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 ~ 28th November 2025



"Therefore, you too must stand ready because you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."

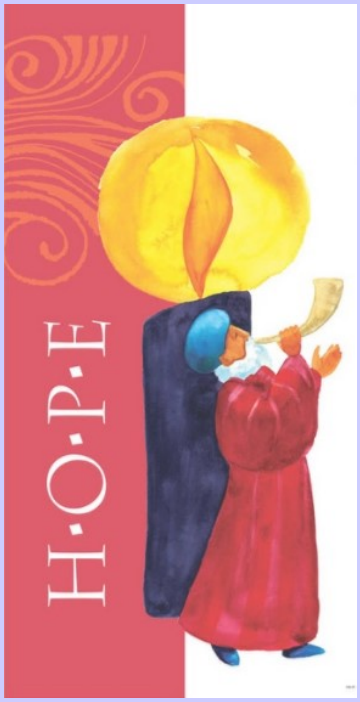
Matthew 24: 37-44 ~ First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent begins this Sunday!
Advent is also the start of the Church calendar's new year.

Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth. You might spend time decorating your house, buying presents and preparing a feast for Christmas Day.

Advent is also the season of **HOPE**. A time to think about how we can be better, be more loving and do more good deeds for each other.

In our Early Years and KS1 Mass today, Fr David asked us all to try and share kindness, care and most of all **LOVE**.



1 ~ How would you like to start the Church's new year?

2 ~ What hopes and dreams do you have and how could you achieve them?

3 ~ What good deeds could you do to show LOVE for others?

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Leah & Lucas



Wednesday Word ~ ADVENT

The season of Advent begins this Sunday.

Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

Please see the link for this week's edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here





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St. Augustine's Notices

Nelson's Journey Rudolph Run
Thursday 4th December 2025

We are excited to let you know that the **Nelson's Journey Rudolph Run** will be taking place in school on **Thursday, 4th December**.

Children are welcome to wear **antlers** or a **Christmassy item** such as tinsel or a festive hat, but **school uniform must still be worn**.

This is a **sponsored run** in support of **Nelson's Journey**, a charity helping bereaved children and young people in Norfolk. Each child has been given a **sponsor form** to collect donations from family and friends. Please return the completed form and any sponsorship money to school on the day of the event.

Thank you for your support in making this a fun and meaningful event!



FOSA & St. Walstan's Parish...

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6th December
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Please come along and enjoy festive games, activities and stalls selling a variety of crafts, food treats, toys and bric 'a' brac.

If you can help on a stall (even for half and hour), please let FOSA know. Details on the next page.



Knights of Saint Colomba
Nativity Scene Painting Competition

Two competitions:
Infants ~ KS1: Y1, Y2 (ages 5-7 yrs)
Juniors ~ KS2: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (ages 7-11 yrs)

Painting competition rules:

- Must be a painting
- Must be a scene from the Nativity story
- Free hand drawing (no tracing)
- Paper size A4-A3 on own choice of paper
- Must include the Bible Chapter & Verse (written within the painting or on the back)



Deadline:
Monday 15th December 2025

Cash prizes for the winners!

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is in reception) in Norfolk.

The UK Government's funding for the programme has been extended for a further 3 years, after 5 initial years of their support.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

If you feel your child/ren could benefit from a free place but are NOT entitled to Free School Meals, please contact us to discuss applying for an Awarded Place. More info on this CLICK HERE

Find out more about this in Active Norfolk's FAQ section.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

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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 22nd January 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 26th February 2026 at 6:00pm

FOSA Bottle Tombola and Non-Uniform Day ~ Friday 5th December 2025

We will be collecting bottles for the Tombola. Please make sure these are unopened and in date. Anything from food, shampoo, shower gel, soft drinks or alcohol will be accepted for this stall.

Children can bring in their bottles and come to school in non-uniform on the **Friday before the Christmas Bazaar ~ Friday 5th December 2025.**



Christmas Bazaar Jolly Jars ~ from Monday 1st December 2025

We need Jolly Jars for the Christmas Bazaar.
If you are able to fill a jar of any size with sweets, chocolates, small toys or a mixture, these would be very much appreciated.

Please bring them to the school office from Monday 1st December 2025.



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



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St. Augustine's News

School Meal Price Increase

Aspens have announced that the cost of a school meal will rise to **£2.61** starting **January 2026**.

- **Reception and KS1 pupils** will continue to receive **free meals** under the Universal Free School Meal scheme.
- **Children eligible for Pupil Premium** will also continue to receive free meals.

If you think you may be entitled to **Free School Meals** because you are claiming one of the qualifying benefits, please make sure you apply by:

- Using the link provided, or
- Requesting a hard copy of the form from the school office.

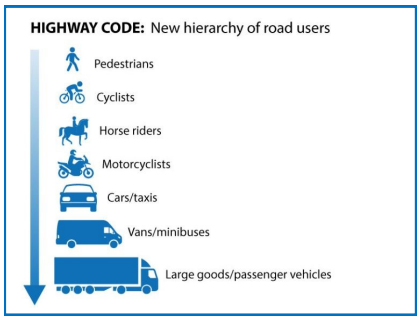
https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/Application

Even if your child currently receives Universal Free School Meals, please submit a claim if you are eligible.
This is really important because **Pupil Premium funding provides extra support for your child and the school**, helping with things like:

- **Additional learning resources** to boost progress
- **Small group or one-to-one tuition**
- **Support for school trips and enrichment activities**
- **Access to clubs and wider opportunities**

Your application makes a big difference!

School Run Safety ~ Know the Highway Code



Be the example. Know the code. Share the road.

Did you know how the Highway Code changed? (2022)

The highway code is for everyone, not just when we learn to drive.

Whether walking, cycling, or driving to school, our behaviour on the road teaches children how to stay safe as they become more independent travellers.

The Hierarchy of Road Users places greater responsibility on those who can cause the most harm. It has been introduced to protect the most vulnerable road users; pedestrians, cyclists and others like horses riders.
Drivers must now give way to pedestrians waiting to cross at junctions and take extra care around cyclists and horse riders.

To understand the new rules and guidance, please watch this video:
The Highway Code: Road Safety in Norfolk

1. What do your children see in your driving behaviour?
2. Are you modelling what you want them to learn?
3. How do you respond when other road users make mistakes?

Find out more about road safety in Norfolk at www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadsafety
Highway code and Hierarchy of road users - Norfolk County Council

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
Rudolph Run Fundraiser for Nelson's Journey *Check your school bags for information & sponsor forms.*	Thursday 06/12/2025
Bring A Bottle ~ Non Uniform Day *Children bring in bottles and wear non-uniform.*	Friday 05/12/2025
Parish Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine's	Saturday 06/12/2025 from 14:00-16:00
KS1: Y1&2 Christmas Performances in school hall ****Tickets available on WisePay****	Tuesday 09/12/2025 at 09:30 Wednesday 10/12/2025 at 14:00
Nursery Nativity Performance in Nursery classroom	Tuesday 09/12/2025 at 11:00
Rec Nativity Performances in school hall ****Tickets available on WisePay****	Tuesday 09/12/2025 at 14:00 Thursday 11/12/2025 at 14:00
KS2 Advent Carol Service at St. Walstan's *Families and Friends welcome*	Friday 12/12/2025 at 14:00
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 17/12/2025
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM **SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1:30pm**	**Friday 19/12/2025**