St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER ~ 3rd October 2025

Wisdom Love Might



"The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith'."
Luke 17:5-10 The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

During the month of October, as Catholics we dedicate time to pray to Mary using the Rosary. We ask Mary to help and support those that we know are in need.

The Rosary helps guide us to 'gaze' and reflect on our lives, and upon moments in the life of Jesus and His mother, Mary. The action of 'gazing' is an act of meditation. Prayer and meditation is a time that helps us to become stronger in our faith. We all know that time to pause and reflect, helps us grow in love and happiness with our families and neighbours. In moments of peace and calm, we learn to become peacemakers.

1. When you are worried or troubled, do you pause to help find solutions?

2. In moments of calm and quiet can you think of others that may be able to help you?

3. Can you find a moment this week to spend time in peaceful meditation and prayer to help free yourself and others of any troubles?





CAFOD Fast Day ~ Brighten Up!
Non-Uniform Day ~ £1.00

Thank you for all the donations today. The children's bright colours lifted our spirits away from the dreary weather outside.

So far we have raised: £247.50

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

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:
Ovo ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ FAITH

It is said that faith can 'move mountains'. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God .

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



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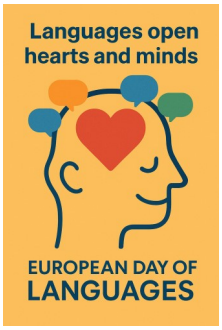
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St. Augustine's Notices

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 ~ Booking is Open via School Cloud



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

Bookings are now open via the School Cloud system.
Please check your emails for the message explaining how to book.
These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development. We encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Aspens Select Meal ordering System

Thank you to all families who are consistently ordering their children's meals through the **Aspens Select** website. This system is essential for ensuring that every child receives the correct meal each day.

However, we are still seeing a number of children without meal orders. **Please be aware that if a meal is not ordered by 8:15 AM on the day it is required, your child will be given pasta.** This is due to the cook needing to begin meal preparation early each morning.

If you are unsure of your login details, please **email the school office immediately**. We will send your login information via return email.

It is vital that all families use the Aspens Select system daily to avoid any disruption to your child's lunchtime experience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Bags2School Collection Monday 20th October 2025

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

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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

KS2 Mass at St. Augustine's in the school hall

Friday 17th October at 9:30am

School celebration Mass for the recent canonization of the Blessed **Carlos Acutis.**

All families and friends invited to attend.



Just One Tree Day ~ Wear Green ~ Friday 17th October 2025

Our school will be taking part in JUST ONE Tree Day on **Friday 17th October 2025**. Each child is being encouraged to **wear something green** and bring in £1 to fund the planting of their tree.

JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to take collective action on the climate crisis because Just £1 plants 1 Tree.

More information can be found attached to this newsletter and at: **https://www.justonetree.life/**

We look forward to counting the number of trees that our school community can plant!

'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 Notices

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
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 Wear Green and bring just £1 to plant 1 tree	**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**
UKS2 Mass (Holy Souls) At St. Walstan's All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome	**Friday 7/11/2025 at 09:30**
LKS2 Mass (Holy Souls) At St. Walstan's All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome	**Friday 14/11/2025 at 09:30**

St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group

All families of St. Augustine's are invited to attend a parent and guardian led prayer session.

Prayer sessions aim to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection, followed by tea and coffee and a chance to meet other families.

Every Monday ~ From 2:00pm-3:00pm

Any questions, please contact Gabriella: g.notaricosta@gmail.com

