St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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

Wisdom, Love, Might, Let there be Light!

NEWSLETTER ~ 23rd October 2025



"Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."

Luke 18: 9-14 (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

We have had a wonderful end to the first half term with fundraising for CAFOD, Just One Tree, the RSPCA and lots of praise and achievements in our half term awards assembly (see below).

Thank you for helping us to have a great start to this academic year.

1. What special gifts are you grateful for (a skill or attitude)?
2. What special gifts do you admire in other people?
3. Who would you like to share praise with, to celebrate their strengths and successes?

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back on:

Monday 3rd November 2025 ~ Start of Autumn 2nd Half Term

Attendance Awards

Each half term we celebrate the attendance of the best two classes in the school with our 1st Place Pig and 2nd Place Sheep awards.

Congratulations our two class winners!



1st Place Pig Award:
LKS2 Morpurgo Class
(97.61%)

2nd Place Sheep:
LKS2 Rauf Class
(97.10%)



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Emily ~ Zephaniah



Wednesday Word ~ HUMBLE

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

Please see the link for the Holiday Special edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here



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St. Augustine's News

Costessey Town Council Parking ~ Polite Notice

Costessey Town Council

Costessey Town Council's car park is primarily for users of the Costessey Centre and its recreation grounds. This car park is not designed for school drop-offs and pick-ups. The volume of school traffic and the obstructive parking by St. Augustine's families is causing safety issues for all users.



If you use these facilities, you must allow time to ensure there is sufficient space. You must only park within the clearly marked parking spaces (between the white lines). Parking on yellow hatched areas is not permitted. These areas must not be blocked.

Further action will be taken as necessary, including closure of the car park, if the obstructive parking continues.

Just One Tree Fundraiser

Our Eco Warriors organised a fundraising day for Just One Tree.
JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to take collective action on the climate crisis because Just £1 plants 1 Tree.

You helped raise:

£232.45

RSPCA Dress Up Day

Our school children wanted to fundraise for the RSPCA. The RSPCA is vital for rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming or releasing thousands of animals every year. You've joined animal lovers from across the nation, determined to stop animal cruelty and neglect.

You helped raise:

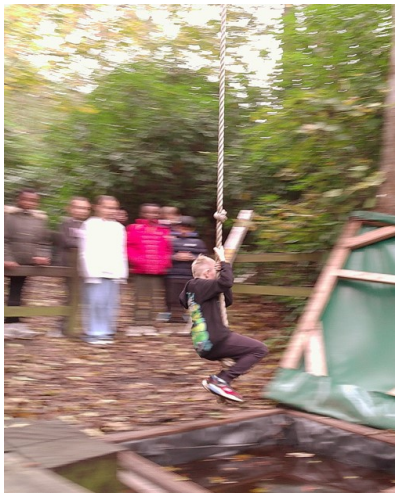
£129.64

Y6 Residential Trip to Hill Top, Sheringham

Hill Top is a residential camp where schools go to, so the Year 6s can have a residential. Loads of schools go there at a time so it has to be huge to accommodate everyone. There are activities that involve being high up in the air. There are also activities that involve being underground and archery.

I liked the dorms because they were spacious and gave a lot of comfort. I also liked the food (mostly the breakfast) because it was delicious and well made. I also liked the activities because they were fun and exhilarating. Particularly, the activity of caving with helmets, because I liked the torches on the helmets because of how it lit up the caves. I also liked the activities including harnesses, because jumping off was scary but fun in the end. Archery was also good because of the satisfying sound of the arrow hitting the target. *Ebubechukwu (Rossetti)*









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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

UKS2: Yer 5&6 Mass At Our Lady & St. Walstan's Church

Friday 7th November at 9:30am

School dedicated Mass
for Holy Souls.

All families and friends invited to attend.



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.

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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/

St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group ~ Every Month from 2:00pm-3:00pm



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.

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

Next Prayer Meeting Dates:

Monday 3rd November 2025 at 2:00pm
Monday 1st December 2025 at 2:00pm
Monday 12th January 2026 at 2:00pm



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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
Year 7 September 2026 School Applications Deadline *Apply both to your local county council & the school*	**Friday 31/10/2025**
Parent Meetings *Booking system is now open*	**Tuesday 04/11/2025 from 15:30-19:00** **Thursday 06/11/2025 from 15:30-18:00**
School Individual Photos *Return visit for absentees*	**Wednesday 05/11/2015**
FOSA Crazy Hair Day *£1 donation to support school fundraising*	**Thursday 06/11/2025**
UKS2 Mass at St. Walstan's *All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome*	**Friday 07/11/2025 at 09:30**
Remembrance Sunday	**Sunday 09/11/2025**
KS2 SEND Parent Support Group *See attached Poster*	**Tuesday 11/11/2025 from 09:15-10:15**
LKS2 Mass at St. Walstan's *All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome*	**Friday 14/11/2025 at 09:30**
Reception Open Afternoon *for prospective families Sep 2026 intake*	**Monday 17/11/2025 from 15:30-16:15** **Wednesday 19/11/2025 from 15:30-16:15** **Thursday 20/11/2025 from 15:30-16:15**
Flu Immunisations for school children	**Thursday 27/11/2025**
Nursery, Reception & KS1 Mass at St. Augustine's *All families and friends of St. Augustine's welcome*	**Friday 28/11/2025 at 09:30**
Parish Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine's	**Saturday 07/11/2025 from 14:00-16:00**