

If you're ever unsure what to add to the bag, it's best to check the Bag2School website for the most accurate guidance: https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

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**



Sports Day in the Summer Term

Apologies if you were expecting a KS1 and KS2 Sports day this September. We have decided to hold the event in the Summer Term this year.

We hope you're not too disappointed.



'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 Notice

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

"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.

School Uniform

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name, preferably in permanent marker.

You can order uniform from Stevensons Uniform Supplier using the link from our school website: http://www.st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/parent-information/school-uniform/
Or directly from: Stevensons, 67 Ber Street, Norwich. NR1 3AD
Email: norwichbranch@stevensons.co.uk
Telephone: 01603 622355

If you need help buying school uniform and/or need financial support, please contact the school office.

Children are expected to wear the normal school uniform.



- Jumper, v-neck jumper or cardigan: Royal blue (optional school logo available)
- Shirt or polo tshirt: White / Light blue (optional school logo available)
- Trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt: Grey / Black
- Checked / pin-striped dress: Blue
- Socks or tights: White / Grey / Black / Blue
- Sensible school shoes / sandals: Black
- Long hair tied back with a discreet hair band (NO large fashion hair accessories)

NO jewellery (except small stud earrings if they are newly pierced) for safety reasons

Children are expected to wear the School PE kit uniform on their class PE day.
On the days that your child has Physical Education (PE), they can come into school in their PE kit and wear it for the whole day.

The class teacher will let you know which days your child/ren's PE lessons are on.



- Tshirt: White / Pale blue (optional school logo available)
- Shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms: Black / Navy
- Sports trainers or plimsolls: Black / White
- Tracksuit (if it is cold): Black / Navy

NO jewellery for safety reasons. **NO out-of-school sport team kits.**

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 Meetings:

Thursday 16th October 2025 at 6:00pm

Thursday 27th November 2025

Thursday 22nd January 2025

Easyfundraising

Sign up to easyfundraising and every time you shop online with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to us for free.

That's right, your shopping costs stay the same! The donation comes from the retailer - not you.

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-st-augustines-catholic-primary-old-costessey/cnxfvz/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE058/facebook/

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.

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 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
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 ~ £1.00 minimum donation	**Friday 03/10/2025**
Notre Dame High School (NDHS) Open Day Tours For St. Augustine's Year 7 Admissions (Sep 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**
Just One Tree Non-Uniform Fundraiser Details coming soon	**Friday 17/10/2025**
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**
RSPCA Dress Up Fundraiser Details coming soon	**Thursday 23/10/2025**
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**
Parent Meetings Booking system will open next week	**Tuesday 04/11/2025 from 15:30-19:00** **Thursday 06/11/2025 from 15:30-18:00**

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 THIS Sunday 28 September 2025.